

## ***News in Review***

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#### **1. Welcome New Staff Reviewer**

The SHPO welcomes Mary Sherrer to our staff as the Review Coordinator for Transportation Projects, focusing on reviews of projects from the SC Department of Transportation, the statewide survey of historic properties, and SC ArchSite. Mary is a graduate of the Public History program at USC with a focus in Historic Preservation. She previously worked with the History Department at USC on the Pinckney papers editorial and digitization projects. Prior to that, she was the Director for the Scarborough-Hamer Foundation at the Kensington Plantation, and a historian with TRC, where she completed countywide survey projects, National Register nominations, and 106 reviews. Mary can be reached at [msherrer@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:msherrer@scdah.sc.gov), 803-896-6184.

#### **2. Upcoming Conferences**

Registration is open for the **South Carolina African American Heritage Commission Conference** on February 22, 2024 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. After a day filled with informative sessions, join two of South Carolina's most distinguished historians, Dr. Vernon Burton and Dr. Walter Edgar for a conversation on the state of African American history in South Carolina. The conference program and link to register online are on the [Commission's website](#).

[Subscribe also to the Commission's Newsletter!](#) In it you will find updates from the Commission about activities and events pertaining to African American History in South Carolina. Previous newsletters are on the Commission's website.

Save the date for the **2024 South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference** on Friday, April 26, 2024 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. The early registration rate of \$50 will be available until March 31. Details about the program and registration will be posted at <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/resources/statewide-historic-preservation-conference>.

Subscribe also to the SHPO's monthly e-newsletter to stay informed about conferences, grant opportunities, and preservation guidance and news. To subscribe send an email to [aharrison@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:aharrison@scdah.sc.gov) with "Historic Preservation News and Notes" in the subject line, and your

name, town or city, and organizational affiliation, if any, in the body of the email. Previous newsletters are available on [our website](#).

### **3. News from the ACHP**

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation recently adopted a [Policy Statement on Housing and Historic Preservation](#). The publication encourages the rehabilitation of historic buildings for housing, and seeks to harmonize historic preservation and housing goals. The policy statement provides guidance for all levels of government, community groups, nonprofit organizations, developers, and others in the private sector on the role historic buildings can play in alleviating America's housing shortage.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation also recently adopted an updated "[Policy Statement on Burial Sites, Human Remains, and Funerary Objects](#)," more information about which is on [their website](#). The policy advances 13 principles, with the main guiding principle that burial sites, human remains, and funerary objects should be treated with dignity and respect in all circumstances including, but not limited to, all times in consultation, during field surveys, when handling must occur, in documenting and/or reporting, if treatment actions occur, and in all other forms of interaction.

In implementing the policy, the ACHP will recommend that federal agencies include the following template language referencing the policy statement principles in unanticipated discovery stipulations in Section 106 Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) and Programmatic Agreements (PAs) that include provisions for handling the discovery of burial sites, human remains, or funerary objects:

"When applicable, the [Agency] will follow the principles within the ACHP's Policy Statement on Burial Sites, Human Remains, and Funerary Objects, dated March 1, 2023."

### **4. Guidance for Assessing Damage to Archaeological Sites**

Please check out our [Guidance for Assessing Damage to Archaeological Sites](#) for recommendations to follow when assessing damage to previously recorded archaeological sites to ensure the continuity of available archaeological data for future surveys and excavations.

### **5. 2024 SC Historic Preservation Awards Call for Nominations**

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2024 South Carolina Historic Preservation Awards. Sponsored by Preservation South Carolina, the SC Department of Archives and History, and the Office of the Governor, the Historic Preservation Awards recognize exceptional accomplishments in the preservation, rehabilitation, and interpretation of South Carolina's architectural and cultural heritage. The six award categories are: Honor Awards, Stewardship Awards, Preservation Service Awards, Heritage Tourism Award, Elected Official Honor Award, and Governor's Award. The 2024 nomination form and a list of all previous recipients are available at <https://scdah.sc.gov/historicpreservation/resources/preservation-awards>. Questions? Contact Joanna Rothell, 803-944-9425 or [joanna@preservesc.org](mailto:joanna@preservesc.org). The submission deadline is April 1, 2024.

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