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### **Legacy of Dorothy Shawhan lives on at University Press of Mississippi**

JACKSON, Miss -- The University Press of Mississippi announces a generous contribution from the DSU Foundation, the Delta State University Division of Languages & Literature, and friends and family of Professor Dorothy Shawhan to the UPM First Author's Fund. The combined gift of over \$2500 in honor of the late Professor Shawhan is in conjunction with the placement and dedication of a Mississippi Writer's Trail marker honoring Shawhan, to be placed on the campus of Delta State University, Friday, July 23, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

A prolific author and scholar, Shawhan published numerous books and articles including two with UPM:

*Fannye Cook: Mississippi's Pioneering Conservationist*  
*Spirit of the Delta: The Art of Carolyn Norris*

The UPM First Author's Fund, established through generous gifts from Press authors, supports the publication of books by emerging scholars, nontraditional authors, and authors from a wide variety of backgrounds. The Fund supports the work of these authors so they can achieve success regardless of their academic status or access to resources. Funds may be used to offset a variety of expenses, including printing, permissions, editing, or other costs.

Founded in 1970, University Press of Mississippi is the largest and only non-profit publisher in the state. They publish books that interpret the South and its culture to the nation and the world, and scholarly books of the highest distinction. "We are excited to continue our work with the support of Delta State University and to continue Dorothy Shawhan's legacy as a writer and teacher. Dorothy was a long-time supporter of the Press and a friend. The support of dedicated individuals like Dorothy Shawhan will help the Press continue its mission well into the future," says director Craig W. Gill.

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<https://www.mississippimarkers.com/mississippi-writers-trail.html>