



SC African American Heritage Commission

March 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 Events & Announcements

SCAAHC 2025 Summer Internship!

The Commission is in search of a graduate student or recent college graduate for an in-person summer internship. Develop skills in historical research and writing as you work with the Commission and SC Archives. Click on the image below for more information and required submission materials.

Due date for materials is April 10, 2025. Email materials and/or questions to Ayanna Goines at agoines@scdah.sc.gov

South Carolina African American Heritage Commission (SCAAHC) Summer 2025 Internship Announcement

Position Summary: The SCAAHC, an "at will" equal opportunity employer, provides a learning opportunity about Historic Preservation to a graduate student for the summer. The intern will work closely with the SCAAHC, the African American History Consultant, and Archives staff to research and promote sites, groups, and activities pertaining to African American History in South Carolina.

Salary: \$15.00 /hour

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

Position Classification: Temporary/Part-time /Internship

Duration: Between 8 and 10 weeks; flexible start date

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

Responsibilities as an Intern:

- Learn about African American heritage and culture in South Carolina
- Conduct research that supports SCAAHC projects, including :
 - o The Green Book publication,
 - o Historical Marker support,
 - o National Register of Historic Places nominations, etc.
 - o Website content development
- Network with individuals/organizations across the state that promote African American history
- Create and review academic writing pieces that can lead to publication
- Routine check-ins with supervisor to ensure deadlines are met
- Other duties that may be assigned based on the needs of the Commission

Educational Value to Intern

- Communication and relationship building
- Content creation and storytelling
- Understanding of historic preservation programs
- Experience in using Archives (online and in-person)
- Experience in field of Public History

Qualifications:

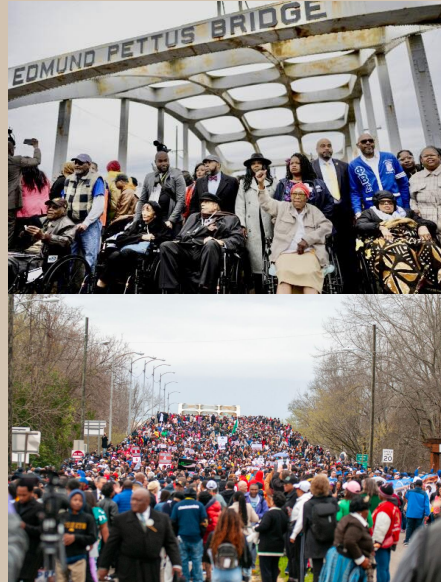
- Required
- Current Graduate Student or Recent College Graduate
- Experience in research using archival, museum, or other academic resources
- Experience writing academic/research papers
- Excellent communication (verbal and written) and time management skills

Commission Activities

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

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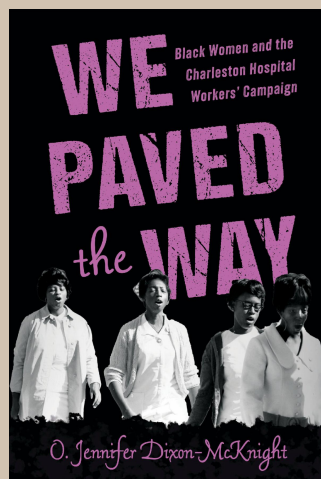
Commissioner Dr. K. Renee Robertson participated in the 60th anniversary of the Bridge Crossing in Selma, Alabama. This historic event, also known as "Bloody Sunday" commemorates the demonstrators who gathered in 1965 to demand the right to vote. After crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge, they were met with state troopers who attacked the protestors. Dr. Robertson was involved in organizing the commemoration and the PR/media of the event.



Recent African American Preservation News

We Paved the Way: Black Women and the Charleston Hospital Workers' Campaign

Winthrop Professor and recent SCAAHC Annual Conference presented, Dr. Jennifer Dixon-McKnight is publishing a book on the Black women who led the Charleston Hospital Workers' campaign. The book is available for pre-order and will be released in October of this year.

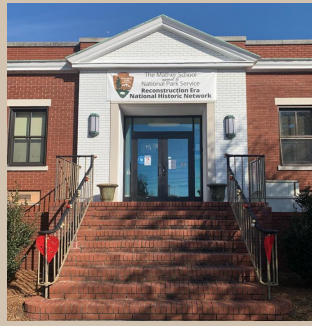


SC Humanities Major Grant Awardees

SC Humanities has awarded funds to two African American based projects.

Mather Interpretive Center will create a 4-stop digital walking tour on the property. The tour will highlight the history of the school. **Magnolia Plantation Corporation** will use funds to organize a 3-day Juneteenth

event in June. For more information on all the awardees, [click here](#).



