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The Royal Studies Journal and Canterbury Christ Church University are proud to announce that we have awarded the 2016 prize (an award of £50) for best book published on the history of monarchy brought out in the preceding year to Dr Carolyn Harris for her monograph *Queenship and Revolution in Early Modern Europe: Henrietta Maria and Marie Antoinette* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2016). Published as part of Palgrave's "Queenship and Power" series, the book investigates the lives and careers of two women often seen as tragic victims of political and cultural upheaval in early modern Europe. The comparative framework allows Harris to move beyond a purely biographical approach to analyze often negative reactions to each of the women as they negotiated regional expectations, gender norms, and social conventions in their realms. Harris ably demonstrates that the 1643 impeachment of Henrietta Maria and the 1793 execution of Marie Antoinette were not just personal trials, but rather represented critiques of monarchy itself, critiques that transformed governance in both England and France during the early modern era. Members of the book prize committee headed by Lois L. Huneycutt (University of Missouri, Columbia), and including Miriam Shadis (The Ohio State University), Ernest Jenkins (University of South Carolina-Lancaster), and Michael Evans (Delta State University), were also impressed by Dr Harris's ability to articulate complex ideas in prose that was both sophisticated and approachable.

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Although Dr Harris was unable to attend the Kings and Queens conference at Clemson University where the award was announced, she sent the following statement that was read at the ceremony:

I am honoured to receive the 2016 Book Award from the Royal Studies Journal for *Queenship and Revolution in Early Modern Europe: Henrietta Maria and Marie Antoinette*. I have long been impressed by the valuable work of the Royal Studies Network in bringing together scholars from around the world in the study of monarchy, and I am grateful to Canterbury Christ Church University for sponsoring the prize. I would like to thank Dr Elena Woodacre, Dr Lois L. Huneycutt, chair of the prize committee, as well as the entire committee. *Queenship and Revolution* emerged from my PhD research on the roles

of Henrietta Maria and Marie Antoinette as wives and mothers at Queen's University at Kingston. I would like to thank my dissertation advisors Dr Andrew Jinchill and Dr Jeffrey Collins. Over the course of my research, I spent six months as a visiting overseas research student at Birkbeck College, University of London and would like to thank my guest advisors there, Professor Julian Swann and Dr Laura Stewart and the helpful staff at the English, French, Welsh and Scottish archives that I consulted over the course of my research. I would also like to thank Palgrave MacMillan for encouraging me to develop the manuscript for publication as part of the "Queenship and Power" series. Thanks also to my always supportive husband Bruce Harpham to whom the book is dedicated. Thank you.

Dr. Harris, who completed her PhD at Queen's University, Kingston, is a historian and author based in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. She teaches in the history program at the University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies. Her next book, *Raising Royalty: 1000 Years of Royal Parenting*, will be published by Dundurn Press in 2017.

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The book prize committee received five nominations, all of which were of high quality and a pleasure to read and discuss among ourselves. The *Royal Studies Journal* is currently seeking both book submissions and readers for the 2017 Book Prize. Please contact Lois Huneycutt ([HuneycuttL@missouri.edu](mailto:HuneycuttL@missouri.edu)) if you are interesting in serving or have a book published in 2016 that you would like to submit for the prize.

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There is a review of Dr. Harris' prize winning monograph in this issue of the *Royal Studies Journal* by Courtney Herber.