



HISTORIC COLUMBIA

EDUCATOR'S EDGE

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ABOUT HISTORIC COLUMBIA

Historic Columbia (HC) preserves places and shares complex stories from the past that connect us in the present and inspire our future.

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Welcome to the Educator's Edge!

Historic Columbia (HC) helps bring history to life! In this inaugural issue of *Educator's Edge*, you will learn about opportunities to enhance learning for your students through our Traveling Trunk program or through field trips to let your students experience history where it happened.

HC's Education team is committed to making sure teachers have quality tools easily accessible to them. Our education program uses primary sources with the goal of teaching the experiences of all South Carolinians. This school year, our staff is redeveloping house tour scripts, on-site field trip activities, and Traveling Trunk curriculum to not only meet the differing needs of students at K-12 levels, but also to ensure ongoing compliance with South Carolina Department of Education Standards. *If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at education@historiccolumbia.org.*

Meet Carmen Sangster

Carmen joined HC in November 2022 after moving from Idaho, where she taught middle school ELA. Prior to that, she taught English as a Second Language for several years in Asia. She has enjoyed getting to know her new home by bringing Traveling Trunks to schools throughout Richland, Lexington, Fairfield, and Kershaw counties.



She has spent the summer focusing on evaluating and updating our educational programming, as well as hosting two weeks of HC's Kid Curator summer camp!

Traveling Trunks

History *delivered.*

**Grades K-12 | Hands-On Learning
Standards Based | Led by Trained Educators**

ABOUT

Did you know we can bring history into your classroom? Students engage with history through fun, educational activities led by Historic Columbia staff in our Traveling Trunk program! Trunks align with South Carolina state social studies standards for a variety of grade levels and topics.

AVAILABLE TRUNKS

Antebellum | Reconstruction | World War II | Mapping Columbia
Civil Rights | Then & Now | News for All

PRICING

The standard fee to book a Traveling Trunk is \$125 + mileage. Traveling Trunks are offered at a 50% discount to all public schools in Richland County. Additional discounts are available for teachers who are members of Historic Columbia and for Title 1 schools.

BOOK NOW!

Learn more and fill out a booking request form at historiccolumbia.org/travelingtrunks.

LEARN
MORE



Field Trips

All hands-on history.

**Grades K-12 | Hands-On Learning
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ABOUT

Historic Columbia offers a variety of field trip programs for students of all ages, including historic house museum tours and walking tours.

HOUSE MUSEUM TOURS

Take a field trip on some of our five historic sites - ranging from the 1820s through the 1930s. Students experience hands-on history led by trained guides. All tours align with South Carolina academic standards.

PRICING

School tours start at a base price of \$3 per house per student. A craft activity may be added to the program for an additional \$3 per student. Educational groups receive one free adult ticket for every 10 students. Additional adults receive the same admission rate as students. Discounts are available for schools scheduling multiple tours.

BOOK NOW!

Learn more at historiccolumbia.org/field-trips.

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Teacher Workshop Update

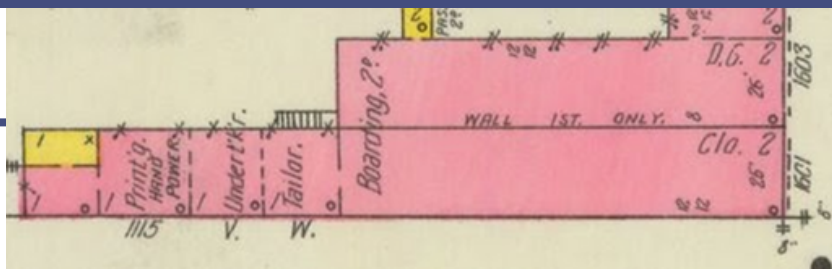
Those of you who are familiar with HC's teacher workshops may have been on the lookout for this summer's session. We took a break from workshops in order to comprehensively evaluate and update our traveling trunks to ensure that they continue to meet standards.

Thanks to a grant from **Palmetto Citizens Federal Credit Union**, we were able to host three teachers from A.C. Moore, Brennen Elementary, and Southeast Middle School to review two of our most popular trunks. These teachers identified activities that were missing, such as pre- and post- visit lesson plans and packets that ensure teachers and students get the most from our visit to your classroom. In addition, our teacher-evaluators designed new activities to ensure that each visit to your classroom provides a unique experience.

