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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 2016 H. L. Mitchell Award is Michelle Haberland, Associate Professor of History and Director of Women’s & Gender Studies at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, GA for her 2015 University of Georgia Press book, *Striking Beauties: Women Apparel Workers in the U.S. South, 1930-2000.*

First awarded in 1992, the Mitchell Award is given annually in recognition of a distinguished book devoted to the history of the southern working class. In making the award, the prize committee noted that by “featuring the voices, experiences, and struggles of black, white, and Latina garment workers in the apparel industry, [Striking Beauties] dramatically expands our understanding of southern labor history, linking it to the history of labor in Mexico and beyond. While Haberland writes the history of the working classes from below--the lived experiences of women workers in a changing industry--she recounts sensitively the checkered history of the American labor movement to come to terms with the gendered, racial, and global dimensions of the apparel industry. The only response to the globalization and the relentless hunt for cheap and exploitable labor, Haberland concludes, lies in international labor solidarity across national, gender, and ethnic boundaries.”

**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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