

**Southern Conference on African American
Studies, Incorporated (SCAASI)**

**“And Still We Rise”: Historical Resilience
and Black Internationalism**

Virtual Conference

February 10–11, 2022

9 AM–4 PM Central Time

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Greetings and welcome to SCAASI's 2022 conference!

SCAASI is an interdisciplinary scholarly organization founded in 1979 after a successful statewide Black History and Culture program at Texas Southern University. Participants agreed to keep momentum alive during future meetings. Most African Americans resided in the South; however, most intellectual activities designed to highlight, interpret, or preserve African American history and culture occurred elsewhere in the country. SCAASI thus brought together people who were interested in exploring and disseminating information about African and African American legacies, especially those related to the American South.

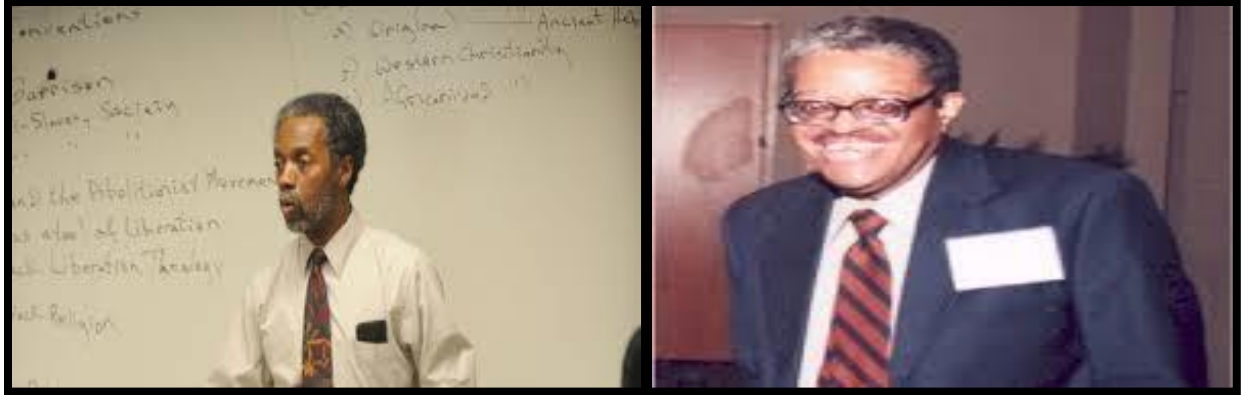
SCAASI holds its annual conferences in Southern states. Scholars and graduate students present academic papers, compete in various scholarly competitions, and fellowship with kindred spirits. On occasion, presenters submit revised papers for possible inclusion in *Griot: The Journal of African American Studies*, the official publication of SCAASI. In 2018 Andrew Baskins ended a very successful 32-year run as editor of the peer-reviewed journal. His successor, Tashia Bradley, has continued to make *Griot* a high-quality publication.



In 2017 SCAASI Executive Secretary Howard Jones retired. He was one of the founding members of the organization, was instrumental in setting up the first convention, and had led SCAASI for forty years. During the same year Jones entered retirement, Tonya Thames Taylor began serving as interim executive secretary. She coordinated the 2018 conference in Jackson, Mississippi. At the close of the conference, Bertis English began his second tenure as president of SCAASI, helping to secure the organization's financial future. Abel Bartley has been president since 2020 and will be succeeded by Sharron Herron-Williams at the close of the 2022 conference.



In 2021 the Covid-19 pandemic caused SCAASI to adopt a virtual format for its annual conference. Though online, we continued to insist on genuinely scholarly papers while also continuing to offer an opportunity for young scholars to present their work. Such mandates and goals remain.



George Garrison is SCAASI elder, or griot. The organization elected him to the esteemed position when long-time griot Alton Hornsby passed away in 2018. Each year the elder offers inspiring words that connect us to past freedom struggles while encouraging us to continue the fight. Garrison, a retired philosophy professor at Kent State University, is an acclaimed scholar. He held faculty and administrative positions at Spelman College, Howard University, the University of Northern Colorado, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and Kent State.

We in SCAASI are glad you joined us for this year's conference!

Abel A. Bartley, President
SCAASI

“And Still We Rise”: Historical Resilience and Black Internationalism

February 10, 2022

Greetings 9:00–9:25 AM

Abel A. Bartley, President, SCAASI

The Honorable Yvonne Johnson, Former Mayor, Greensboro, North Carolina

Lisa Johnson-Tonkins, Clerk, Superior Court of Greensboro, North Carolina

Session 1 9:30–10:25 AM

Roundtable Discussion: Historical Resilience and Black Internationalism

Moderator: Eunice Matthews-Armstead, Eastern Connecticut State University

Discussants:

Ronald Dorris, Independent Scholar, Interdisciplinary Studies

George Garrison, Kent State University (Retired)

Wali Kharif, Tennessee Technological University (Retired)

Abel Bartley, Clemson University

Session 2 10:30–11:45 AM

“Engaging Continents Relative to Diasporic Africana Studies”

Moderator: DeReef F. Jamison, University of Alabama Birmingham

Presenters:

DeReef F. Jamison, University of Alabama at Birmingham

“Continental and Diasporic Perspectives on African Psychology”

E. Jerry Persaud, State University of New York, New Paltz

“Black Fear: Visual Contradictions of Policing from Emmett Till to George Floyd and Beyond”

Ronald Dorris, Independent Scholar, Interdisciplinary Studies

“The Harlem Renaissance: A Link to Historical Resilience and Black Internationalism”

Session 3 11:50–12:55 PM, Keynote Address

Moderator: Abel Bartley, President, SCAASI

Greetings: Love Jones, City of Greensboro, Executive Director of Human Rights

Keynote Address: David Jackson, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, North Carolina Central University

