

# **Louis Venters, Ph.D.**

## **Historian & Public History Consultant**

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### **Education**

- 2010**      **Ph.D. in History**  
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
- Intellectual focus on race, religion, and civil rights in 20th-century U.S. South
  - Dissertation entitled, “‘Most Great Reconstruction’: The Bahá’í Faith in Jim Crow South Carolina, 1898-1965,” directed by Dr. Patricia Sullivan
  - Major field in United States History since 1789
  - Minor fields in African American History and Public History
  - Public history practicum on African American history of Camden, SC
  - Historic preservation internship at SC Mayors’ Institute for Community Design
- 1999-2001**      **M.A. coursework in Integrative Study of Religion**  
Landegg International University, Wienacht, Switzerland
- Intellectual focus on epistemology and historiography in Eastern and Western traditions
  - Practicum on peacebuilding in post-war Balkan societies
- 1998**      **B.A. in History and Modern Languages**  
Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC
- Intellectual focus on history and literature of imperialism, modern Africa, and African Diaspora
  - Double major with language coursework in French and Mandarin
  - Graduated *cum laude*

### **Languages**

English - 5 (native)  
French - 4 (full professional)  
Mandarin - 1 (elementary)  
Serbo-Croatian - 1 (elementary)  
Spanish - 2 (limited working)  
Portuguese - 1 (elementary)

## **Teaching Experience**

**2007-**            **Adjunct Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor**  
Francis Marion University, Florence, SC

- African History
- History Internship
- History of Black America since 1865
- History of the New South since 1865
- Introduction to African & African American Studies
- Introduction to Public History
- South Carolina History
- U.S. History to 1877
- U.S. History since 1877 (standard and honors courses)

**2003-2006**    **Teaching Assistant**  
University of South Carolina, Columbia

- European Civilization from Ancient Times to 1700
- European Civilization from 1700 to Present
- U.S. History since 1865

## **Public History & Cultural Resource Management Experience**

**2016-Present** **Member, Board of Directors**  
Preservation South Carolina

- Served as Board secretary
- Served as chair of the Nominating Committee
- Made site visits
- Assisted with social media
- Appeared in media interviews

**2014-Present** **Consulting Historian**  
Louis G. Gregory Museum, Charleston, SC

- Assisted management committee in preparation of strategic plan
- Prepared new museum brochure
- Revised museum website
- Led training for museum tour guides

**2022**            **Consultant, Green Book Project Work Session**  
NC African American Heritage Commission/WeGOJA Foundation, Rock Hill, SC

**2014-2022**    **Member *ex officio***  
South Carolina African American Heritage Commission

- Team member for preparation of *The Green Book of South Carolina*, the first mobile travel guide to African American cultural sites in South Carolina

- 2012-2016**      **Member, South Carolina State Board of Review**  
National Register of Historic Places
- Appointed to two two-year terms by State Historic Preservation Officer
  - Reviewed nominations for the National Register and attended three public meetings of Board each year
- 2012**            **Consultant**  
Browntown Museum, Lake City, SC
- 2011**            **Researcher & Principal Author**  
Francis Marion Trail Commission, Florence, SC
- Researched and wrote text, titles, and captions and collaborated on selection of historical and contemporary images and maps for sixteen large wayside signs for self-guided driving tour
  - Made site visits with other team members to decide on location and placement of each sign
  - Wrote text for three tour booklets
- 2008-2010**      **Francis Marion Trail Commission Lecturer in History**  
Francis Marion University
- Wrote multi-party grant proposal to National Endowment for the Humanities for interpretive master plan
  - Wrote historical narratives of episodes in Gen. Francis Marion's military career for use in future site interpretation
  - Served on review committee for proposals for National Park Service battlefield archaeology grant
  - Made numerous presentations to local community groups
  - Collaborated with local, state, and federal agencies
- 2009**            **Researcher & Co-Author, "Florence Benson Elementary School"**  
National Register of Historic Places
- Supplement to multi-property listing, "Resources Associated with Segregation in Columbia, South Carolina, 1880-1960"
- 2007**            **Team Member**  
Glendale Mill Village Historic Resources Survey, Glendale, SC
- 2006**            **Team Member & Co-Author**  
Camden African-American Heritage Project, Camden, SC
- Conducted oral interviews
  - Co-wrote report, "The Camden African-American Heritage Project," on black Camden from colonial period to present, including recommendations for preservation and interpretation, for city Landmarks Commission
  - Presented findings at large public meeting
  - Report used by the Kershaw County legislative delegation to secure \$100,000 grant to establish local African-American cultural center and museum

