

# *South Carolina Historical Association*

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## Program of the Annual Meeting *"The Struggles for Democracy"*

March 1, 2025

*at*

Francis Marion University



School of Business/School of Education Building (SOBE)  
Robert E. Lee School of Business Wing  
4822 E Palmetto St  
Florence, SC 29506

Meeting Parking at SOBE



## President's Welcome

A warm welcome and thank you for joining the SCHA's 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. During unsettling times, gathering for open dialogue around diverse perspectives takes on special significance. Last summer, when the Executive Committee chose the theme *Struggles for Democracy*, we were thinking about critical milestones, especially the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Brown v. Board* and the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Voting Rights Act. There is a lot we need to talk about; and to benefit our conversation, our keynote speakers Cecil Williams, photojournalist, and Claudia Smith Brinson, author of *INJUSTICE IN FOCUS: THE CIVIL RIGHTS PHOTOGRAPHY OF CECIL WILLIAMS* will provide insight into the struggle for freedom and justice during South Carolina's Civil Rights era. Please pick up your copy of *INJUSTICE*—have it signed—an opportunity made possible by our partnership with the University of South Carolina Press.

For the second year, undergraduate researchers are here in Florence to share important findings on posters, and I thank each for their dedication. I am grateful to faculty mentors who supported their participation.

I cannot express enough appreciation to FMU's administration, especially Dr. Will Bolt, Chair, Department of History. You have impressed us with two years of generous sponsorship. Thank you!

Important Updates: 1) In consultation with the Executive Committee (EC), Dr. Fritz Hammer, Editor, now considers papers from the Annual Meeting and papers directly submitted; words allowable changed to between 4,500-7,500. 2) During the business meeting, members will vote on bylaws, crafted after a vote by membership in 2023 and recently approved by the EC.

I want to thank our EC and Editorial Board for their unique contributions, easygoing stride, and steadfast leadership. Finally, please thank Dr. Travis Boyce, Vice President, for finessing myriad details so we could enjoy a fabulous day – a feat managed from California! Travis is a skilled, motivated leader who is going to bring progress during his presidency. I close my term confident that the SCHA will hit its 100<sup>th</sup> year as a robust and dynamic association of historians.

Enjoy the meeting,  
Victoria Musheff  
President, 2024-2025

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**Reception on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:00 pm**  
**Gately Gallery, 142 Dargan St.**

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Walk from downtown hotels

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Free: To attend, select ticket option with Annual Meeting paid registration online

**Registration & Coffee, March 1st 8:00-9:00 am**

**SOBE - Robert E. Lee School of Business Wing**

*See Undergraduate Student Posters – SOBE First Floor Commons*

*Book Sales: Purchase **Injustice in Focus** by Keynote Speakers Cluadia Smith Brinson and Cecil Williams*

**Undergraduate Student Research Posters & 1 Exhibit 8:00-9:00 am**  
**SOBE - Robert E. Lee School of Business Wing (First Floor Commons)**

**Luke Aldrige**, University of South Carolina Aiken  
"Vietnam Veterans Oral History Project: Wartime Expectations, Realities, and Reflections"  
Sarah King (Faculty Sponsor)

**Caroline Blair**, Converse University  
"The Unique Cultural Make-Up of New Zealand"  
Joe P. Dunn (Faculty Sponsor)

**Patrick Buchanan**, Presbyterian College  
"Flight, Feuds, and Tavernas: Intimacy between Slaveholder and Police Control in Pelotas, Brazil, 1880-1888"  
Jaclyn Sumner (Faculty Sponsor)

**Chloe Cleland**, Converse University  
"Exploring the Impact of Religion on Women's Colleges in America in the Late 1800's and Early 1900's"  
Joe P. Dunn (Faculty Sponsor)

**Cody Fortier**, Converse University  
"If Only Cemeteries Could Talk": The Spartanburg Herald and Oakwood Cemetery"  
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**Andrew Goforth**, Lander University  
"From Cokesbury to Columbia: The Transformation of Payne Institute into Allen University, 1870-1880"  
Kevin Witherspoon (Faculty Sponsor)

**Pashion Israel**, Converse University  
"Parliament and Suffrage: A Case Study in Governmental Violence Against Women"  
Joe P. Dunn (Faculty Sponsor)

**Faith Nanna**, Converse University  
"The Dakota People and the National Park Service"  
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**James Parker**, Francis Marion University  
"The Gay Liberation Movement from the Black Perspective, 1950-1970s"  
Erica Johnson (Faculty Sponsor)

**Madalin Grace Radcliffe**, Lander University  
"The Memory of Dr. Benjamin E. Mays: A Case Study in the Impact of Public History"  
Kevin Witherspoon (Faculty Sponsor)

**Leslie Ramirez**, Converse University

“The Hidden Persuasion of Color: Yellow in World War II Propaganda Posters”