African American Sites Going to State Review Board for the National Register

Hebron Presbyterian Church (Charleston), Marlboro County Training School (Marlboro), and Gallman High School (Newberry) will be presented at the March State Board of Review to be considered for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. To learn about these sites and their history, [visit this website](#).



Public Welcomed to Reconsecrated Enslaved Ancestral Burial Ground Opening

One of the largest known enslaved burial grounds in the Carolina Piedmont, located at Historic Brattonsville, will open to the public this month. The Culture & Heritage Museums worked with descendant of the enslaved and enslavers to reconsecrate the Enslaved Ancestral Burial Ground, the final resting place of 481 people of African descent. The site will open to the public on March 29. For more information visit [this link](#).



New Charleston Justice Journey Site and Historic Marker

Plymouth Congregational Church was founded in April 1867 by Black members of the Circular Congregational Church on Meeting Street, who were experiencing new freedom after the Civil War. Plymouth is one of the oldest Black Congregational churches in the South. The church was recently added to the Charleston Justice Journey, a project that recognizes sites significant to African American history and the

ongoing journey toward racial equality in Charleston and the Lowcountry.



Nominations for 2025 Historic Preservation Awards

The SC Department of Archives & History, Preservation SC, and the Office of the Governor invite you to nominate individuals or organizations that represent the best of historic preservation in the state. There are six award categories and you can find more information about them [here](#). **The deadline for submissions is April 1, 2025.**



Grants!

- **SCDAH Federal Historic Preservation Grants:** The Archives is administering federal funds for Survey and Planning Projects or Stabilization Projects. Any local government, non-profit, or institution in SC may apply but the SHPO's first priority will be to fund projects in SC's CLGs. **The deadline for FY2025 applications is May 1, 2025.** Click [this link](#) for more information.

Upcoming Events & Conferences

- **Saturday March 22, 2025:** The Marlboro County Museum will host a Speakers Bureau program and workshop "The Right Stuff: Preserving Black History and Culture Through Historical Records and Documents" presented by Donald West. For more information, click [this link](#).
- **Saturday March 22, 2025:** Join the SC State Museum as they celebrate the history and foodways of the African American community in SC's Pee Dee region. As the first daytime program in the Harvesting Heritage series, this event will explore Black foodways and the agricultural and cultural significance of communities like the historic Jamestown settlement. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [this link](#).
- **Saturday March 22, 2025:** Join the Community Assistance and Resources Program for a hybrid "Land Preservation Strategies" panel. Attendees will learn about land trusts, housing land trusts, and conservation tools. For more information and to register, [click here](#).
- **Saturday March 22, 2025:** Join the Avery Center for a tour and service project at the Charleston Museum's Dill Sanatory with Michele Johnson of the

James Island Black Cemetery Preservation Service Learning Project. For more info and to sign up, visit [this link](#).