- 2006**            **Summer Intern**  
 South Carolina Mayors' Institute for Community Design, Columbia
- Researched, wrote, and designed interpretive panels for walking and biking trail, Willowbrook Park/West End Mill Village revitalization project, Newberry, SC
  - Researched and wrote script for documentary film on pre-colonial to contemporary history, associated sites, and contemporary preservation and planning efforts, Pacolet, SC
  - Attended community meetings and design sessions, Johnsonville, SC
- 2005**            **Editorial Researcher, Heyward Family Papers project**  
 South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia
- Researched and wrote historical annotations for *Twilight on the South Carolina Rice Fields: Letters of the Heyward Family, 1862-1871* (University of South Carolina Press, 2010)
- 2004**            **Co-Curator, "Evidence of Things Not Seen: Civil Rights Collections at USC"**  
 South Caroliniana Library & Thomas Cooper Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia
- Researched and wrote exhibit text panels
- 2002**            **Horticulturist**  
 Riverbanks Zoo & Botanical Garden, Columbia, SC
- Maintained collection of 3000+ cultivars on 70-acre property in all weather
  - Researched, designed, and installed annual and perennial plantings, including garden sculpture
  - Led educational tours for garden visitors of all ages

**Community Development Management Experience**

- 2000-2001**      **Regional Coordinator**  
 Education for Peace, Banja Luka, Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Worked closely with teachers, staff, students, and parents in primary and secondary schools
  - Organized two training seminars for 180 teachers and staff
  - Organized regional and national arts events and student/teacher exchanges with schools in other cities
  - Wrote detailed reports of all activities and contributed to grant writing and evaluation
  - Assisted external grant reviewer
  - Developed excellent working relationships with diplomats, local and national government officials, non-governmental organizations, and media
- 1998-1999**      **Project Coordinator, Sustainable Agriculture Project**  
 Louis G. Gregory Bahá'í Institute, Hemingway, SC
- Involved local children in garden maintenance
  - Developed relationships with local gardeners and farmers
  - Attended regional sustainable agriculture conference

- 1994-1995 National Coordinator**  
 Vivian Wesson Bahá'í Institute, Lomé, Togo
- Taught French-language courses on moral leadership and education of children
  - Compiled and edited supplemental course materials
  - Conducted follow-up visits to course participants in their home villages
  - Collaborated with Board of Directors and other teachers from Chad and Tunisia

**Publications, Reports, Exhibits & Reviews**

- 2022 Prepublication review**  
*Journal of Bahá'í Studies*
- 2021 Prepublication exhibit review**  
 “Liberty and Resistance: Reconstruction and the African American Community at Brattonsville, 1865-1877,” Culture and History Museums, York County, SC
- 2019 Prepublication review**  
 U.S. Bahá'í National Center
- 2019 *A History of the Bahá'í Faith in South Carolina***  
 Monograph, The History Press
- 2019 “‘Hand in Hand’: Race, Identity, and Community Development among South Carolina’s Bahá'ís, 1973-1979”**  
 Chapter in Bramson, ed. *The Bahá'í Faith and African American History: Creating Racial and Religious Diversity*, Lexington Books
- 2018 Prepublication review**  
 U.S. Bahá'í National Center
- 2017 *The Green Book of South Carolina, www.greenbookofsc.com* (co-author)**  
 Mobile travel guide published by SC African American Heritage Commission
- 2017 Prepublication review**  
*Journal of Bahá'í Studies*
- 2017 Prepublication review**  
 U.S. Bahá'í National Center
- 2015 *No Jim Crow Church: The Origins of South Carolina’s Bahá'í Community***  
 Monograph, University Press of Florida
- 2015 Review of Chad E. Seales, *The Secular Spectacle: Performing Religion in a Southern Town* (Oxford, 2013)**  
*Journal of Southern History*, vol. 81, no. 2 (May 2015)
- 2015 Prepublication review of Steven Hahn textbook, *Colonies, Nations, Empires***  
 Bedford/St. Martins

