

## Vita

### Sarah Mitchell Cotton

Sarah Cotton was born in Alexandria, Virginia in 1967. She graduated from Falls Church High School in 1986 and from George Mason University in 1991 with a B.A. in Anthropology. As a college sophomore, Ms. Cotton spent a semester in Europe with a cultural history program sponsored by Eastern Michigan University. In 1988, she participated in an archaeological field school in Annapolis, Maryland with the University of Maryland. At GMU, Ms. Cotton held the position of Chair of the Program Board and received student leadership and student service awards. Also at GMU, Ms. Cotton took part in two internships in Washington, D.C.; one for a member of the House of Representatives and the other for an anthropologist at the National Museum of Natural History. During the summer following her graduation from GMU, Ms. Cotton attended an intensive french language instruction program at the Universite Laval in Quebec, Canada.

After brief stints working as a receptionist for the governmental affairs office of a large insurance company and as a staff assistant for a non-profit educational organization, Ms. Cotton married, traveled around the world and entered graduate school. At Virginia Tech she pursued her interests in the history of the south, women's history and the history of medicine. She also received an instructional fee scholarship and graduate teaching assistantship. In the fall of 1997, Ms. Cotton will enter the Science and Technology Studies doctoral program at Virginia Tech.