



Call for Proposals

The South Carolina African American Heritage Commission invites interested individuals/groups to submit proposals for the 2025 SCAAHC Annual Conference, scheduled for **Saturday February 22, 2025 at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia**. Panels will cover a wide array of topics related to African American history, culture, and heritage across South Carolina. This year's planned thematic panels are:

- **Food and Foodways in South Carolina:** the importance and role of food in South Carolina's African American history, heritage, and culture
- **Reconstruction Era:** topics focusing on the role of reconstruction era politics, legislation, churches, religion, and/or education in South Carolina
- **Gender and Resistance:** research exploring African American women's roles in resistance and social movements throughout South Carolina's history
- **Student Research:** current projects by students researching topics related to African American history, heritage and culture
- **Place Making and Reclaiming Black Spaces:** case studies and reports on projects completed by organizations to preserve the history and legacy of historically African American spaces

Other topics may be considered, but should be directly related to the involvement and impact of African American people in South Carolina. Presentations should be interactive and, if applicable, provide strategies and solutions that attendees can apply in their own communities or organizations. Presenters will have 20 minutes each with 15 minutes total for Q&A. Proposals may be combined with other proposed sessions when appropriate. Up to three (3) speakers per session will have their conference registration fees waived.

Presenters at all phases of their career are encouraged to submit proposals, including undergraduate students, graduate students, independent scholars, organizational leaders, etc.



To submit a proposal: Email the following information to Ayanna Goines, agoines@scdah.sc.gov. Place “SCAAHC Conference Proposal” in the subject line. You will receive an email acknowledging receipt. Proposals due by **October 22, 2024**.

- Name
- Organizational Information
- Address (city, state, zip)
- Telephone
- Email
- Title
- Description of session (2 paragraphs)
- Speaker(s): include contact information for all speakers and brief bios
- Optional: Speaker bios, presentation, digital images, web links, anticipated audio-visual needs, and/or handouts

Fine print: No proposals will be accepted after **October 22, 2024**. You will be notified via email if the proposal is selected or not by **November 18, 2024**. If the proposal is accepted, you must send a finalized presentation no later than **February 14, 2025**. Presentations and speakers may be recorded. If proposal is accepted, a release form will be sent to presenters to consent or refuse to have their persons and information recorded.