2020 Announcement

Anne Firor Scott Research Award

"Teaching is not principally a matter of imparting information, but at its best
is a way of encouraging students to think about their own thoughts, ask
their own questions, and find out how to look for answers to those questions."
– Anne Firor Scott

The Award
Under the leadership of Dara DeHaven (T’73, G’74, L’80), numerous former students and friends joined together to create an endowment honoring one of Duke’s most committed teachers and renowned scholars. Dr. Scott was the W. K. Boyd Professor Emeritus of History at Duke, where she taught from 1961 to 1991. She was a pioneer in the expanding field of women’s history, and she served as president of the Southern Historical Association and the Organization of American Historians. Throughout her career, she encouraged the idea that the best way to learn the historical craft is to work with primary sources. The award created in Dr. Scott’s honor helps students engaged in research in women’s history to spend time in archives and resource centers where they can make thorough use of original historical materials.

These are one-time awards for graduate students working on seminar projects or dissertations on any aspect of women’s history, and undergraduates who are writing honors theses in History with priority consideration for those projects focused on women’s history. Undergraduate and graduate student projects will be evaluated separately. Applicants should include the name of a faculty member who can be contacted as a reference.

Awards generally range from $500-$1000, but requests of up to $2000 may be considered. Partial funding may be awarded in some cases. Awards will be made in the form of non-compensatory payments which are considered reportable income by IRS rules. See: http://finance.duke.edu/payroll/noncomp.

Awards may be used for travel, living expenses, and other direct costs incurred in collecting and analyzing information. Winners will be asked to report on their work and to provide photographs for use on the Department of History website and in promotional materials.

Application Procedure
The application consists of the following: 1) a proposal of 2-3 pages addressed to the Anne Scott Award Committee, 2) current curriculum vitae or resume, and 3) the completed application form. The proposal should describe the student’s overall project or the specific resource materials for study, as well as the reasons undertaking the project; the status of work already in process; a budget for requested funds; and explanation of other funds available to the student.

Deadline
Applications are due by noon on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 to Carla Ivey at carla.ivey@duke.edu. The Scott Award is administered by the Duke History Department and Women’s Studies. A faculty committee from the two departments will select the winners of the award. Applicants will be notified by mail the week of March 30, 2020. Winners will report on the use of these funds and their work by September 1, 2020.