

2024 SC Historic Preservation Conference  
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- ☐ Regular Registration received between April 1-15.....\$65
- ☐ Registration received between April 16-26.....\$85
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Lunch will be provided. Please check here for a vegetarian lunch ☐

This is my first SC Historic Preservation Conference ☐

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South Carolina  
Historic Preservation  
Conference 2024

Friday, April 26, 2024

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Join us for the South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference featuring a wide range of topics on South Carolina history, historic properties, and current historic preservation issues.

Conference Location:  
**SC Archives & History Center - 8301 Parklane Road - Columbia, SC 29223**

The SC Archives & History Center is located near the intersection of I-20 and I-77. Find directions and a map at <https://scdah.sc.gov/about-us/how-find-us>. Free parking is available in the front and side parking lots.



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, April 26, 2024      Registration 8:30 – 9:00 AM

### SESSION 1: 9:00-9:50 AM

**Columbia’s Main Street Renaissance \***  
Learn how the Columbia Historic Commercial District listing in the National Register of Historic Places catalyzed an economic and cultural renaissance in Columbia’s downtown. Empowered by several financial incentives, home-grown and newly arrived investors transformed previously dilapidated and under-utilized buildings into commercial, residential, and entertainment destinations. Speakers representing applicants, preservation organizations, and the city will highlight their roles in the transformation. From money matters to design and construction to advocacy and regulatory enforcement, each of these preservation practitioners will provide insights into this 21<sup>st</sup>-century urban shift.

**Film and Historic Sites: Best Preservation Practices**  
Films and television serials that utilize local places and spaces can stimulate economic growth with jobs, local rental income, and future tourism. Alexandra Green, architectural historian with Edwards-Pitman Environmental, will discuss how historic sites can protect themselves while serving as film locations, and how to take advantage of the tourism that can come from being a film location without compromising their message and mission statement. The session will examine the merits of using film tax incentives from the perspective of the location, how to protect sites during filming using case studies, and how to approach a new audience after film crews have left and film tourists remain.

### SESSION 2: 10:00-10:50 AM

**How an Unlikely Team Protected an Historic African American Cemetery**  
Hear the compelling story of how two self-taught genealogists, Kimberly N. Morgan and Akousa Moore, and one federal government employee, Gary Herndon of the Marine Corps Air Station, came together to research, protect, and preserve a historic African American cemetery. The story starts with the discovery of a tombstone deep in the woods of a military base and culminates in a reunion hosted on the base with over 100 descendants from across the United States. It will also show how others can conduct similar research and employ similar strategies for projects in their own communities.

**You Got the Money Honey, Now What?: Grant Requirements, Reporting, and Easements \***  
The measure of grant-funded success often focuses on receiving the grant award. But what comes after accepting the grant has important consequences for your project, and can impact future grant opportunities. Join Marla Collum of the National Park Service, staff from the SC State Historic Preservation Office, and a grant recipient, to understand how to avoid pitfalls and ensure a successful grant project. Topics include types of bids and how to seek them, grant agreements, meeting preservation standards, selecting

contractors, easements, compliance with NEPA, Section 106 and Section 110, and grant close out. Learn more about responding to federal and state requirements and seeking guidance from your grant manager. Information from this session will be applicable to other funding sources.

### SESSION 3: 11:00-11:50 AM

**Current Research in Historic Preservation**  
Students in the Clemson University Graduate Program in Historic Preservation will share brief summaries of their research on a wide range of topics in a series of fast-paced presentations, from technical preservation to policy issues to historic research in the Lowcountry and beyond. Amalia Leifeste, Program Director, will serve as the moderator.

**Protecting Bluffton Using Historic Preservation Grants \***  
The Town Council of Bluffton recently adopted a local Historic Preservation Grant Program to assist owners of town-designated contributing structures within the Old Town Bluffton Historic District to rehabilitate, restore, or preserve their structures, and to prevent those structures from being lost to disrepair or abandonment. Glen Umberger, the Town’s Historic Preservationist, will give an overview of the program that to date has awarded more than \$125,000 in grants for preservation projects including foundation repairs to an historic schoolhouse, exterior restorations of an 1840s house and an 1890s commercial building, repairs to the front porch and stoop of a 1930s cottage, and reconstruction of the roof of Bluffton’s former 1960s-era post office.

