



THE CRC NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCILS

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***Justice for All* Dialogue Sessions in Columbia!**

On July 21st and 25th, SCHAC Community Relations Division, Robert Snipes, Danielle Lindley, and Ayana Crawford, participated in a series of *Justice for All* dialogue sessions. SCHAC, in partnership with the University of South Carolina's Center for Civil Rights History & Research and the Collaborative on Race, worked to bring diverse cross sections of Richland County citizens together to build trust and create space for discussing issues that face the community today. These dialogues were facilitated by Dr. Jennifer "Bingo" Gunter and Ph.D. candidate at the University of South Carolina, Hector Diaz.

These sessions were centered around the exhibit, *Justice for All: South Carolina and the American Civil Rights Movement*, and connected the legacies of the Civil Rights Movement and the backlash against it to ongoing issues in communities today. The process for these discussions were based on *The Welcome Table*, created by Dr. Jennifer Gunter. These discussions are "designed to help create relational trust, unity, teamwork, and cohesiveness through a group of community members who want to improve racial relations and other problems in their communities. Participants learn better ways to communicate with each other and practice deep listening, which leads to better communication through the telling of our individual stories."

sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/artsandsciences/diversity/collaborative_on_race/welcome_table_sc/index.php

To learn more about the UofSC Center for Civil Rights, please visit:

<https://civilrights.sc.edu/>

To learn more about the UofSC Collaborative on Race and *The Welcome Table SC*, please visit:

https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/artsandsciences/diversity/collaborative_on_race/welcome_table_sc/index.php



SCHAC Consultant, Danielle Lindley, addresses community members at the beginning of the July 25th dialogue session

***Meltdown in Dixie* at the Nickelodeon Theater**

On July 13, SCHAC Community Relations Department attended the “Meltdown in Dixie” screening at the Nickelodeon Theater in Columbia, SC. The film explores the broader role of Confederate symbolism in the 21st century and, in the context of race relations, the lingering racial oppression which symbols such as this maintain.

After the screening, there was a panel that featured filmmaker Emily Harrold, former Judge and current Representative Gary Clary, and Representative Justin Bamberg. It was moderated by Dr. Larry Watson. The panel answered questions centered around their experiences in the SC General Assembly when the flag was removed from the State House grounds in 2015. Panelists were also asked a variety of questions, such as if you can legislate morality by using legislation to improve race relations. The audience was also given the opportunity to answer and ask questions.

For more information on the film, please visit: <https://www.meltdownindixie.com/>

Join us for the next screening at the Newberry Opera House on September 20th, at 7 p.m.!



Left to right: Emily Harrold, Dr. Larry Watson, Judge Gary Clary, and Representative Justin Bamberg

Serve & Connect: BE SAFE Block Party

On Thursday, July 14th, SCHAC Community Relations Consultant, Danielle Lindley, was a vendor at the Serve & Connect Pinehurst Block “Party” Resource Event at Pinehurst Park in Columbia, SC. This event was hosted by Serve & Connect and is part of multiple events happening across the state of South Carolina! These events work to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. Serve & Connect aims to provide opportunities for police officers and neighbors to connect under positive circumstances.

To learn more about Serve & Connect and the opportunities available to volunteer, please visit: <https://www.serveandconnect.org/>

You're invited!

BE SAFE
block party

Summer
SERIES

Join us as we come together to promote
unity and celebrate our **community** with
free food music, games and more!

THURSDAY, JULY 14 | 4 - 6 P.M.
Pinehurst Park, 2300 Pinehurst Rd., Columbia, SC 29204

FREE! ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thank you for support from:

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Aiken County: Voices and Votes!

On July 23rd, 2022, Aiken, SC's Voices and Votes held the symposium, "The History of Democracy in South Carolina", at the Second Baptist Church's York St. campus. This event discussed the dramatic events and jagged history of voting rights in South Carolina and Aiken County. The discussion involved three South Carolina luminaries: Dr. Walter Edgar and Dr. Bobby Donaldson of Columbia, along with Aiken's Dr. Tom Mack who served as moderator.

Voices and Votes: Democracy in America is a traveling exhibit of the Smithsonian Institution to be on display at the Aiken County Historical Museum from July 23 through September 3, 2022.

