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## Preservation Conference

South Carolina Department of Archives and History, March 31 to April 1, 2011

The South Carolina Department of Archives and History's Preservation Conference, March 31 to April 1 includes workshops such as Archaeologists and Archivists Working Together, Unique Preservation Stories from Rural SC, and Running an effective public meeting. The workshop, Archaeologists and Archivists Working Together: Digging into South Carolina's Past, may be of particular interest. The popular perception of archaeologists includes excavations. Yet aside from examining material culture, for historical archaeologists, documents, such as birth and death records, census records, family trees, wills, probate inventories, newspaper articles, diaries, maps, and photographs, can provide additional information for understanding the past. The documents located in the archives help to identify the people who once lived at a particular site, provide the social-cultural context in which the sites were occupied, and contribute to the social meanings of the landscape and the objects recovered. The workshop has three parts: (1) Documentary Archaeology: How do archaeologists use documents and primary sources? (2) Archives Basics: What are archives? What's available? What sorts of documents are useful for archaeological research? (3) Case Studies: Archaeologists discuss how they use primary sources in their archaeological research. This workshop is for practicing archaeologists, students of archaeology, or people who want to think like archaeologists. It is also for archivists, students of library science, or people who are interested in documents and maps. Participants: Jodi Barnes, Archaeologist, SC Department of Archives and History; Brian Cuthrell, Archivist, South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina; Craig Keeney, Archivist, South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina; Charles Lesser, Archivist, SC Department of Archives and History; Steve Smith, Archaeologist, Applied Research Division, SC Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology; Carl Steen, Archaeologist, Diachronic Research Foundation. For more information contact Jodi Barnes, [jbarnes@scdah.state.sc.us](mailto:jbarnes@scdah.state.sc.us). The program



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