



# SC African American Heritage Commission

## July Newsletter

Welcome to the 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!

### Internship Opportunity

The Commission has extended its search for an intern to work with them on their new Green Book project for the Fall semester. See the description below or click [here](#) for details on the position. **Due date for materials is August 2nd, 2024** Email materials and/or questions to Ayanna Goines at [agoines@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:agoines@scdah.sc.gov)

#### Green Book Intern Description

##### Position Summary

The SCAAHC an "at will," equal opportunity employer, provides a learning opportunity about Historic Preservation for the Fall semester.

The intern will work closely with the SCAAHC, the African American History Consultant, and Archives staff to research African American History-related sites and have an opportunity to expand knowledge of African American heritage and culture in South Carolina.

**Salary:** \$15.00 /hour

**Work Location:** On-site at SC Department of Archives & History, 8301 Parklane Rd. Columbia, SC 29223

**Position Classification:** Temporary/Part-time/Internship (Non-Exempt)

**Hours:** 28 hours per week (some flexibility of scheduling available)

##### Responsibilities as an Intern

- Conduct research that supports SCAAHC projects, including:
  - o The Green Book publication
  - o Historical Marker funding programs
  - o National Register of Historic Places nominations
- Network with individuals/organizations across the state that promote African American history
- Assist with reviewing academic writing projects
- Routine check-ins with supervisor to ensure deadlines are met
- Other duties that may be assigned based on the needs of the Commission

##### Qualifications Required

- Experience in research using archival, museum, or other academic resources
- Knowledge of writing academic/research papers
- Interest in history and historic preservation
- Excellent communication (verbal and written) and time management skills
- Ability to use Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel, Access, etc.)
- Ability to adapt and be flexible in situations

##### Preferred

- Advanced degree or current graduate student in history, public history, archives, historic preservation program or equivalent program
- Experience in conducting historic oral interviews
- Knowledge in African American and/or South Carolina History

#### How to Apply

Send the following documents to Ayanna Goines, [agoines@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:agoines@scdah.sc.gov) with the subject line: "SCAAHC Internship-Green Book" **Materials due by August 2nd, 2024.**

- Current Resume
- Cover Letter: why are you interested in the internship? What do you hope to gain? What skills do you have that make you a good candidate?
- Letter of Recommendation: Must be from someone familiar with your academic or professional background

Interested candidates may submit an optional writing sample (no more than 4 pages)

Selected applicants will be asked to participate in a telephone/virtual interview.

Note: The Commission reserves the right to only respond to candidates if there is an interest in pursuing the candidate further.

#### About the SC African American Heritage Commission

The movement toward recognizing the importance of preserving this cultural richness led to the passage of a joint resolution of the General Assembly in 1993 that established the South Carolina African American Heritage Council and to its establishment as a commission in 2001 by executive order of Governor Jim Hodges. The mission of the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission (SCAAHC) is to identify and promote the preservation of historic sites, structures, buildings, and culture of the African American experience in South Carolina, and to assist and enhance the efforts of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. The 15-member commission includes representatives from all regions of the state.

#### About SC Department of Archives & History

The mission of the Department of Archives and History is to preserve and promote the documentary and cultural heritage of the state through archival care and preservation, records management, public access, historic preservation, and education.

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## Commission Activities

Commissioners have been busy participating in events. See below for a recap!

#### Tuesday June 25, 2024

Commissioner Dr. Vernon Burton spoke at the Laurens County Museum as part of an ongoing speaker series sponsored by SC Humanities called "Just Sharing: Building Community Through Stories of Our Past." He, along with Emory University professor Dr. Alice Taylor-Colbert and University of South Carolina professor Dr. Jennifer Gunter, addressed the overall community centered project of fostering fellowship and creating empathy through conversation about our shared past, present and future.



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## Grants!

#### • FY24-25 Historic Preservation State Grant Fund

The Historic Preservation State Grant Fund application is now available with a due date of **September 19, 2024**. The purpose of the State Grant Fund is to support historic preservation projects that benefit local communities through the physical repair and rehabilitation of South Carolina's historic buildings. This year applicants may apply for either a **Planning Grant** to develop to develop "bid-ready" plans and specifications OR a **Stabilization Grant** to assist with historic building stabilization and weatherization projects. The instructions and application, and Frequently Asked Questions are available at [this link](#). Questions? Please email Amanda Lee at [alee2@scdah.sc.gov](mailto:alee2@scdah.sc.gov).

- **SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission**  
Accepting applications for FY24 Patriot Grants (up to \$15,000). Information about specific grant programs and requirements can be found [here](#) or email [info@southcarolina250.com](mailto:info@southcarolina250.com)

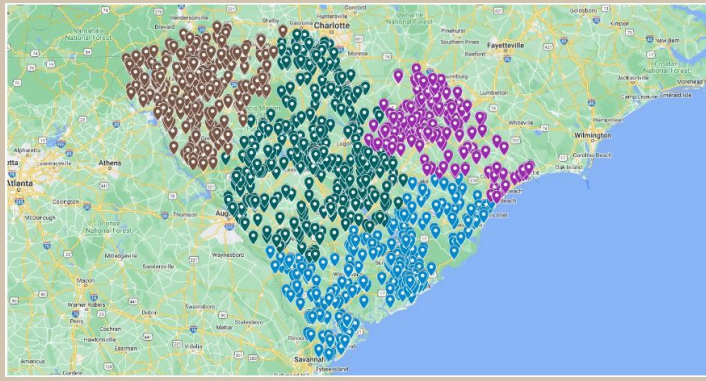
## Upcoming Events & Conferences

- **Tuesday July 9th, 2024 12:00pm-2:00pm:** SCDAH is hosting a book signing for author Michael Lewis and his new book "The Coming of Southern Prohibition"
- **Sunday July 21st, 2024 11:00am-4:00pm:** Artist Mandy.B will be showcasing a Geechee Culture Solo Art Exhibition for the first time at The Empty Canvas. Come to enjoy and shop the Geechee Culture Collection, as there will be music, drinks, and more to pair with the art.
- **Friday July 26th, 2024 10:30am-12:00pm:** The South Carolina State Board of Review will have its meeting to review National Register nominations. See the [SCDAH website](#) for those nominations
- **Saturday July 27th, 2024 10:00am-3:00pm:** The Town of Mount Pleasant is hosting their 20th annual Sweetgrass Festival. There will be live entertainment, basket weaving demonstrations, a sweetgrass basket and craft village, along with food and concessions for sale to celebrate the Gullah Geechee culture. Find more information [here](#) or click on the flyer below.
- **Thursday September 12, 2024:** The 3rd Annual Preserving Historic Cemeteries Workshop. Registration for the event can be found [here](#)
- **Saturday November 16, 2024:** The 6th Annual American Revolution Symposium will be held at SCDAH. More information and registration can be found [here](#)
- **March 27-29, 2025:** The Confederation of SC Local Historical Societies' Landmark Conference. Held in Sumter, you can find more info [here](#)
- **Friday April 25th, 2025:** SCDAH will host the Statewide Historic Preservation Conference. More information coming soon and can be found [here](#)

### Ongoing Events

- Free Admission to the Columbia Museum of Art where visitors can see the **"Our Story Matters"** Gallery that discusses Columbia's vibrant Washington Street Black Business District
- SC State Museum **"Shared Sacrifice: South Carolina in World War II"** exhibit that details the stories of SC men and women who contributed to the war effort, as well as Black South Carolinians' pursuit of "Double Victory" over fascism abroad and segregation at home.





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