- 2011      **“Welcome to Swamp Fox Country”**  
Sixteen wayside signs and three tour booklets for Francis Marion Trail Commission’s self-guided driving tour
- 2011      **Prepublication review**  
*Bahá’í Studies Review*
- 2009      **“Florence Benson Elementary School” (co-author)**  
Nomination document for listing on National Register of Historic Places
- 2006      **“Camden African-American Heritage Project” (co-author)**  
Community history and preservation recommendations for Landmarks Commission of City of Camden, SC
- 2004      **“Evidence of Things Not Seen: Civil Rights Collections at USC”**  
Text panels for exhibit at University of South Carolina libraries

### **Conference Presentations**

- 2023      **Presenter, “The Bahá’í Faith and Reconstruction in South Carolina, Past and Future”**  
Confederation of SC Local Historical Societies Landmark Conference, Francis Marion University
- 2023      **Session chair, “Oral Histories and Tours of South Carolina’s African American Past”**  
Universities Studying Slavery SC Symposium, Francis Marion University
- 2022      **Session chair, “Racism and Racial Justice: Midcentury South Carolina,” presented by June Manning Thomas**  
Association for Bahá’í Studies virtual conference
- 2021      **Keynote speaker, “Private Troubles and Public Issues in South Carolina”**  
South Carolina Sociological Association, Hickory Knob State Park, McCormick, SC
- 2019      **Panelist, “Toward a ‘New Southern Experience’: African American History in *The Green Book of South Carolina*”**  
National Council for Public History, Hartford, CT
- 2017      **Plenary panelist, “Historic Landmark Designation”**  
African American Tourism Conference, College of Charleston, SC
- 2017      **Panelist, “The Louis G. Gregory Bahá’í Museum: Making Space for Interracial Unity in Charleston”**  
Transforming Public History: From Charleston to the Atlantic World, College of Charleston, SC
- 2016      **Panelist, “Toward an Understanding of Large-Scale Growth of the Bahá’í Faith in South Carolina, 1968-1986”**  
American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas

- 2015**      **Plenary panelist, “Oppression to Empowerment”**  
Association for Bahá’í Studies, Orange County, California
- 2014**      **Panelist and moderator, “The Church & the Civil Rights Movement”**  
Civil Rights Symposium, Penn Center, St. Helena Island, SC
- 2014**      **Moderator, “The Civil Rights Act of 1964”**  
Symposium on the Civil Rights Act at 50, Francis Marion University
- 2014**      **Co-facilitator, Subject-Area Session on the Humanities**  
Association for Bahá’í Studies, Toronto, Ontario
- 2014**      **Moderator, “The Photography of Richard S. Roberts”**  
Poskito: South Carolina Film & Photography Conference, Francis Marion University
- 2013**      **Presenter, “An Introduction to the Bahá’í Faith”**  
Part of a course on Religions in 21st-Century South Carolina sponsored by Interfaith Partners of South Carolina, Columbia College, Columbia, SC
- 2012**      **Plenary panelist, “Abdu’l-Bahá, Louis Gregory, and Southern Interracialism in the Era of the Great War”**  
Association for Bahá’í Studies, Montreal, Québec
- 2011**      **Presenter, “The Bahá’í Faith in Jim Crow South Carolina”**  
Humanities & Social Sciences Symposium, Francis Marion University
- 2011**      **Panelist, “‘Most Great Reconstruction’: The South Carolina Bahá’í Movement in American History”**  
Third International Conference on Modern Religions and Religious Movements, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
- 2004**      **Panelist, “The Bahá’í Faith in South Carolina, 1937-1963”**  
Association for Bahá’í Studies, San Francisco, California

### **Other Presentations & Professional Service**

- 2023**      **Keynote speaker, “Building Bridges by Championing Diversity”**  
Building Bridges Summit, Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce, Florence, SC
- 2022**      **Presenter, “Race, Religion, and the Future of America”**  
Fort Collins Area Interfaith Council, Fort Collins, CO
- 2021**      **Moderator, “A Virtual Evening with Nikki Giovanni”**  
Florence County Public Library, Florence, SC
- 2021**      **Co-presenter, “Slavery’s Legacy, Past and Future”**  
Cultural Conversations Series, Francis Marion University, Florence, SC
- 2021**      **Presenter, “The Bahá’í Faith in South Carolina and the Unfinished Business of Reconstruction”**  
Fort Collins Area Interfaith Council, Fort Collins, CO