**Archives Tour**  
Curious about the collections and how to do research at the Archives & History Center? Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the archives, and get tips on how to conduct research in the collections.

**LUNCH: 12:00-1:00 PM**  
Lunch will be served in the Proprietor’s Hall outside of the meeting rooms and auditorium. Seating will be available in the meeting rooms and lobby areas. Weather permitting, seating will also be available outside in the garden.

**AUDITORIUM DEDICATION: 1:00-1:20 PM**  
Join us in the Auditorium for a very special ceremony to dedicate the SC Archives & History Auditorium in memory of William L. Kinney, Jr., of Bennettsville, the long-serving chair of the State Review Board for the National Register of Historic Places and vice-chair of the SC Archives & History Commission. With his charm and enthusiasm for history, Mr. Kinney exemplified how to be a great advocate and ambassador for historic preservation and historic places in South Carolina.

### SESSION 4: 1:30-2:20 PM

**Celebrating SRS at 75**  
Located along the Savannah River in South Carolina, the Savannah River Site, which will turn 75 in 2025, brought enormous cultural and economic changes to the region. Mary Beth Reed of New South Associates will present a brief history of the site, its role in the Cold War, and regional impact. Dr. Keith Stephenson, director of the Savannah River Archaeological Research Program and Josh Blackmon of New South Associates will describe the site’s archaeology and preservation programs, highlighting successes and lessons learned. Susie Ferrara with Savannah River Nuclear Solutions will share a “how to” guide to help communities plan events such as anniversaries.

**Economic and Community Revitalization: Preservation of African American Heritage**  
This session will present innovative ideas for community development and highlight the importance to communities of preserving historic and cultural landmarks, particularly those related to African American Civil Rights. Learn about current initiatives in Orangeburg, including the rehabilitation of the All Star Bowling Lanes, and redevelopment of Railroad Corner (the original black business district). Ellen Zisholtz with the Center for Creative Partnerships, Robert Jenkins with Renaissance Equity Partners, and James Alvey from the National Park Service will focus on funding sources, collaboration, and partnerships needed for these projects.

### SESSION 5: 2:30-3:20 PM

**From Vision to State Park: Rosenwald School Study**  
Rosenwald Schools played a vital role in educating African American children starting in the 1920s. Learn about the work currently underway to determine whether a set of extant Rosenwald School sites could become South Carolina’s first state park focused on African American and Jewish history. Speakers from the project team will discuss processes for engaging with alumni and community stakeholders, assessing site integrity, and designing a plan that shares this important history with the public.

**Disaster Recovery for Historic Structures and Sites \***  
In recent years, the accessibility of information on disaster preparedness and recovery for historic properties and cultural institutions has grown significantly, but funding for supplies, training, and resiliency upgrades is not keeping pace with the need. Craig Bennett of Bennett Preservation Engineering will give a brief overview of disaster damage to historic buildings, then go into the stages of disaster recovery, including pre-disaster planning, immediate post-disaster response, and long-term recovery, focusing on the finances of disaster recovery, especially on fair insurance settlements. Trish Smith of Drayton Hall Preservation Trust will share her insights from fourteen years of disaster preparedness and recovery at Drayton Hall, including budgeting and fundraising strategies, tips from first responders, and templates for a “Go-Time Responsibilities Chart,” and EMD-approved dash passes to access your site when it is behind emergency barricades.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**for these upcoming SC Archives & History Foundation events:**

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**September 12, 2024: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Preserving Historic Cemeteries Workshop**

**November 16, 2024: 6<sup>th</sup> Annual American Revolution Symposium**

**For more details visit:**  
<https://scarchivesandhistoryfoundation.org/category/news-events/>

### MISSION STATEMENT

The South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) encourages and facilitates the responsible stewardship of South Carolina’s irreplaceable historic and prehistoric places. The SHPO administers the Statewide Survey of Historic Properties, historical markers, National Register of Historic Places, tax incentives for historic buildings, Section 106 and related state reviews, Federal Historic Preservation Fund sub grants, Historic Preservation State Grant Fund, and the Certified Local Government program.

The SC Archives & History Foundation provides support for the programs and services of the SC Department of Archives & History, which preserves the public records and cultural history of the Palmetto State. Since 1993, the Foundation has raised public awareness and donations for the agency’s mission. The Foundation’s most notable endeavor was its successful capital campaign to help fund the construction of the SC Archives & History Center, the home of the SC Department of Archives & History.

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