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**Session One**

**9:00-10:15 am**

**Panel 1: “The Gregg-Graniteville Archives: New Horizons for the 21st Century”**

**SOBE 108**

**Chair: Terry Helsley**, retired educator & former SCHA President

**Deborah Harmon**, University of South Carolina Aiken

“Developing a Teaching Archives: The Gregg-Graniteville Experience”

**Alexia Jones Helsley**, University of South Carolina Aiken

“A Legacy Continues: the Gregg-Graniteville Foundation”

**Panel 2: “African American Military Service and Struggle for Democracy in South Carolina ”**

**SOBE 114**

**Chair: Jill Found**, University of South Carolina Columbia

**Mark Canavera**, University of South Carolina Columbia

“Slavery, Freedom, Soldiering, and Land Ownership: Trajectories of Veterans of the 1st South Carolina Volunteers of African Descent”

**Fritz Hamer**, South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum

“South Carolina and African Americans in the World War I era: Hope, Reality, Resilients”

**Elizabeth Laney**, Institute for the Study of the Reconstruction Era at the University of South Carolina Beaufort

“Shaking the Jug': The Tuskegee Airmen at Walterboro Army AirField”

**Panel 3: “Democracy and Resistance to Jim Crow”**

**SOBE 116**

**Chair: Evan Faulkenbury**, University of South Carolina Columbia

**Erica Johnson**, Francis Marion University

“L'Ouverture's Matriarchs: Black Female Educators in a Southeastern Oklahoma School”

**Madison W. Cates**, Coastal Carolina University

“James McBride Dabbs: Faith, Tragedy, and the Making of a ‘Southern Fool,’  
1933-1958”

**Panel 4: “New Approaches to Complicated Historical Legacies”**

**SOBE 117**

**Chair: Elizabeth West**, South Caroliniana Library at the University of South Carolina

**Edward Woodfin**, Converse University

“How Could One Killing Lead to Millions?: The Classroom Simulation that  
Unlocks the Outbreak of World War I”

**William D. Hiott, Sr.**, Clemson University

“Treaties of Hopewell - "That the Hatchet Shall Be Buried”

**Christopher Rounds**, South Carolina State University

“Solving for X: Interpreting the Meanings and Significance of Malcolm X for  
Generation Z”

**Panel 5: “Racial Accommodation, Christian Zealotry, and the Erosion of Democracy  
and Secularism ”**

**SOBE 158**

**Chair: Joe P. Dunn**, Converse University

**Kenneth Campbell**, University of South Carolina Columbia

“‘News’ of the Charleston News and Courier's First Black Reporter: Irving E.  
Lowery, 1907-1908”

**Jacob B. Bratcher**, University of Georgia

“A fundamental(ist) fraud: white supremacy, the Duggers, Westboro Baptist  
Church, and the dismantling of the Southern Baptist Convention”

**Mansur Bakir**, Florida State University

“In the Name of Order: How Autocratic Nationalism Undermined Democracy  
and Secularism in Modern Egypt”

**Session Two**

**10:30-11:45 am**

**Panel 1: "Colonial Intersections in the pre-Removal Native South"**

**SOBE 158**

**Chair: Evan Nooe**, University of South Carolina Lancaster

**Kevin Kokomoor**, Coastal Carolina University

"Understanding the Rutherford Trace: Remembering and Misremembering the Cherokee War"

**Evan Nooe**, University of South Carolina Lancaster

"A Death on the Federal Road: Settler Expansion & Indigenous Vengeance in the Pre-Removal South"

**Jamie Myers**, University of North Carolina Pembroke

"Gender & Place in Nineteenth Century Cherokee County"

**Panel 2: "The Challenges and Opportunities of Institutional History at the University of South Carolina"**

**SOBE 114**

**Chair: Elizabeth West**, South Caroliniana Library at the University of South Carolina

**Ehren Foley**, The University of South Carolina Press

"Hidden Monuments, Embedded Stories: African American History and the Memorial Landscape at the University of South Carolina"

**Melissa DeVelvis**, Augusta University

"What's in a Name?: Campus Buildings, Monuments, and White Supremacy"

**Jill Found**, University of South Carolina Columbia

"Betsy's Garden: Enslaved spaces behind the Horseshoe"

**Panel 3: "Black Institutions and the Long Civil Rights Movement"**

**SOBE 116**

**Chair: Robert Greene**, Claflin University

**Adaeze Nwigwe**, University of Central Florida

“Requisites for a Dream: An Evaluation of the National Urban League's Adjustment Efforts for Southern Migrants”

**Melanie Holmes**, University of South Carolina Columbia

“Voice of the People: Barbados, Black Internationalism, and the Rebranding of Black Power”