- 2020-2021**      **Co-presenter, “The Bahá’í Faith in South Carolina” and “The Life and Times of Louis G. Gregory”**  
Three-part virtual interview series, Bahai.chat
- 2020**            **Presenter, “Equity and Inclusion as the Norm”**  
Building Bridges Summit, Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce, Florence, SC
- 2020**            **Panelist, “Your Lives Matter, Students Speak Out”**  
Student Government Association, Francis Marion University
- 2020**            **Presenter, “The Bahá’í Faith in South Carolina and the Unfinished Business of Reconstruction”**  
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, University of South Carolina, Beaufort, SC
- 2019**            **Panelist, “No Shame, No Blame: Conversations on Race”**  
SC Collaborative for Race and Justice and SC Human Affairs Commission, Florence County Public Library, Florence, SC
- 2019**            **Presenter, “Countering the War on Civility: Towards a New Kind of Politics”**  
Building Bridges Summit, Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce, Florence, SC
- 2018**            **Presenter, “Exploring the Civil Rights Movement via the *Green Book of South Carolina*”**  
School Desegregation in South Carolina Summer Institute for Teachers, Coker College, Hartsville, SC
- 2018**            **Moderator, “Race and Education”**  
Beyond Mother Emanuel and the Confederate Flag Symposium, Francis Marion University
- 2016**            **Keynote speaker, “The Gift of Diversity”**  
Interfaith Partners of South Carolina annual conference, Florence, SC
- 2016**            **Presenter, “Black, White, and Shades of Gray: the ‘New Diversity’ and the Long Shadow of Jim Crow”**  
Building Bridges Summit, Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce, Florence, SC
- 2015**            **Presenter, “The Jim Crow Era in South Carolina”**  
Florence County Public Library, Florence, SC
- 2014**            **Presenter, “The Bahá’í Faith in Augusta and North Augusta”**  
Centennial of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá’s “Tablet to Augusta,” Augusta, GA
- 2014**            **Participant, Symposium on Race and Nation in the Age of Emancipations**  
Rice University, Houston, TX
- 2012**            **Organizer, public lecture by Michael Bedenbaugh, Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation**  
Phi Alpha Theta & History Department, Francis Marion University
- 2012**            **Presenter, “Historic Preservation in Florence County”**  
Florence County Heritage Day, Johnsonville, SC



- 2012**      **Presenter, “Historic Preservation in the Pee Dee”**  
Three Rivers Historical Society, Hemingway, SC
- 2011**      **Panel Judge, Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference**  
Francis Marion University
- 2011**      **Presenter (with Alex Palkovic), “Revolutionary War Historic Sites, Public Art, and Heritage Tourism Development”**  
Florence County Public Library, Johnsonville, SC
- 2011**      **Presenter, “Race, Religion, and Social Change: The Bahá’í Faith in South Carolina”**  
Phi Alpha Theta History Lecture Series, Francis Marion University
- 2010**      **Presenter, “Louis Gregory and the Bahá’í Faith in the Segregated South”**  
South Carolina Bahá’í Centennial Conference, College of Charleston, SC
- 2010**      **Panelist, “Engaging in the Discourse on Race: A Conversation”**  
Louhelen Bahá’í School, Davidson, MI
- 2009**      **Moderator, book event for Stanley Lanzano, *True Places: A Lowcountry Preacher, His Church, and His People* (USC Press, 2009)**  
Florence County Public Library, Florence, SC
- 2009**      **Panelist, “What Can You Do with a History Degree?”**  
Phi Alpha Theta History Lecture Series, Francis Marion University
- 2009**      **Presenter, “Historic Preservation in Lower Florence County”**  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic of the Pee Dee Land Trust, Johnsonville, SC
- 2009**      **Participant, kayak trip to Hampton Plantation State Park**  
Francis Marion Trail Commission and Pee Dee Land Trust, Berkeley County, SC
- 2009**      **Member, Review Committee for proposals to conduct archaeological and archival research on the Battle of Black Mingo**  
Francis Marion Trail Commission
- 2009**      **Presenter, “The Francis Marion Trail Commission”**  
Gen. Francis Marion Memorial Day observance, Rogers Library, Francis Marion University
- 2009**      **Presenter, “The Francis Marion Trail Commission”**  
Three Rivers Historical Society, Hemingway, SC
- 2008**      **Participant, Wampee Retreat**  
Francis Marion Trail Commission and its committees, Berkeley County, SC
- 2008**      **Participant, kayak trip to colonial settlement at Willtown**  
Francis Marion Trail Commission and Pee Dee Land Trust, Williamsburg and Georgetown counties, SC
- 2008**      **Participant, 6<sup>th</sup> Francis Marion Symposium**  
Swamp Fox Murals Trail Society, Manning, SC

