

2022-23 PCCBS Book Prize: Micah Alpaugh, *Friends of Freedom: The Rise of Social Movements in the Age of Atlantic Revolutions* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022)

Alpaugh won the book prize for his ambitious account of the transnational nature of reform sentiment and revolutionary practice across the Atlantic world. Based on impressive archival research in a multitude of personal papers, newspapers and pamphlets across Britain, France, Haiti, Ireland, and the United States, Alpaugh insists that the reforming currents of the late eighteenth century were a transnational formation. The book demonstrates that while national narratives remain important, they are insufficient and cannot alone explain the causes or forms of the reform movements around Wilkes, parliamentary reform, protestant dissent, abolitionism or even the revolts in Ireland, France and Haiti. The achievement of *Friends of Freedom* is to move beyond generalities to show, for example, how the example of the American Sons of Liberty fueled Wilkite agitation in Britain, and how the Jacobins founded their clubs on English models which were then in turn radicalized by the revolution in France. Written with style and panache the only thing missing from this book is any sense of the rich visual culture produced within this republic of letters and its associational worlds across the Atlantic. Nonetheless, the committee is convinced that this enormously rich and suggestive book will help generate conversations within and across fields for many years to come. We will be teaching and citing it for many years to come.