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QUICK HITS

- National Humanities Center—Toolbox Library
www.nationalhumanitiescenter.org/pds/tblibrary.htm
- Amistad America:
www.amistadamerica.org
- Youth Entrepreneurship:
www.yescarolina.com
- YEVA Charter School:
www.yevacharterschool.org
- Harriet Barber House:
www.harrietbarberhouse.org

2009 SCCAAS CONFERENCE: FEB 6 - 7, COLUMBIA, SC

African American Studies: Remembering the Past, Relevance for the Present, Sustaining the Future

SCCAAS will host its Second Annual Conference **Friday, February 6th & Saturday, February 7th** @ South Carolina ETV in Columbia, SC.

2009 Theme: *African American Studies: Remembering the Past, Relevance for the Present, Sustaining the Future*

With an interdisciplinary focus the workshops presented will look at the practical application of best practices in the classroom. Giving teachers hands-on materials and resources that can immediately be used in the classroom.

2008 conference comment: *"Continue showing how to document and share resources....very informative."*

Conference Target Audience:

- Primary and secondary school teachers
- Professors of higher education
- School administrators
- Members of boards of education
- Community organizations and stake holders
- Secondary and collegiate students

Registration begins **October 15, 2008** on the SCCAAS Web site at www.SCCAAS.org. Renewing SCCAAS members will receive a discount on conference registration. To become a member go to www.SCCAAS.org.



2008 Conference

GREETING FROM THE PRESIDENT

When SCCAAS was organized in 2006, its mission and purpose was to increase awareness and appreciation of African American history and culture by promoting higher standards in all subject core area curricula and instruction for the schools of South Carolina.

Toward that end, SCCAAS committed to developing closer and more productive working

relationships with educators (k-12), institutions of higher learning, professional organizations as well as governmental entities. Now, well, into our third year of existence, SCCAAS has grown to a membership of more than 125; has hosted 2 major conferences on African American studies; attracted a regional/national audience and developed partnerships with several professional

organizations including the SC Department of Education, SCETV, the African American Civil War and Reconstruction Memorial (Washington, DC) and Orangeburg School District Five.

Thanks to you, we are well-poised to continue to develop new initiatives and collaborations that will ensure greater appreciation of the history and culture of all South Carolinians.

CALL FOR PRESENTERS-TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY

Orangeburg School District 5 has been awarded a three-year Teaching American History grant (TAH), from the United States Department of Education, to enhance its teaching of American history in grades K-12.

SCCAAS is partnering with Orangeburg School District 5 in the implementation of this

grant. Specifically, SCCAAS will provide professional development workshops, historical content instructions, and teaching resources to the school district. SCCAAS will be accepting proposals for these workshops, beginning September 1, 2008.

Information regarding

specific topics, as well as a Call for Proposals form, may be found on our website.

www.SCCAAS.org

You may also contact Larry Watson at watson3@sc.rr.com or 803-731-9935 for more information.



Reception at the State Museum. February 2008 Conference

SHARING BEST PRACTICES: AAHP NEW PUBLICATION

The South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has a new publication coming out this summer aimed at helping educators use historic places in their teaching of history and social studies. Building upon the long-standing annual publication *African American Historic Places in South Carolina*, the latest version *A Teacher's Guide to African American Historic Places in*

South Carolina introduces teachers, parents, and students to the local history around them as reflected in the built environment.

The guide is a standards-based resource designed to help teachers more easily incorporate African American history into the South Carolina and United States history curriculums.

Every public school in the

state will receive a copy of the book with accompanying CD. An online version will be available in the fall.

Teachers can request a copy by contacting Leah Brown, African American Programs Coordinator for the SHPO, at brownl@scdah.state.sc.us or (803) 896-8121.

Made possible through generous grants and assistance from the South Carolina Department of Education; The Humanities CouncilSM, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities; Teaching American History in South Carolina; and the Terence L. Mills Memorial Endowed Preservation Services Fund for North and South Carolina of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

NEW PUBLICATION: A *Teacher's Guide to African American Historic Places in SC* will be available online in the fall.

NOTE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The SCCAAS Membership Committee is initiating its 2008-2009 membership drive. We experienced an increase in membership this past year and are eager to see those numbers continue to climb.

Due to our efforts last year, we were able to see new faces from almost 100 South Carolina teachers at our

conference. We look forward to doubling those numbers this year. The membership committee is encouraging all current members to download membership forms from our website and seek out at least five new members. We are our best advocates. SCCAAS members must speak out about the importance of our organization in order to provide

support for all who educate children in South Carolina.

Our committee has developed several fresh ideas to reach all school districts in South Carolina. We look forward to contacting Superintendents and school board members as well as educators. This year we are even seeking a greater student membership.



2008 Conference

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Individuals are hereby invited to submit applications to present concurrent sessions at the **2009 SCCAAS Conference.**

Applications will be evaluated and selected based on adherence to conference strands, quality and thoroughness of the submission, relevance to current professional best practice, and availability of conference space.

Application Deadline:
November 14, 2009.

Presenters will be notified of session acceptance no later than December 15, 2008.

Applications can be downloaded from the SCCAAS Web site at www.SCCAAS.org.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

New Board Members:
Welcome to the following new board members

Vice President
Jennifer Strickland-Poole
Benedict College

Financial Secretary
Leah E. Brown
SC Department of Archives & History, SC SHPO

Middle School Representative
Michelle A. Phillips
W.A. Perry Middle

Elementary School Representative
Janon Jackson
Ridgeland Elementary

Professional Organization
Veronica Primus-Thomas
The Network for Serious Teens and Adults Acting Responsibly, Inc.

SPOTLIGHT ON A HISTORIAN: DR. TAMBRA O. JACKSON

We were honored to have **Tambra O. Jackson, Ph.D.** as our keynote speaker at the conference in February 2008 which was held in Columbia, SC.

Dr. Jackson's presentation was titled "Freedom for Literacy and Literacy for Freedom: A Discussion of the African American Philosophy of Schooling at Freedom Schools." She provided us with a "historical overview of the African American philosophy of schooling which centers on the twin goals of literacy and

freedom."

As an educator, a researcher, and an activist Dr. Jackson has empowered individuals who have in turn touched the lives of all children, especially children of color, in our schools today.

She was a beacon for all participants at the conference who joined us searching for a light to guide them in the direction of culturally responsive education and activism.

<http://www.ed.sc.edu/jackson>



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