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SC African American Heritage Commission

January 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!

Exciting Funding Opportunity from SCAAHC!

Is there a building, structure, or site in your town/city/county with historical African American significance that deserves to be recognized? Is your organization interested in a State Historical Marker but lack the funds to purchase the marker itself? The SC African American Heritage Commission would like to help! Please see the flyer below to learn more. Email agoines@scdah.sc.gov with any questions!



South Carolina African American Heritage Commission
FY 23-24 Historical Marker Funding Program

The South Carolina African American Heritage Commission is pleased to announce a new program to fund state historical markers that focus on African American historic places during state fiscal year FY23-24.

State historical markers mark and interpret places important to an understanding of South Carolina's past, either as the sites of significant events, or at historic properties such as buildings, sites, structures, or other resources significant for their design, as examples of a type, or for their association with institutions or individuals significant in local, state, or national history.

Between 15 and 20 applications will be eligible to have the cost of the marker paid for by the SC African American Heritage Commission. The Commission will be listed as a co-sponsor of the marker along with the sponsoring organization.

To be considered for funding, send a South Carolina [Historical Marker Application](#), a cover letter stating interest in this program, and all required supplementary materials to the SC Department of Archives and History Marker Program by [April 30, 2024](#). Proposed marker topics must meet the marker Program Criteria and Guidelines listed in the application to be eligible for funding. (Please include a check for the \$250 Marker Research Fee with the application. Applications selected for funding will have their check returned as the fee will be paid on behalf of the applicant by the SC African American Heritage Commission. Applications not selected for funding will be notified and given the option to continue to have the application reviewed or request its return.)

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all available funding has been committed.

A sponsoring organization will be eligible for the cost of ONE historical marker in FY23-24. Additional costs such as paying for marker installation or holding a dedication event are not covered. Please note that individuals are not eligible to be a sponsoring organization.

Sponsoring organizations will be responsible for proposing and securing a location for the marker and installing the marker. If a dedication event is held, the SC African American Heritage Commission will be notified and invited to participate.

Questions? Contact Ayanna Goines, 803-896-8256, agoines@scdah.sc.gov.

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Days Until
SCAAHC 2024 Annual
Conference!

February 22nd will be here before you know it! Register now to reserve your spot! Space

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

Conference Speaker Highlight

As the countdown continues to the February conference, we will highlight our panel speakers and their work!

This week we highlight Dr. Vernon Burton!

Dr. Burton is a recognized authority on race relations and is often called upon as an expert witness in discrimination and voting rights cases throughout the United States. He will be participating in the Conversation on the State of African American History in South Carolina with Dr. Walter Edgar where they will engage in a captivating discussion on the current state of African American history in South Carolina and the United States.

Dr. Burton has an impressive list of honors and recognitions. He has the honor of being the inaugural Judge Matthew J. Perry Distinguished Chair of History and Professor Global Black Studies, Sociology and Anthropology, and Computer Science at Clemson University. He directed the Clemson CyberInstitute from 2010 to 2016. In 2022 Burton received the Clemson University **Alumni Award for Outstanding Achievements in Research**. In 2016 Burton received the College of Architecture, Art, and Humanities Dean's Award for "Excellence in Research" and in 2019 the College's award for "Outstanding Achievement in Service." From 2008-2010, he was the Burroughs Distinguished Professor of Southern History and Culture at Coastal Carolina University. He was the founding Director of the Institute for Computing in Humanities, Arts, and Social Science at the University of Illinois, where he is emeritus University Distinguished Teacher/Scholar, and Professor of History, African American Studies, and Sociology. He serves as Executive Director of the College of Charleston's Low Country and Atlantic World Program; in 2022 the program honored Burton by designating the best conference paper given annually, the "Vernon Burton Research Award." Burton served as interim chair, and then vice-chair of the Board of Directors of the Congressional National Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Foundation, 2009-2017.

Dr. Burton is also the author or co-author of numerous publications. Co-authored with Armand Derfner, *Justice Deferred: Race and the Supreme Court* (2021) was featured at sessions of the 2021 Social Science History Association and the 2022 Midwestern Political Science Association. *The Age of Lincoln* (2007) won the *Chicago Tribune* Heartland Literary Award for Nonfiction and was selected for Book of the Month Club, History Book Club, and Military Book Club. *In My Father's House Are Many Mansions: Family and Community in Edgefield, South Carolina* (1985) was featured at sessions of the Southern Historical Association and the Social Science History Association annual meetings. These three publications were also nominated for Pulitzers.

