



SC African American Heritage Commission

June 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!

SCAAHC Internship Opportunity!

The Commission is in search of an intern to work with them on their new Green Book project. See the description below or [click here](#) for details on the position. **Due date for materials is June 24th, 2024** Email materials and/or questions to Ayanna Goines at 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 summer and/or fall.

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 with the subject line: "SCAAHC Internship-Green Book" **Materials due by June 24th, 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.

Commission Activities

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

June 6, 2024

The Commissioners had their Quarterly Meeting and a Strategic Planning Retreat to discuss the major projects the Commission will focus on in the new fiscal year. Upcoming projects include a publication on the impact and importance of the Green Book, the Annual Conference that will be held in February, and a continuation of the historical marker funding program that was established at the beginning of this year.



June 6, 2024

At the Commission's Quarterly Meeting Deacon Wilfred Pace was nominated for Secretary of the SCAAHC which he humbly accepted. Congratulations Deacon Pace!



Wilfred L. Pace

June 6, 2024

Commissioner Dr. Vernon Burton spoke at the Richland County Library as part of an ongoing speaker series sponsored by SC Humanities called "Just Sharing: Building Community Through Stories of Our Past." He, along with architectural historian Dr. Lydia Brandt and Kat Allen, historian at Historic Columbia discussed their work and how it touches on our community and our remembrance of the past.



June 7, 2024

Elizabeth Johnson and Ayanna Goines, representing the Archives and SCAAHC attended the Juneteenth Celebration at First Nazareth Baptist Church. There were local businesses and fantastic performances to celebrate Juneteenth.



SCAAHC Historical Marker Funding Program

The Commission's Historical Marker Funding opportunity officially ended April 30, 2024. The Commission is grateful to all who showed interest and applied! The program was able to officially fund 25 markers pertaining to African American history and culture. Stay tuned for information on the next cycle of this funding opportunity and check out the link below for an interactive map of all of South Carolina's state historical markers!

[**Interactive Map of All Approved South Carolina Historical Markers**](#)

SCAAHC 2025 Annual Conference



Save the Date!

Join the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission for their 2025 Annual Conference!

Date:
Saturday Feb. 22, 2025

Location:
SC Archives & History Center

Call for proposals, link for registration, and more information coming soon!

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, PLEASE EMAIL AGOINES@SCDAH.SC.GOV

Juneteenth Celebration Across South Carolina!

June 19th is Juneteenth and celebrations are happening across the state to commemorate and celebrate the official end of slavery in the United States in 1865. Check out the list below to find an event near you!

not an exhaustive list of events

Aiken

- Who: Center for African American History, Art & Culture and the City of Aiken
- When: Saturday June 15th, 2024, 11:00am-3:00pm
- Where: CAAHAC and Founders Park, 120 York Street, NE, Aiken, SC 29801
- More info: [Click Here!](#)

Aiken

- Who: Umoja Village
- When: Wednesday June 19th, 2024 10:00am-2:00pm
- Where: Eudora Farms Wildlife Safari Park, 219 Salem Ln, Salley, SC 29137
- More info: [Click Here!](#)

Clarendon

- Who: Let's Read Clarendon
- When: Wednesday June 19th, 2024 5:00pm-8:00pm
- Where: 2158 Walker Gamble Road, New Zion, SC 29111
- More info: [Click Here!](#)

Columbia

- Who: South Carolina Juneteenth Freedom Fest
- When: Saturday June 15th, 2024, 12:00pm-8:00pm
- Where: Dutch Square Mall, 421 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC 29210
- More info: [Click Here!](#)

Columbia

- Who: Columbia Museum of Art
- When: Wednesday June 19th, 2024 10:00am-5:00pm
- Where: Columbia Museum of Art, 1515 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201
- More info: [Click Here!](#)

Charleston

- Who: Passion Project Initiative
- When: Saturday June 15th, 2024, 3:00pm-10:00pm
- Where: Riverfront Park, 1061 Everglades Ave, North Charleston, SC 29405
- More info: [Click Here!](#)

Bluffton

- Who: Town of Bluffton
- When: Saturday June 15th, 2024 4:00pm-10:00pm
- Where: Burnt Church Distillery, 120 Bluffton Road, Bluffton, SC
- More info: [Click Here!](#)

Greenville

- Who: Juneteenth GVL
- When: Friday June 14th, 2024 6:00pm-11:59pm
- Where: Greenville Convention Center, 1 Exposition Drive, Greenville, SC 29607
- More info: [Click Here!](#)

Hilton Head

- Who: Historic Mitchelville
- When: Saturday June 15th, 2024, 10:30am-4:00pm
- Where: Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park, 40 Harriet Tubman Way, Hilton Head Island, SC
- More info: [Click Here!](#)

Irmo

- Who: African American Historical Society of Irmo
- When: Wednesday June 19th, 2024, 6:00pm-9:00pm
- Where: Prisma Health Amphitheatre Irmo Community Park, 7507 Eastview Dr., Irmo
- More info: [Click Here!](#)

Lancaster

- Who: Lancaster City
- When: Friday & Saturday June 14-15, 6:00pm-10:00pm & 12:00pm-10:00pm
- Where: Downtown, Lancaster, SC 29720
- More info: [Click Here!](#)

Lake City

- Who: City of Lake City & Fahim Temple #266

- When: Friday & Saturday June 14-15, 10:00am-3:00pm
- Where: The Bean Market, Lake City, SC
- more info: [Click Here!](#)

Mullins

- Who: Juneteenth Mullins SC
- When: Saturday June 1th, 2024, 11:00am-7:00pm
- Where: Smith Haven Park, Mullins, SC
- More info: [Click Here!](#)

Newberry

- Who: City of Newberry
- When: Saturday June 15th, 2024, 10:00pm-4:00pm
- Where: Downtown Newberry
- More info: [Click Here!](#)

Rock Hill

- Who: Juneteenth Rock Hill
- When: Friday & Saturday, June 21-22, 2024 11:00am-10:00pm
- Where: Clinton College, 1029 Crawford Rd., Rock Hill, SC 29730
- More info: [Click Here!](#)

Spartanburg

- Who: City of Spartanburg
- When: Friday-Sunday, June 14-June 16, 4:00pm-10:00pm
- Where: Downtown Spartanburg
- More info: [Click Here!](#)

St. Helena Island

- Who: St. Helena Island & Lady's Island Legacy Keepers
- When: Saturday June 15th, 2024, 12:00pm-6:00pm
- Where: Penn Center, 16 Penn Center Circle West, St. Helena Island, SC 29920
- More info: [Click Here!](#)

York

- Who Historic Brattonsville
- When: Saturday June 15th, 10:00am-4:00pm
- Where: Historic Brattonsville, 1444 Brattonsville Rd, McConnells, SC 29726
- More info: [Click Here!](#)

Upcoming Events & Conferences

- Thursday June 20th, 2024, 3:30pm: The SC Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony will be held at South Carolina State House. Find more info [here](#)
- Tuesday June 25th, 2024 6:30pm: SC Humanities "Just Sharing" panel with Dr. Vernon Burton, Dr. Alice Taylor-Colbert, and Dr. Jennifer Gunter will be held at the Lauren County Museum, [click her for more info](#)
- 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"
- Thursday September 12, 2024: The 3rd Annual Preserving Historic Cemeteries Workshop. Registration will be posted later this summer [here](#)
- Saturday November 16, 2024: The 6th Annual American Revolution Symposium will beheld at SCDAH. More information and registration coming later this summer and 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.

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

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