## **University & Departmental Service**

- 2019-** Co-coordinator (with Dr. Chris Barton), History Department Public History & Archaeology Track
- 2018-** Co-coordinator (with Dr. Chris Barton), History Internship
- 2016-** Member, African & African American Studies Advisory Committee
- 2011-** Member, African American Collection Committee, Rogers Library
- 2011-** History Department Student Adviser
- 2018-2019** Chair, History Department Search Committee (U.S./Secondary Education)
- 2016-2018** Member, College of Liberal Arts Tenure & Promotion Committee
- 2016-2017** Chair, History Department Search Committee (Archaeology)
- 2016** History Department new course development  
HIST 210—Intro to Archaeology, HIST 220—Intro to Public History, HIST 480—  
Archaeology in South Carolina
- 2015** Member, Diversity Award Committee  
African American Faculty & Staff Coalition
- 2014-2015** Faculty Supervisor, History Department Internships
- 2013-2015** Member, Provost's workgroup for African American Studies
- 2013** Member, Diversity Award Committee  
African American Faculty & Staff Coalition
- 2012-2018** Member, Professional Development Committee
- 2012-2015** Member, Patriot Bookstore Advisory Committee
- 2012** Honors course  
HIST 202—US History since 1877
- 2012** History Department new course development  
HIST 370—African History
- 2012** Member, Diversity Award Committee  
African American Faculty & Staff Coalition
- 2010-2011** Faculty Supervisor, inaugural History Department Internship
- 2011** Panelist, program for scholarship candidates and parents  
Office of Admissions
- 2010** Honors course  
HIST 202—US History since 1877

2008-2009     **Member, History Department Search Committee (U.S. History)**

**Grants, Awards & Honors**

- 2022            **REAL grant (with Dr. Erica Edwards) for Georgetown Rice Culture Field Trip**  
Francis Marion University
- 2021            **Promotion to Full Professor**  
Francis Marion University
- 2020            **ENACT Faculty Fellowship**  
Brandeis University International Center for Ethics, Justice, and Civic Life
- 2018            **Sabbatical**  
Francis Marion University
- 2017            **Shining Example Award for *Green Book of South Carolina***  
Southeast Tourism Society
- 2017            **Palmetto Award of Excellence for *Green Book of South Carolina***  
SC Chapter of International Association of Business Communicators
- 2017            **Summer Research Stipend (tenured faculty)**  
Francis Marion University
- 2015            **Promotion to Associate Professor**  
Francis Marion University
- 2014            **Tenure**  
Francis Marion University
- 2012            **Graduate Thesis Prize**  
Association for Bahá'í Studies
- 2012            **Featured Local Author, *Soul of the Pee Dee: Our African-American Heritage***  
Florence Convention & Visitors Bureau, Florence, SC
- 2011            **Diversity Award**  
African-American Faculty & Staff Coalition, Francis Marion University
- 2011            **Quality Enhancement Plan grants for inaugural History Department Internship  
at Francis Marion Trail Commission**  
Francis Marion University
- 2010            **Summer Research Stipend (untenured faculty)**  
Francis Marion University
- 2007            **Project Award for Camden African-American Heritage Project**  
South Carolina African-American Heritage Commission

## **Press & Digital Media**

"This Religious Radio Station in SC is One of a Kind," *Myrtle Beach (SC) Sun News*, March 25, 2023

"Personal and Societal Revolution with Louis Venters, Ph.D.," *Where Do You Get Your Protein?*, episode 7, January 2023

"Pee Dee Author Expo," *Florence (SC) Morning News*, December 7, 2022

"Charissa Owens Receives Award for 'If These Walls Could Talk' Documentary," *The College Today*, today.cofc.edu, April 19, 2022

"Turnover at SC African American Heritage Commission Raises Concerns," *Charleston (SC) Post and Courier*, October 15, 2021

"Dismissal from Black History Board Is 'Strange Injustice,' Say Ex-Members," *Charleston (SC) City Paper*, October 12, 2021

"The Life and Times of Louis G. Gregory," Bahai.chat, March 30, 2021

"The Bahá'í Faith and America's Unfinished Business of Reconstruction," parts 1 and 2, Bahai.chat, December 12, 2020 and January 9, 2021