Among his honors are fellowships and grants from the Rockefeller Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Pew Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the American Council of Learned Societies, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the National Humanities Center, the U.S. Department of Education, National Park Service, and the Carnegie Foundation. He was a Pew National Fellow Carnegie Scholar for 2000-2001. He was elected to the Society of American Historians and was one of ten historians selected to contribute to the *Presidential Inaugural Portfolio* (January 21, 2013) by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies. Burton was elected into the S.C. Academy of Authors in 2015, and in 2016 he received the Governor's Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Humanities from the South Carolina Humanities Council, and in 2021 he was awarded the Benjamin E. Mays Legacy Award. In 2022

he was appointed to the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission, inducted into the Martin Luther King Jr. Collegium of Scholars at Morehouse College, and received the Southern Historical Association's John Hope Franklin Lifetime Achievement Award.

Join us at the conference to listen to this fascinating Conversation with celebrated historian Dr. Vernon Burton!



SC ARCHIVES AND HISTORY CENTER
8301 Parklane Road
Columbia, SC 29223

Register online [HERE](https://shorturl.at/VW235)

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 SCDH
Charmaine Clowney, Chair of SCAAHC
Edwin Breedon, 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

While registering for the conference, check out this other event hosted by SCDH!

Click the flyer for more information!



History Makers

South Carolina Women Who Persevered



— ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ — **Saturday, February 24, 2024** — ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ —

9:30 AM: Registration Opens

10:00 AM: Program Begins

10:00–10:45 AM: **Jane Black Thomas, Revolutionary War Heroine** - Sheila Ingle, Author and Educator

10:45–11:30 AM: **Hettie Anderson - Flip Side of the Coin** - Will Gragg, SC Numismatic Association

11:30–12:15 PM: **Althea - The Life of Tennis Champion Althea Gibson** - Sally Jacobs, Author and Former Reporter for the *Boston Globe*

12:15–1:00 PM: Lunch

1:00–1:20 PM: **A Monologue, Strength and Resolve - The Women of Chester District during the American Revolution** - Glinda Coleman, Economic Development

1:20–2:00 PM: **Gender and Economic Opportunities in Nineteenth Century Upcountry South Carolina** - Diane Vecchio, Furman University (Ret.)

2:00–2:15 PM: Break

2:15–2:45 PM: **Belle Baruch: Horses, Planes and 16,000 Acres of Protected Land** - Lee Brockington, History Consultant

2:45–3:15 PM: **Women in Service: Where We've Been, Where We Are, Where We're Going** - Janice Haigler, Brigadier General (Ret.)

3:30–4:00 PM: **Optional tour of the South Carolina State Archives**

3:30–4:30 PM: **Annual Membership Meeting of the SC Archives & History Foundation**

Register online at:

<https://form.jotform.com/233094304459962>

Registration Fee Per Person:

Until January 5, 2024 - \$45

January 6–February 2 - \$55

February 3–24 - \$65

Student/Teacher rate - \$25.00, must preregister by January 31, 2024 and School ID must be provided.

Space is limited. Pre-registration is highly recommended, due to limited seating. Lunch is included in the registration fee.

For additional information, contact Donna Foster at dfoster@scdah.sc.gov or (803)896-0339

All cancellations must be made in writing (by email or to the address above). Cancellation requests received by February 2, 2024 will be refunded, less a \$15 administrative fee. Cancellations on February 3, 2024 or later will not be refunded.



Proceeds from this event support the activities of the South Carolina Archives & History Foundation.

SC Archives and History Center
8301 Parklane Road
Columbia, SC 29223



Another Grant Opportunity from SCDAH!

Click the flyer for more information and contact [Erin Lowry](mailto:Erin.Lowry@scshrab.org), SHRAB Coordinator at scshrab@scdah.sc.gov or 803-896-6128 with questions and to register for a Virtual Information Session or the Digital Planning Class.



South Carolina State Historical Records Advisory Board (SC SHRAB)
Historical Records Regrant Program



2024-2025 GRANT OPPORTUNITY

GRANT FUNDS FOR HISTORICAL SOUTH CAROLINA RECORDS

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) awarded to the SC State Historical Records Advisory Board (SC SHRAB) an \$80,000 grant to conduct a regrant project for South Carolina's local governments, historical records repositories (e.g. historical societies, colleges and universities, museums, public libraries, churches) and professional organizations. The type of projects to be funded include:

- **Access: Arrangement and Description**
Identifying, organizing, and improving access to historical records.
- **Preservation**
Implementing solutions to the challenges of preserving records with permanent historical value
- **Program Enhancement**
Activities to expand and/or strengthen programs in the state's historical records repositories and local governments
- **Archival Education and Training**
Workshops, seminars, and other means of instruction and information on archives practices and policies

Key Dates:

Virtual Information Sessions (attendance at one is required):

to explain the regrant opportunity, the application process, and answer questions

- February 15, 2024 at 2:00pm
- March 12, 2024 at 10:00am
- April 10, 2024 at 2:00pm

Letter of Intent due (required): April 17, 2024

Draft Proposal due (optional): May 17, 2024

Final Applications due: June 28, 2024

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

For any assistance, support, or general questions
please contact us.

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