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Southern Historical Association announces H. L. Mitchell Award Winner

Athens, GA: The Southern Historical Association is pleased to announce that the winner of the 2018 H. L. Mitchell Award is Rashauna Johnson, Associate Professor of History at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH for her 2016 Cambridge University Press book, *Slavery's Metropolis: Unfree Labor in New Orleans during the Age of Revolutions*.

First awarded in 1992, the Mitchell Award is awarded in even-numbered years (for a book published during the preceding two years) in recognition of a distinguished book devoted to the history of the southern working class.

“In keeping with much new historical work,” the committee notes, Johnson “portrays slavery not as pre-modern but as an ascendant force as French, Spanish, and English empires wedded race to labor to accumulate wealth,” thereby entrenching “categories of race, status, gender, class, and sexuality.” *Slavery's Metropolis*, the committee concludes, “provides a brilliant and imaginative framework to understand the profound effect of early southern labor and race relations.”

About the SHA: The Southern Historical Association was organized on November 2, 1934 and charged with promoting an "investigative rather than a memorial approach" to southern history. Its objectives are the promotion of interest and research in southern history, the collection and preservation of the South's historical records, and the encouragement of state and local historical societies in the South. As a secondary purpose the Association fosters the teaching and study of all areas of history in the South. The Association holds an annual meeting, usually in the first or second week of November, and publishes *The Journal of Southern History*.

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