Interview on the Baha'i Faith in South Carolina, "Bahá'í Blogcast with Rainn Wilson," November 3, 2020

Oral history interview on Reconstruction, South Carolina, and the Bahá'í Faith in the U.S., raceunity.us, July 7, 2019

Interview on *A History of the Bahá'í Faith in South Carolina*, bahaiblog.net, May 17, 2019

"Most in SC Identify as Christians; Guess Which Religion Is the Second Most Popular," *Rock Hill (SC) Herald*, November 18, 2017

"Florence Members of Bahá'í Faith Prepare for Religion's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary," *Florence (SC) Morning News*, June 16, 2017

"Historic Florence County Plantation Hits the Market," WMBF TV news, June 1, 2017

Interview on *The Green Book of South Carolina*, "In Black America," KUT 90.5 FM, Austin, TX, May 25, 2017

"New Mobile Guide Highlights 'Hidden Gems' of SC's African-American History," *(Columbia, SC) State*, April 30, 2017

Web talk on *No Jim Crow Church*, Wilmette Institute, December 4, 2016

"A Beautiful Symbol for Florence," *Florence (SC) Morning News*, August 12, 2016

Interview on *No Jim Crow Church*, "Bahá'í Perspectives," WXOJ-LP 103.3 FM, Northampton, MA, April 3, 2016

"11 Books to Help Us Explore the Peace-Loving Bahá'í Faith," *Huffpost Religion*, November 30, 2015

"A Balm to Their Souls," *Anderson (SC) Independent-Mail*, November 6, 2015

"Black History Month Program Offers Florence a Glimpse of Its Past," *Florence (SC) Morning News*, February 19, 2015

"These Maps Show the Most Common Religion, Christian and Non-Christian, in Your State," *The Week*, January 8, 2015

"150 Mark Centenary of Tablet for Augusta," *American Bahá'í*, Sept.-Oct. 2014

"Bahá'í Faith is Second Most Prevalent Religion in South Carolina," *Florence (SC) Morning News*, July 19, 2014

"The Runner-Up Religions of America," *Protojournalist* blog, National Public Radio, June 22, 2014

"How the Bahá'í Faith Became South Carolina's Second-Largest Religion," *Charleston (SC) Post and Courier*, June 21, 2014

"How a 19th-Century Persian Faith Became the Second-Most Common Religion in Our State," *Charleston (SC) City Paper*, June 17, 2014

"Patriotism, Statue on Display at First Heritage Day in Johnsonville," *Florence (SC) Morning News*, August 18, 2012

"Dr. Venters Presents at Conference in Israel," *Patriot* (Francis Marion University), April 14, 2011

"FMU's Venters Wins Diversity Award," *Florence (SC) Morning News*, February 7, 2011

"A Time for Reflection: Students, Adults, Educators Ponder the Lessons Left by Martin Luther King, Jr.," *Lake City (SC) News & Post*, January 19, 2011

"Stories Highlight Historic Francis Marion Tours," *Florence (SC) Morning News*, September 22, 2010

### **Online Commentary**

"Truth in Hollywood?: Justin Baldoni on Body Dysmorphia," goodmenproject.com, July 9, 2017

"Dear United (For the Time Being) Kingdom," goodmenproject.com, June 28, 2016

"Lasting Change: South Carolina's Bahá'ís and Race in America," medium.com, June 17, 2016

"'I Love You for Sentimental Reasons': Musical Lessons of Black Men's Abounding Love," goodmenproject.com, February 23, 2016

"From Bosnia to Chapel Hill, Hostility to Islamic Religion Remains in Our Fearful World," goodmenproject.com, September 4, 2015

"Jim Crow Is Still America's National Religion...But It Doesn't Have to Be," goodmenproject.com, March 28, 2015

“The Burning of Columbia and the Persistence of Confederate Memory,” goodmenproject.com, March 13, 2015

“How a Good Man Battled Racism and Died for It...And Why We Have to Keep Fighting a Hundred Years Later,” goodmenproject.com, October 24, 2014

### **Professional Affiliations**

Association for Bahá'í Studies  
Association for the Study of African American Life and Culture  
National Council for Public History  
Organization of American Historians  
South Carolina Historical Association  
Southern Historical Association

### **Community Affiliations**

Carolina Farm Stewardship Association  
Pee Dee Land Trust  
Preservation South Carolina