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Southern Historical Association announces Jack Temple Kirby Award Winner

Athens, GA: The Southern Historical Association is pleased to announce the winner of the 2017 Jack Temple Kirby Award: Alec Fazackerley Hickmott, Visiting Lecturer in Black Studies and History at Amherst College, for his article, "Black Land, Black Capital: Rural Development in the Shadows of the Sunbelt South, 1969-1976," published in *The Journal of African American History*.

The Jack Temple Kirby Award was established in 2010 to commemorate the scholarship and service of Jack Kirby, former president of the Association. In keeping with Professor Kirby's scholarly contributions to southern history, the Kirby Prize is awarded for the best article in southern agricultural or environmental history published over a two-year period.

In singling out the winner for praise, the committee noted that "Hickmott reconstructs a critically important but relatively understudied aspect of the struggle for economic justice after the Civil Rights Movement: the birth of the land question among African American intellectuals, activists and institutions during the late 1960s through the mid-1970s." The committee also praised Hickmott's article for being "elegantly written, forcefully argued, and expertly substantiated."

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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