



SCAAHC Green Book Call for Proposals/Writers

The South Carolina African American Heritage Commission (SCAAHC) is calling for proposals from interested authors for their publication on the Green Book, edited by Dr. Vernon Burton and Harris Bailey Jr. There are studies of the Green Book, but the SCAAHC's proposed scholarly analysis represents the first state study of the influence of the Green book. This study focuses on South Carolina.

The SCAAHC proposes a series of essays that explore how *The Negro Travelers' Green Book* influenced South Carolina and its citizens. Essays will consider the historical, political, social, cultural, and economic contexts as well as the shifting demographics in South Carolina. Writers are not limited to the following topics, but the publication hopes to cover these areas:

- A biographical sketch of Victor Hugo Green, the founder of the Green Book and his wife, Alma Duke Green, who served as publisher of the Green Book in the 1960s
- How travel for African Americans was impacted by various modes of transportation, like trains, buses, and commercial airlines
- Distinguishing between de jure and de facto segregation and examples of both in South Carolina, maybe a comparison across regions
- A discussion on the articles included in the Green Book and how they change over time
- A comparison of legal jurisdictions by region in South Carolina and how Black travelers navigated the various interpretations. Compare regional differences with sites in the travel guide and how they change over time
- The creation of a Black Middle class. Compare and contrast across regions of the state. Expand beyond businesses listed in Green Book by looking at Black newspaper ads and city directories
- Observing the Black communities and their physical location to Green Book sites, if there were any. Determine why sites are more prevalent in certain cities than others
- A case study on Esso and Amoco, national oil companies, who crossed the color line in the South and extended franchise agreements to Black businesspeople
- Looking at women as business owners, operators, and entrepreneurs. Can be a statistical breakdown of how many women were involved in running a business
- The relationship between the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Black travel. Can also look at the Voting Rights Act of 1965

Writers interested in contributing to the publication will send a 1-2 page proposal, detailing a topic pertaining to the Green Book and South Carolina. Must include the relevancy and importance of the proposed essay to the discussion of the travel guide and suggested methods for research. Accepted essays will vary in length, depending on topics and evidence from somewhere between 5 to 30 pages, with citations. Essays will be reviewed by outside peer reviewers.

Proposals should be sent to Ayanna Goines, agoines@scdah.sc.gov with "Green Book Publication Proposal" in the subject line. The deadline for proposals is **March 7th, 2025.**