

Call for Applications: SCWH Second-Book Writers' Workshop

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The Society for Civil War Historians invites applications for its first-ever Second-Book Writers' Workshop, to be held in conjunction with its next conference in Raleigh, North Carolina. The workshop will take place during the afternoon of Thursday, June 4, 2020.

Inspired by our friends at SHEAR, who created a successful model for this initiative, the workshop aims to support historians who are confronting the unique challenges of mid-career status. The publication of a second book may be necessary for professional advancement—but many associate professors find themselves with less time and less guidance than they had when completing their dissertations and first books. More service obligations, and for some, new family and child-rearing pressures, can slow down progress in researching and writing. Additional questions about one's research trajectory—about where and how to move forward intellectually—sometimes compound these challenges. This workshop is therefore designed to provide a collegial environment in which mid-career scholars can get the support they need and avoid getting “stuck.”

Participants in this workshop will meet in small groups, each led by a mentor drawn from the SCWH's senior ranks. The mentors are:

- Gregory Downs, University of California, Davis
- Lesley Gordon, University of Alabama
- Diane Miller Sommerville, Binghamton University

Each participant will pre-circulate a piece of writing related to the second book that

will provide the basis for the workshop discussion. It could be a chapter draft, an application for a fellowship, or a book proposal—as long as it represents some stage of the second-book writing process.

The workshop is open to any second-book writer working in the areas of slavery, abolition, sectional conflict, Civil War, Emancipation, and Reconstruction.

To apply, participants should submit to SCWH@psu.edu a CV and a one-page summary in pdf format that describes both the book project and the specific material that will be pre-circulated for the workshop. Applications are due by January 10; participants will be notified of acceptance by March 15. Workshop materials should then be pre-circulated by April 27.

Questions? Contact the SCWH Program Committee Chair, Amy Murrell Taylor, at amtaylor1@uky.edu.

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