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The Omohundro Institute's journal, the *William and Mary Quarterly*, is the leading journal of early American history. One of the founding journals in JSTOR, the *William and Mary Quarterly* is read more than 1.2 million times in digital formats each year and is still appreciated for its distinctive print edition.

The OI has published books that frame early American history, including classics such as Winthrop Jordan's *White over Black*, Gordon Wood's *The Creation of the American Republic, 1776–1787*, Rhys Isaac's Pulitzer Prize-winning *The Transformation of Virginia, 1740–1790* and Linda Kerber's *Women of the Republic: Intellect and Ideology in Revolutionary America*.

More than 50 percent of the Omohundro Institute's books are awarded prizes; this exceeds the achievement of every other publisher and series.

Omohundro Institute conferences have fed the field of early American scholarship. Its annual conferences draw scholars and the interested public to different venues around the country every June. Topical conferences every fall include the recent Oct. 16–18, 2015 focus on "Emerging Histories of the French Atlantic." In conjunction with the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington at Mount Vernon, "Region and Nation in American Histories of Race and Slavery" on Oct. 6–8, 2016 will correspond with the opening of the first major exhibition interpreting slavery at George Washington's Mount Vernon.

Workshops offer a space for scholars to develop advanced scholarship. These include an annual May event held with the Early Modern Studies Institute, and in spring 2016 an event on "Writing To and From the Revolution" for a special issue of the *William and Mary Quarterly*.

The OI's fellowship programs seek to reach scholars at the earliest stages of their careers, from dissertation writing to first book manuscript. The OI offers long-term, short-term and travel fellowships to scholars at the predoctoral and postdoctoral levels, including a two-year residential postdoctoral fellowship that began in 1945 and that has been co-funded for more than three decades by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Omohundro Institute is pursuing significant digital initiatives. The OI Reader, an app for reading and interacting with the journal, was launched in November 2014 featuring a digital edition of the *William and Mary Quarterly*, making it the first academic journal available on the Apple App Store. Built with Adobe's Digital Publishing Suite, the OI Reader features high-resolution images that enlarge, audio, and other interactive features.

On Oct. 6, 2015, the Omohundro Institute, along with William & Mary, was announced as the primary U.S. partner for the Georgian Papers Programme, a partnership between the Royal Collection Trust and King's College London to digitize the papers of the Georgian monarchs held at Windsor Castle in the Royal Archives. The digital availability of this extraordinarily rich and varied collection will have important bearing on the history of North America and the transatlantic worlds of politics, science and religion in the long 18th century.



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The OI runs three major scholarly programs: publications including the *William and Mary Quarterly*, the leading journal of early American history, and an award-winning book series; conferences; and fellowships.

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