

Richard Slatten Prize

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- 2023 Gregory May, *A Madman's Will: John Randolph, Four Hundred Slaves, and the Mirage of Freedom*
- 2022 Jane Turner Censer, *The Princess of Albemarle: Amélie Rives, Author and Celebrity at the Fin de Siècle*
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- 2016 Robert Heinrich and Deborah Harding, *From Slave to Statesman: The Life of Educator, Editor, and Civil Rights Activist Willis M. Carter of Virginia*
- 2015 Diane Kiesel, *She Will Bring Us Home: Dr. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee, Civil Rights Pioneer*
- 2014 Turk McCleskey, *The Road to Black Ned's Forge: A Story of Race, Sex, and Trade on the Colonial American Frontier*
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- 2012 Cynthia A. Kierner, *Martha Jefferson Randolph, Daughter of Monticello: Her Life and Times*
- 2011 Keith D. Dickson, *Sustaining Southern Identity: Douglas Southall Freeman and Memory in the Modern South*
- 2010 Susan Kern, *The Jeffersons at Shadwell*
- 2009 A. J. Angulo, *William Barton Rogers and the Idea of MIT*

- 2008 James R. Sweeney, editor, *Race, Reason, and Massive Resistance: The Diary of David J. Mays, 1954–1959*
- 2007 Elizabeth Brown Pryor, *Reading the Man: A Portrait of Robert E. Lee through His Private Letters*
- 2006 Jeff Broadwater, *George Mason: Forgotten Founder*
- 2005 Andrew Levy, *The First Emancipator: The Forgotten Story of Robert Carter, the Founding Father Who Freed His Slaves*
- 2004 Warren M. Billings, *Sir William Berkeley and the Forging of Colonial Virginia*
- 2003 Elizabeth Varon, *Southern Lady, Yankee Spy: The True Story of Elizabeth Van Lew, A Union Agent in the Heart of the Confederacy*
- 2002 Ann F. Alexander, *Race Man: The Rise and Fall of the "Fighting Editor," John Mitchell, Jr.*
- 2001 Richard B. McCaslin, *Lee in the Shadow of Washington*
- 2000 Bettina Berch, *The Woman behind the Lens: The Life and Work of Frances Benjamin Johnston, 1864–1952*
- 1999 Michael Kammen, *Robert Gwathmey: The Life and Art of a Passionate Observer*
- 1998 Dorothy Twohig, *Papers of George Washington* (editorial work)
- 1997 James I. Robertson, Jr., *Stonewall Jackson: The Man, the Soldier, the Legend*