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UNC PRESS BOOK WINS PRESTIGIOUS HISTORY PRIZE

(Chapel Hill, NC) Leslie Brown's study of the black middle class in Durham, North Carolina, *Upbuilding Black Durham: Gender, Class and Black Community Development in the Jim Crow South* has won this year's Frederick Jackson Turner Award from the Organization of American Historians. The award is given annually for an author's first book on a significant phase of American history and is presented to both the author and the publisher.

Both W. E. B. Du Bois and Booker T. Washington praised the African American community in Durham, North Carolina, for its exceptional race progress. Migration, urbanization, and industrialization had turned black Durham from a post-Civil War liberation community into the "capital of the black middle class." In *Upbuilding Black Durham* Brown animates the history of this remarkable city from emancipation to the civil rights era, as freedpeople and their descendants struggled among themselves and with whites to give meaning to their freedom.

Chuck Grench, Brown's editor at UNC Press, remarked, "The Frederick Jackson Turner Prize is the premiere award for a first book in American history, and I am thrilled that the OAH awards committee is recognizing Leslie Brown this year. Leslie put in an extraordinary amount of work on this project, and I am delighted that she entrusted it to the University of North

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Carolina Press." The award will be presented on March 28th at the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians in Seattle, Washington.

Leslie Brown is assistant professor of history at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts. She received her Ph. D. in history from Duke University in 1997.

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**Upbuilding Black Durham: Gender, Class, and Black Community
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by Leslie Brown

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