



SC Historic Preservation Conference 2025



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

We are accepting proposals for Speaker Sessions for the 2025 historic preservation conference, scheduled for **Friday, April 25, 2025** at the **SC Archives & History Center** in Columbia. Speaker Sessions can cover a variety of historic preservation topics, and range in difficulty from "Historic Preservation 101" to discussions of emerging issues. Top interests include:

- Case studies of successful historic preservation projects
- Historic preservation technology / how-tos
- Preservation funding: grants, tax credits, easements
- Historic preservation advocacy
- Local government / local design review topics
- Preservation of African American historic places
- Sustainability, adaptation and climate resiliency for historic places
- Cemeteries: protection, care, or documentation
- How to research historic properties
- Economic and community revitalization programs
- Programs to preserve historic places and sites
- South Carolina architectural history and archaeology

Other topics may be considered, but should directly relate to the preservation of historic buildings, sites, places, and structures. A session should be interactive and include strategies or solutions that attendees can apply in their own communities or organizations. Plan on **40 - 45 minutes for your presentation and 5 - 10 minutes for questions and answers**. Session proposals may be combined with other proposed sessions when appropriate. Up to three (3) speakers per session will have their conference registration fees waived.

To propose a session: Email the following information to Elizabeth Johnson at ejohnson@scdah.sc.gov and Alethea Harrison at aharrison@scdah.sc.gov. You will receive an email acknowledging receipt. **Proposals are due by December 16, 2024.**

Name

Organizational affiliation

Address (city, state, zip)

Telephone

Email

Title

Description of session (2 paragraphs)

Speaker(s): include contact information for all speakers

Optional: Speaker bios, presentation, digital images, web links, anticipated audio-visual needs, and/or handouts (limit to 35 MB or less)

Questions?

Elizabeth Johnson at 803-896-6168,

ejohnson@scdah.sc.gov or

Donna Foster at 803-896-0339, dfoster@scdah.sc.gov

The fine print:

No proposals will be accepted after December 16, 2024. You will be notified via email if the proposal is selected or not by mid January 2025. If the proposal is selected, **you must send a finalized presentation no later than April 18, 2025.**