It is my great honor, as chair of the Association of Black Women Historians (ABWH) Letitia Woods Brown Book Prize committee, to inform you that you are the recipient of the 2017 Letitia Woods Brown Article Prize. A committee of distinguished scholars in the field of black women's history selected your article, “These Ladies Do Business with a Capital B: The Griffin Sisters As Black Businesswomen in Early Vaudeville” in *The Journal of African American History* (Fall 2016) as the best article in African American Women's History. The committee believes that your well-researched and beautifully written article makes the most significant scholarly contribution to the field of black women's history.

You will honored with the distinguished Brown Article Prize at the annual ABWH Black Women's History luncheon on Saturday, September 30, 2017. The luncheon is held in conjunction with the 102nd national meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) in Cincinnati, Ohio.

On the ASALH website, you will be able to register for the conference and book your hotel accommodations. As the award winner, you will receive a complimentary ticket to the luncheon.

In addition, you should notify V.P. Franklin, Editor, *The Journal of African American History* of the award.

Please contact me or ABWH president, Francille Rusan Wilson, if you have any questions.

Again, congratulations.

Sincerely,

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