Upcoming Events in Aiken County:

August 18: Civil Rights Symposium: Voting Matters – Suppression and Disenfranchisement

For details on the Event Schedule, please see:

<https://aikenvoicesandvotes.com/event-directory/>



Left to right: Dr. Tom Mack, Dr. Bobby Donaldson, and Dr. Walter Edgar

MINRC Sponsorship Opportunity

The Minorities in Natural Resources Conservation (MINRC) subcommittee is actively seeking minority students to participate in the *76th Annual Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA) Conference on October 23-26, 2022*. During the SEAFWA Conference, MINRC will conduct student workshops that will provide valuable career development information.

The deadline for the application is **September 5th**.

To apply and find out more, check out: *Minorities in Natural Resources Conservation Committee (seafwa.org)*.



MINRC
Minorities in Natural Resources Conservation

MINRC STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

The Minorities in Natural Resources Conservation Committee (MINRC) is accepting student applications to attend the 2022 Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA) annual conference in Charleston, West Virginia on October 23 – October 26, 2022 for FREE.

for more info
www.minrc.org

ABOUT THE SPONSORSHIP

The mission of the MINRC committee is to increase the representation of ethnic minorities and women in the field of natural resource conservation. This sponsorship provides students the opportunity to attend one of the largest natural resources conferences in the southeast where they will network with professionals and participate in career development activities.

MINRC SPONSORSHIP COVERS

- ✓ Conference registration
- ✓ Airfare/gas reimbursement
- ✓ Hotel Accommodations
- ✓ Meals

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIAS

Applicants must meet the following criteria to apply:

- ✓ Minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher
- ✓ Must be at least 18 years of age
- ✓ Current college student or recent graduate of a natural resources program in one of the 16 SEAFWA member states (see list online).

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications must be submitted by Sept. 5, 2022, and consist of a cover letter, resume, transcripts, letter of recommendation, and Teddy Roosevelt Award Essay.

 **scan or visit**
www.minrc.org

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Opportunity to be Trained Mediators

Below is the schedule for Midlands Mediation Center's Introduction to Mediation. Registration is \$1000 per session and \$495 for volunteers; MMC provides hardship **scholarships** for individuals who would like to learn mediation skills to support their local community. If you know someone who would like to participate, please let us know!

To learn more about the Midlands Mediation Center, visit: <https://midlandsmediation.org/>

Summer 2022 Mediation Training – August 8-11, 2022 – In-person -

<https://2022itms.eventbrite.com>

Summer 2022S Mediation Training – September 10, 17, 24, and October 01 – In-person -

<https://2022itmss.eventbrite.com>

Fall 2022 Mediation Training – October 10-13, 2022 - <https://2022itmfm.eventbrite.com>

Fall 2022S Mediation Training – October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2022 -

<https://2022itmfs.eventbrite.com>

Winter 2023 Mediation Training – January 9-12, 2023 – In person -

<https://2023itmfw.eventbrite.com>

Winter 2023S Mediation Training – January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 2023 – In person -

<https://2023itmws.eventbrite.com>

Spring 2023 Mediation Training – April 24 -27, 2023 - <https://2023itms.eventbrite.com>

Spring 2023S Mediation Training – April 15, 29, May 6, 13, 2023 -

<https://2023itmss.eventbrite.com>

August is International Youth Month!

On December, 17th, 1999, the UN General Assembly and the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth called for August 12th to be declared International Youth Day. International Youth Day brings youth issues to the attention of the international community and celebrates the potential of youth as partners in today's global society.

The objective of International Youth Day 2022 is to amplify the message that action is needed across all generations to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, which is to promote prosperity while protecting the planet. These goals recognize that ending poverty must go hand-in-hand with strategies that build economic growth and address needs in education, health, social protection, and job opportunities while tackling climate change and environmental protection.

To learn more about Youth Day 2022, please visit:

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/youth-day>

To learn more about the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals, please visit:

un.org/sustainabledevelopment/



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Annual Event Calendar for CRC's

January

MLK Day/Day of Service

February

African American History

March

Women's History/End Racism Day

April

Fair Housing

May

Law Enforcement/Community Relations/Pacific-Asian Month

June

Emanuel 9 Remembrance Day, Peace & Reconciliation/Disaster Preparedness

July

Employment Discrimination/Economic Opportunity

August

Youth Project/Back to School

September

Hispanic Heritage/Cultural Diversity

October

Disability Employment Awareness

November

American Indian Heritage/Veterans' Appreciation

December

Age & Poverty Issues

**Interested in hosting a community meeting in your area?
Please contact the Community Relations Department at 803-737-7800**

**Connect with us! Follow our social media pages for events and resources
throughout the State!**



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