



SC African American Heritage Commission

December Newsletter

Welcome to the new SC African American Heritage Commission newsletter. In it you will find updates about their activities and events pertaining to African American History in South Carolina!

2024 SCAAHC Conference

Registration is OPEN! Click [here](#) or the flyer below to register!



SC ARCHIVES AND HISTORY CENTER

8301 Parklane Road
Columbia, SC 29223

Register online [HERE](#)

Space is limited. Pre-
registration is highly
recommended.

Registration Fee Per Person:

- Regular: \$35
- Student: \$10
- Senior: \$15

*Lunch is included in
registration fee.
GF/Vegetarian options
available.

*No refunds for cancellation

Questions about registration?
Contact UofSC's Continuing
Education and Conferences at:
(803) 777-9444 or
confs@mailbox.sc.edu

SC African American Heritage Commission 2024 Annual Conference

Thursday, February 22, 2024

Register online at:

<https://shorturl.at/VW235>

Schedule

8:30AM – 8:55AM Registration Opens

9:00AM – 10:25AM Opening Address

Dr. W. Eric Emerson, Director of SCDAH

Charmaine Clowney, Chair of SCAAHC

Edwin Breeden, Coordinator of Historical Marker Program

10:30AM – 11:55AM Morning Breakout Panels

Genealogy, History and Historical Preservation- Mr. Harris
Bailey, Ms. Bernice Bennett, Ms. Lucille Burton & Ms. Bryanna
McCain (Auditorium)

Demanding Space: African American Women in South Carolina
During and After Reconstruction- Dr. Valinda Littlefield & Dr.
Marcia Synnott (Wachovia Room)

12:00PM – 12:50PM Lunch

1:00PM – 2:25PM Afternoon Breakout Panels

Fort Jackson: The Gateway to World War I, World War II and
Beyond- Dr. Fritz Hamer & Dr. Andrew Myers (Auditorium)

Hidden Freedom: The Maroon Communities of South Carolina-
Dr. J. Brent Morris (Wachovia Room)

2:30PM – 3:55PM Keynote Address

A Conversation on the State of African American History in
South Carolina- Dr. Vernon Burton & Dr. Walter Edgar
(Auditorium)

For additional conference information contact Ayanna
Goines at: agoines@scdah.sc.gov or (803)896-8256

Events From Our Members

If you find yourself on a trip to the Appleton
Museum of Art in Central Florida, take time to
see “The Unscene South: Charles Eady Revisits
History,” a solo exhibit by South Carolina native
artist Charles Eady. The work featured is inspired
by the history of free Black people in the South
prior to the Emancipation Proclamation. Several

of the works are dedicated to the sport of horse racing, highlighting the lesser-known fact that many of the first jockeys were Black Americans. The exhibit will run through January 28, 2024. For more information, visit “The Unscene South” [Exhibit](#)



Call for Papers

South Carolina Historical Association Annual Meeting

Theme: “History Teaches”

Saturday, March 30, 2024

at

Francis Marion University
Florence, South Carolina

SCHA invites historians in all fields to submit proposals for presentations and sessions for the 2024 Annual Meeting, to be hosted by Francis Marion University, Florence, S.C., on Saturday, March 30, 2024. The historical theme for this year’s Annual Meeting is “History Teaches.” We also warmly welcome proposals on history topics outside the theme of the Annual Meeting.

We welcome proposals on a wide array of topics in Southern, American, European, and World History. We encourage not only traditional papers, but also proposals from related areas of interest, such as innovative pedagogy, historical research methods, digital archives history, and public history.

We welcome historians at all phases of their careers, including undergraduate students presenting posters (sponsored by a faculty member), graduate students, and independent scholars. Proposals for complete sessions are encouraged, but individual proposals are also welcome.

Papers presented at the meeting are eligible for peer-reviewed publication in the Association’s journal, *The Journal of the South Carolina Historical Association*.

- Use the [SCHA Facebook page](#) to connect with other members for panels.
- Send proposal descriptions (no more than 250 words) and a brief C.V. from each presenter to scha.history@gmail.com.
- Proposal deadline: December 31, 2023.
- Acceptance notification: January 31, 2024.
- Paper submission deadline: February 28, 2024.

Please notify us of your interest in chairing a session by e-mailing scha.history@gmail.com by January 31, 2024. Please include “session chair” or “commentator” in your email header.

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Report from the Commission Chair

October 5, 2023: St. George Rosenwald School Rededication Ceremony

Ayanna Goines and Brad Sauls attended the Ribbon Cutting and Rededication ceremony for St. George Rosenwald School on October 5th. This school was built in 1925 with funds from parents in the St. George area that were matched by Julius Rosenwald and Booker T. Washington to ensure Black children, in a time of legal segregation were given a proper education. With representatives from the town of St. George, the state of South Carolina, the Children's Museum of the Lowcountry, and Disney Entertainment/National Geographic, the ceremony presented the impact the school had on children in the 1920s and gave a glimpse of how the school will continue to impact and inspire children; becoming the first satellite location for the Children's Museum of the Lowcountry.

October 18, 2023: South Carolina Humanities Awards

Commission Chair, Charmaine Clowney and Commission Member Dr. Vernon Burton had the opportunity to attend the 2023 South Carolina Awards in the Humanities Luncheon & Ceremony. This event, in its 32nd year, honored Dr. Lacy Ford, John Lane, and Cindi Boiter founder of The Jasper Project with the Governor's Awards, and Dr. Araceli Hernández-Laroche and Dr. Doyle Stevick with the Akers prize. Congratulations to everyone who was honored and thank you for all that you do for the state of South Carolina.

October 26, 2023: SCAAHC Conference

The Commission had a committee meeting to discuss the progress of the Feb. 22, 2024 Conference. The MOA the Commission has with USC Continuing Education and Conferences has been signed and a registration link will be posted soon. Speakers have been finalized and a list of vendors/organizations has been put together. The Commission will be honoring Karen Strickland for the work she has done to promote African American history in South Carolina, and Kenya Lane for her work with the Commission.

October 26, 2023: Historical Marker Consultants

During this meeting, it was suggested that the Commission hire 1-2 consultants to work on finding sites regarding African American history, researching historical sites, and working with organizations establish historical markers. More information will be available soon.

New African American Listings in the National Register of Historic Places



There have been no new African American listings to the National Register. McGhee Block, located in Aiken County went to the South Carolina State Review Board November 17th to be considered for inclusion on the National Register. Built in 1920 by prominent Black contractors William and Albert McGhee, this block served as their headquarters and was where African American doctor C.C. Johnson

established a drug store that catered to both white and black citizens.

Thank you for reading our newsletter! Please forward to others who may be interested in reading.

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