HC's **Civil Rights Trunk** (fifth grade) explores South Carolina's role in the Civil Rights movement. Students will identify what makes an activist as they learn about local heroes. New activities include a pre-visit lesson plan exploring key concepts and events leading up to the Civil Rights era, a post-visit activity encouraging students to explore and change the world around them, and the addition of biographies of "homegrown" heroes from the modern era, including WNBA star A'ja Wilson.

HC's **Mapping Columbia Trunk** (fourth grade) builds map skills by exploring how Columbia has grown and changed since its founding in 1786. In the new pre-visit activity, students will map their neighborhoods, then work during the trunk visit to apply those skills to create their own perfect city. Mapping Columbia's new post-lesson activity explores engineering and design standards.

HC's **News for All Trunk** (eighth and ninth grades) explores the role of media in the Civil Rights era. This began as a virtual trunk during the pandemic but has now been altered to be delivered in the classroom. News for All is now even more accessible for varied learning styles, with the opportunity to evaluate non-traditional media as well. As with the other trunks, News for All has pre- and post-visit lesson plans available.



The *Mapping Columbia Trunk* explores how Columbia's Main Street has changed over time. Pictured is today's Mast General Store in 1904. Courtesy Sanborn Fire Insurance Map Collection, South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia



UPCOMING EVENTS AT HISTORIC COLUMBIA

Jubilee: Festival of Black History & Culture | Saturday, September 16
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. | Mann-Simons Site | 1403 Richland St.

This **FREE** outdoor festival brings musicians, artisans, dancers, and storytellers together to celebrate South Carolina's Black history and culture. Jubilee will feature live music and entertainment, artist demonstrations, a vendor marketplace, and a Kids Zone full of family fun presented by the Columbia (SC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated.

Trunk or Treat | Wednesday, October 25
5:30 - 7:00 p.m. | Robert Mills House & Gardens | 1616 Blanding St.

Grab your costume and join HC for a safe, fun, and **FREE** Halloween experience. Community members and local organizations throughout the city of Columbia will meet in the parking lot of Robert Mills House to pass out candy to local Columbia kids! Awards and prizes will be offered for the best costume and best decorated trunk.

Candlelight Tours and Holiday Market | Saturday, December 9
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. | Robert Mills House & Gardens | 1616 Blanding St.

Visit the decorated, candlelit halls of the Hampton-Preston Mansion and the Robert Mills House and go on a guided tour during our annual Candlelight Tours and Holiday Market. Enjoy live music, entertainment, children's activities, and hot chocolate while celebrating the holidays with HC. More info available soon at historiccolumbia.org/events.



ALL
EVENTS



MAKE HISTORY THIS SCHOOL YEAR!

Field trip info *inside.*

Field Trip Tips

Did you know that teachers can add an activity to their class's visit to Historic Columbia? These activities help bring even more life to the past! Some suggested pairings:

- After exploring material culture at the Mann-Simons Site, students can experience archaeology through **dig boxes**. Students will be able to dig, document, and analyze their findings.
- After touring the Hampton-Preston Mansion, explore the garden's past and present through historic images. Students will study photos and postcards, use their **mapping skills** to locate where they were taken, and compare how the site differs today.
- Students will get a chance to support their own cause after learning about the life of human rights activist Modjeska Monteith Simkins. Students will identify a cause and create a campaign for it with **posters** and **buttons**.
- **Historic games, quill writing, and thaumatropes** (optical illusion toy) are all great activities that give a glimpse into the antebellum period while visiting either the Robert Mills House, the Hampton-Preston Mansion, or Mann-Simons Site.

Additional offerings are available depending on age and curriculum focus. Please send inquiries to education@historiccolumbia.org. Be sure to include grade level and curriculum focus when requesting field trip activities.



**BOOK EARLY
AND SAVE**
5% OFF
Up to \$100 discount

Mention code "EDGE" when booking your Traveling Trunk or field trip for an additional 5% off your quoted price.

Valid only for reservations in school year 2023-24 made by 10/31/23. Not valid for any previously booked programs. One coupon per reservation, per visit. No cash value.