**Panel 4: “New Directions in South Carolina and Southern History”**

**SOBE 117**

**Chair: Jason Kirby**, Francis Marion University

**Joe P. Dunn**, Converse University

"Two Palmetto Persians: When H.R.H Princess Fatemeh, Sister of the Shah of Iran, and the Future Pioneer Woman in the Shah's Administration Attended Converse College"

**Orville Vernon Burton**, Clemson University

“What is Victory Day to the Black Man”

**Andrew Harrison Baker**, Clemson University

“A Blueprint for Handling Natural Disasters:’ Governor Carroll Campbell and Hurricane Hugo”

**Panel 5: “Innovation and Its Lasting Impact ”**

**SOBE 108**

**Chair: Jeffrey M. Leatherwood**, American Military University

**Roy Williams**, Georgia State University

“The History of Cornbread”

**Kim Richardson**, University of South Carolina Lancaster

“The Invention of the Dip Pen”

**Lunch, Business Meeting, Keynote and Book Signing**

**11:45-2:30 pm**

**11:45-12:50: Social Lunch**

Our buffet is set up on the first floor of the School of Business/School of Education Building (SOBE) - Robert E. Lee School of Business Wing.

**1:00-1:30: Business Meeting in SOBE Auditorium 165**

President’s Message, Treasurer’s Report, Vote: Officers, National History Day: Brandon Palmer and Alice Taylor Colbert



**1:30-2:15: Keynote Speakers in SOBE Auditorium 165**

**Claudia Smith Brinson and Cecil Williams** authors of *Injustice in Focus: The Civil Rights Photography of Cecil Williams*

**2:15-2:30: Book Signing in SOBE First Floor Commons**

**Session Three**

**2:45-4:00 pm**

**Panel 1: "Stories of Our Past"**

**SOBE 108**

**Chair: Forrest Anderson**, University of South Carolina Aiken

**Jennifer Gunter**, University of South Carolina Columbia

"Extrajudicial Violence and the Struggle for Democracy: Racial Terror in Florence County."

**Otis Pickett, Sr., (Charleigh Sprawls)** Clemson University

"Slavery in Charleston and Expansion to Pendleton and the Seneca River Valley."

**Alice Taylor-Colbert**, South Carolina Humanities

"A Cherokee Story of the American Revolution."

**Panel 2: "Year One in the Confederacy: News Items in The Horry Dispatch, April 1861 to May 1862": A Roundtable**

**SOBE 116**

**Chair/Moderator: John Navin**, Coastal Carolina University

**Samantha Pierce**, Coastal Carolina University

**Connor Mojo**, Coastal Carolina University

**Jordan Blazer**, Coastal Carolina University

**Kailani-Lee D'Antuono**, Coastal Carolina University

**Panel 3: "19th Century America and the Law"**

**SOBE 117**

**Chair: Elizabeth Laney**, Institute for the Study of the Reconstruction Era at the University of South Carolina Beaufort

**Jeffrey M. Leatherwood**, American Military University

“A Tale of Millers: Five Men, Four Pensions, Two States, and One Big Lie”

**Kirsten Chaney**, Central Piedmont Community College

“Illegality and Resistance: Analyzing the Clotilda and Wanderer's Place in the Illegal Slave Trade”

**Kenneth L. Alford**, Brigham Young University

“The Legality of Joseph Smith's 1838 Court-Martial”

**Panel 4: “Gender Studies in the South: A Historical Perspective”**

**SOBE 158**

**Chair: Melissa DeVelvis**, Augusta University

**David Wilkie**, Baylor University

“'In a Christian Frame of Mind': Analyzing the role of Christianity in the Relationship Between White and Enslaved Women in the Antebellum South”

**Dan Ruff**, Retired Professor & Research Analyst

“The History of Women Candidates in South Carolina, 1920-2024”

**Paige Ann Carter**, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

“Purposeful Partners: Indigenous Women and Cross-Cultural Sexual Encounters in the Eighteenth-Century North Carolina Borderlands”

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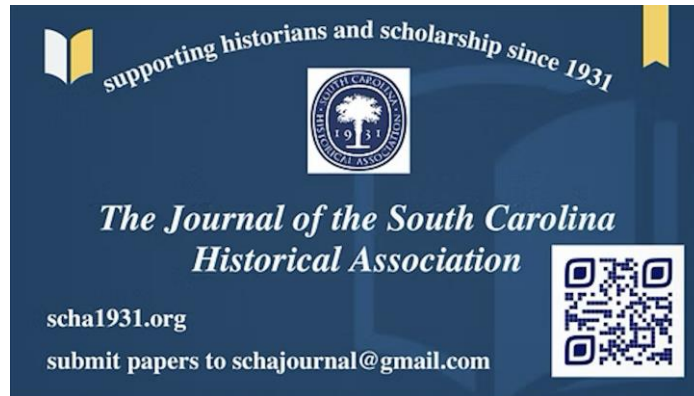
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