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Southern Historical Association announces Charles S. Sydnor Award Winner

Athens, GA: The Southern Historical Association is pleased to announce that the 2018 winner of the Charles S. Sydnor Award is Julio Capó Jr., Associate Professor, Department of History and the Commonwealth Honors College at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in Amherst, MA for his 2017 University of North Carolina Press book, *Welcome to Fairyland: Queer Miami Before 1940*.

First awarded in 1956, the Sydnor Award recognizes the best book in southern history published in an odd-numbered year.

Welcome to Fairyland makes the compelling case that Miami has been a “queer borderland for over a century” which included the policing of Caribbean migrants’ sexualities as they navigated the nascent city as transnational laborers who were excluded from enjoying the advertised ‘Fairyland’ crafted by white urban boosters. In making its award, the prize committee commended Capó’s “strong writing, deep research, grounding in the theories and methodologies of multiple sub-fields of history.... [*Welcome to Fairyland*] is a book about southern erotic life with national significance.”

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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