- **Friday March 28, 2025:** The Bart Garrison Agricultural Museum of South Carolina will unveil a new exhibit titled *Cultivating Legacies: The Story of Black Americans in South Carolina's Agriculture*. There will be a grand opening and reception on Friday March 28 at 5pm. For more information, visit [this link](#).
- **Friday March 28, 2025:** The School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of South Carolina is hosting their biennial Media & Civil Rights History Symposium. Hear from speakers on various topics like: race in media throughout the eras, hip-hop as a tool for civic engagement, and black journalist and the movement in South Carolina, with guests Bishop Redfern Deuce, Don Frierson, and Cecil Williams. For more info and to register, visit [this link](#).
- **March 27-29, 2025:** The Confederation of SC Local Historical Societies' Landmark Conference. Held in Sumter, you can find more info [here](#).
- **Saturday March 29, 2025:** The Colleton County Memorial Library will host a Speakers Bureau program on "Black Southern Folklore - Storytelling presented by Nancy Tolson. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, [click here](#).
- **Saturday March 29, 2025:** Join the Gullah Geechee Nation for an art showcase featuring local Gullah/Geechee artists who have transformed marine debris into stunning artworks. These artists will share inspiring stories about upcycling and the importance of preserving our coastal ecosystems, promoting both creativity and environmental awareness. More information can be found [here](#).
- **Friday April 18, 2025:** Join the Liberty Hill Historical and Genealogical Society and the International African American Museum for a second showing of *The Liberty Hill Community: An Unpolished Jewel*. The screening will showcase a Historic Black Neighborhood in North Charleston, South Carolina. For more information and tickets, visit [this link](#).
- **Friday April 25th, 2025:** SCDAAH will host the Statewide Historic Preservation Conference. Early registration is open and the discount deadline is March 31. More information can be found [here](#).
- **April 25-26, 2025:** Join the Institute for the Study of the Reconstruction Era for their Spring Symposium. Women, in various roles, are key figures in the history of the 1st South Carolina Volunteers of African Descent (33rd US Colored Troops), the first regiment of Black Soldiers deployed in a combat role during the Civil War. The 2025 symposium will celebrate the many women associated with the 1st South Carolina VAD as well as the impact made by women throughout South Carolina during the Reconstruction Era. Find current info [here](#) or click on the flyer below. Registration info coming Feb. 2025.
- **Tuesday April 29, 2025:** Molly Silliman and Virginia Ellison, archivists with the South Carolina Historical Society, will present on how to get started with preserving historic family and organizational archives, with tips on supplies and storage needs, as well as information on how church archives can be organized and made accessible. Find more information [here](#).
- **Saturday May 3, 2025:** Join the South Carolina Historical Society for a free program with authors Walter Curry, Jr., Ed.D. and Margaret Seidler exploring the intertwined histories of slavery, both from the perspective of descendants of the enslaved and the descendant of enslavers and traders in South Carolina. To register for the event, visit [this link](#).
- **May 17, 2025:** The SC Department of Archives and History is hosting an African American Genealogy Workshop at the Archives & History Center. This workshop will focus on pre and post emancipation government sources in the collections including census records, vital records, military records, state records, county records, and online sources. This event is free but pre-registration is required. [Register online here](#) or email dfoster@scdah.sc.gov or call Donna Foster at 803-896-0339.
- **May 23-25, 2025:** Experience the vibrant spirit of the South at the Original Gullah Festival of South Carolina. Held annually in Beaufort, the festival celebrates the unique language, heritage, and contributions of the Gullah

community, offering a deep dive into their vibrant culture. To learn more about the event, go to [this link](#).

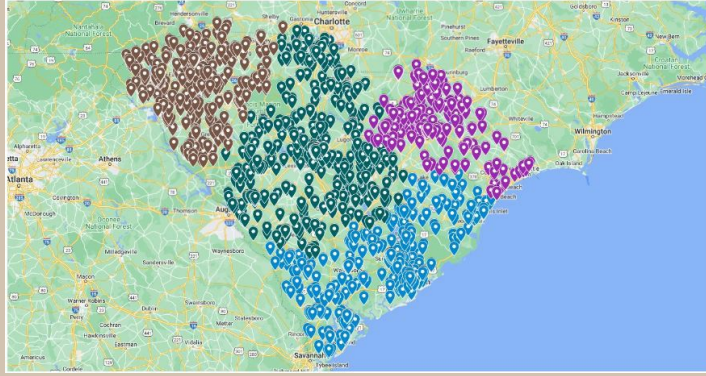
- **July 23-25, 2025:** The Association of African American Museums will have their annual conference in Charleston, SC. For more info on the call for proposals, exhibitors, and more, click this [link](#).
- **September 10-12, 2025:** The South Carolina Federation of Museums will host their Annual Conference in Belton, SC from September 10-12. For more information on the event and the call for proposals, click this [link](#).

Ongoing Events

- The SC Dept. of Archives & History has opened a new exhibit called ["Know Your State and Make It Known: The South Carolina Historical Marker Program."](#) Visit the Archives Monday through Friday from 9am to 4:30pm, except State Holidays.
- The Center for Civil Rights and History's exhibit ["Where Do We Go From Here?"](#) explores Dr. Martin Luther King's questions about the future and illustrates how the passage of major civil rights legislation affected education, housing, health care, employment, and more. This exhibit, housed at the Ernest F. Hollings Special Collections Library at the Thomas Cooper Library can be viewed during the Library's normal hours of operation. Click here for [more info](#).
- 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.
- Tours of the exhibits [The Language of Clay: Catawba Indian Pottery & Oral Traditions](#) and [Sandy Islanders: A People of the Land](#) at the Morris Center for Lowcountry Heritage. These guided tours discuss the history and culture of the Catawba nation and Gullah people of Sandy Island. Find more info at this [link](#).
- Historic Columbia's latest exhibit [Heat & Hardship: The Hidden Labor of Enslaved Cooks](#) is on display at the Robert Mills House & Gardens. This innovative exhibit reimagines the site's warming kitchen, offering visitors a deeper understanding of the lives of enslaved cooks in the 1820s. For more information on the exhibit and to purchase tour tickets visit [this website](#).



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