Alexandra Finley, PhD

EDUCATION

College of William & Mary Williamsburg, Virginia
Doctor of Philosophy May 2017
"Blood Money: Sex, Family, and Finance in the Antebellum Slave Trade"
Dissertation advisor: Scott Reynolds Nelson
Dissertation committee: Henry Louis Gates, Jr.; Cindy Hahamovitch; Hannah Rosen

College of William & Mary Williamsburg, Virginia
Master of Arts May 2012
American History
""Cash to Corinna": Silas and Corinna Omohundro and the Politics of Overt Interracial Relationships in the Antebellum Upper South"

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA
Assistant Professor August 2019 –

Mississippi State University Starkville, MS
Assistant Professor August 2017 – August 2019

AWARDS

- Organization of American Historians Learner-Scott Prize for the best dissertation in Women's History (April 2018)
- Coordinating Council for Women Historians Chaudhuri Award for best first article (2018)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Household Accounts: Women and the Economies of the Slave Trade* (under contract with University of North Carolina Press, anticipated publication 2020)

Articles

- "'Cash to Corinna': Domestic Labor and Sexual Economy in the 'Fancy Trade,'" *Journal of American History* 104 no. 2 (September 2017), 410-430.

Web-based Publications

- "What's in a Name? Or, Who Put the Omohundro in the Institute of Early American History and Culture?" *Uncommon Sense: the Blog of the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture*, http://blog.oieahc.wm.edu/whats-name-put-omohundro-institute-early-american-history-culture/ (June 29, 2016)

Book Reviews

- Review of *The Price for Their Pound of Flesh*, by Daina Ramey Berry, *Journal of Civil War History*
- Review of *Dark Work: the Business of Slavery in Rhode Island,* by Christy Clark-Pujara, *Labor*

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- Provost Dissertation Fellowship, College of William & Mary (2016-2017)
- McNeil Center for Early American History Advisory Council Fellow (2015-2016)
- Glucksman Fellow, College of William & Mary (2015-2016)
- Dean's Research Fund, College of William & Mary (2015)
- Provost Grant, College of William & Mary (2015)
- Betty Sams Christian Fellowship in Business History, Virginia Historical Society (2014)
- Parker-Dooley Visiting Scholar, Southern Historical Collection, UNC – Chapel Hill (2014)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

- Chair and comment, "New Perspectives on Gender in Early America," Omohundro Institute for Early American History Annual Conference, Williamsburg, VA (June 2018)
- Panel organizer, "To Rely on a Trusty Woman: Social Reproduction and the Domestic Slave Trade," Southern Association of Women Historians Triennial Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL (June 2018)
- "The Domestic Laborers of the Domestic Slave Trade," Business History Society Annual Conference, Baltimore (April 2018)
- "The Sexual Economy of the New Orleans Slave Market," Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, New Orleans (April 2017)
- "Family/Business: the Private Sides of Business and Empire in Antebellum America," Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Denver (January 2017)
- "Women and the Economy of Slavery in Early America," OIEAHC Region and Nation in American Histories of Race and Slavery Conference, Mount Vernon (October 2016)
- Panel Organizer, "Capital, Commodification, and Slavery," Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Little Rock, Arkansas (November 2015)

- "Mrs. Omohundro's Boarding House: Domestic Economy and the Richmond Slave Market," Society for Historians of the Early Republic Annual Meeting, Raleigh, NC (July 16-19, 2015)
- Panel Member, "To Be Sold: the American Slave Trade in Virginia and New Orleans" Symposium, a joint conference of the Library of Virginia, the Midlo Center at the University of New Orleans, and the Historic New Orleans Collections (March 21, 2015)
- "The Life and Love of Slave Trader Silas Omohundro," Invited Speaker for the Library of Virginia's "To Be Sold" Exhibit (February 24, 2015)
- Consulting Historian, "Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr." (Season 2, 2014)
- "The Cost of the Trade: A Slave Trader's Business Network in Antebellum Richmond, Virginia," The Virginia Forum, George Mason University (March 2014)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Membership Committee, Southern Historical Association (2019)
- Membership Committee for Mississippi, Southern Historical Association (2018)

RESEARCH FIELDS

Women's history
Labor history
Gender and sexuality
Antebellum South
History of slavery
African American history
History of capitalism
Nineteenth-century U.S.

TEACHING FIELDS

United States history
African American history
Comparative slavery
Economic history
Women's history
History of capitalism
Southern History
Gender and Sexuality

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
Coordinating Council for Women in History
Organization of American Historians
Southern Association of Women Historians
Southern Historical Association