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Southern Historical Association announces Frank L. and Harriet C. Owsley Award Winner

Athens, GA: The Southern Historical Association is pleased to announce that the 2019 winner of the Frank L. and Harriet C. Owsley Award for the best book in southern history published in an even-numbered year is Elizabeth McRae, Sossomon Associate Professor of History at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC for her 2018 Oxford University Press book, *Mothers of Massive Resistance*.

In making its award, the prize committee complimented McRae for having written “a provocative and polished work that reveals the expansive—indeed crucial —role assumed by southern white women in shaping and defending Jim Crow during the twentieth century.” “By the end of this impressively researched book,” the committee continues, “we observe southern white women forging enduring connections between the Jim Crow South, what the author calls the Jim Crow Nation, and the emerging New Right. We warmly applaud Professor McRae for writing a timely book that not only revises inherited ideas about the South but also addresses topics of pressing contemporary relevance.”

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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