Session 4 1:00–2:15 PM

“Blues and Blessings: Music and Musings during the African American Freedom Struggle”

Moderator: Bertis English, Alabama State University

Presenters:

Abel Bartley, Clemson University

“Singing the Blues: Black Music during Times of Pain”

Derrick Aldridge, University of Virginia

“Beyond the Culture Wars: Racial Recovery, Conservatism and Hip Hop”

Scot Brown, University of California, Los Angeles

“Mtume(ism): Toward a Black Studies Paradigm of Music Scholarship”

Session 5 2:20–3:00 PM, Elder’s Address

George Garrison, Kent State University, Retired

Session 6 3:05–4:00 PM, SCAASI Business Meeting

Eunice Matthews, Secretary’s Report

Tashia Bradley, *Griot* Report

Bertis English, Treasurer’s Report

Abel Bartley, President’s Report

General Membership, 2023–2025 Conference Themes and Locations

Other Business

Abel Bartley, Day 1 Closing Remarks

February 11, 2022

Introduction and Welcome 9:00–9:10 AM

Abel Bartley, President, SCAASI

Session 7 9:15–10:10 AM

Roundtable Discussion: “Colorline Academia: In Search of a More Critical Theory of Race”

Moderator: Sharron Herron-Williams, Southern University at Shreveport

Discussants:

Robert White, Alabama State University

Antwain Hillsman, Black Belt Research Collaborative

Session 8 10:15-11:30 AM

Roundtable Discussion: “For My People”: Dr. Margaret Walker Alexander’s Legacy in Black Studies”

Moderator: Tiffany Caesar, Mellon Scholar, Margaret Walker Center, Jackson State University

Presenters:

Robert Lockett, Jackson State University

Angela Stewart, Jackson State University

Tiffany Caesar, Jackson State University

Theron Wilkerson, Jackson State University

Session 9 11:35–12:45 PM

“The Struggle for Inclusivity: An Examination of Success, Progress and Challenges to Access”

Moderator: Lonnie McCray, Southern University at Shreveport

Presenters:

James Thomas-Jones III, Prairie View A&M University

“Lord Give Me a Sign”: Examination of Black Manhood, Ideology, Masculinity and Vulnerability in the Lyrics of Dark Man X

Deana McQuitty, North Carolina A&T University

“The Rise of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiatives among HBCUs and PWIs: Celebrating Success and Recognizing Opportunities”

Kendall Deas, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of South Carolina

“The Impact of Corporate Tax Incentives on South Carolina’s Public Schools”

Sharon F. Green, Southern University at Shreveport

“No Crumbs From the Table”

Session 10 12:45 AM–1:00 PM

Leonard Slade, “From the Heart of a Poet, Part II”

Session 11 1:05–1:30 PM

SCAASI Awards Presentation

Moderator: Wali Kharif, Tennessee Tech University (Retired)

Session 12 1:35-2:15 PM

Round Table Discussion: “Toward a More Perfect Union: Health Disparities in a Global Society, the Endemic Pandemic”

Moderator: Sharron Herron-Williams, Southern University at Shreveport

Discussants:

Lane Rolling, Tropical Pathology and Infectious Disease Association (TPaIDA)

Sharon F. Green, Southern University at Shreveport

Session 13 2:15–3:10 PM

Roundtable Discussion: “The Leadership Conundrum in Education: Toward a More Global Perspective”

Discussants:

Sidney L. Brown, Headmaster, Madison Park Technical Vocational High School, Boston

Alecia Hoffman, Alabama State University

Robert White, Alabama State University

Sharron Herron-Williams, Southern University at Shreveport

Session 14 Swearing-In Ceremony and Conference Conclusion 3:15 PM

Abel Bartley, Outgoing President, SCAASI, Introduction of Leaders for 2022 to 2024

Abel Bartley, Gavel Transfer to Sharron Herron-Williams, Incoming President, SCAASI

Sharron Herron-Williams, President, SCAASI, Remarks and Adjournment

Past Presidents

Abel Bartley
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Past Conferences

1. 1980, 1981 Houston, Texas (Texas Southern University)
2. 1982 New Orleans, Louisiana (Dillard University)
3. 1983, 1984 Jackson, Mississippi (Tougaloo College)
4. 1985 Montgomery, Alabama (Alabama State University)
5. 1986 Atlanta, Georgia (Morehouse College)
6. 1987 Jackson, Mississippi (Jackson State University)
7. 1988 Greensboro, North Carolina (North Carolina A&T State University)
8. 1989 Baton Rouge, Louisiana (Southern University)
9. 1990 Memphis, Tennessee (LeMoyne Owen College)
10. 1991 Houston, Texas (English Dept. Texas Southern University)
11. 1992 Petersburg, Virginia (Virginia State University)
12. 1993 Atlanta, Georgia (Clark Atlanta University)
13. 1994 Dallas, Texas (Paul Quinn College and Museum of African-American Life and Culture)
14. 1995 Baton Rouge, Louisiana (Southern University)
15. 1996 Tallahassee, Florida (Florida A&M University)
16. 1997 Atlanta, Georgia (Morehouse College)
17. 1998 New Orleans, Louisiana (Amistad Research Center)
18. 1999 Houston, Texas (History Program- Prairie View A&M University)
19. 2000 Little Rock, Arkansas (Philander Smith College)

20. 2001 Greensboro, North Carolina (Bennett College)
21. 2002 San Antonio, Texas (St. Philip's College)
22. 2003 Charleston, South Carolina (Avery Research Center)
23. 2004 Nashville, Tennessee (History Department, Tennessee State University)
24. 2005 Montgomery, Alabama (History Department, Alabama State University)
25. 2006 Savannah, Georgia (First Bryan Baptist Church)
26. 2007 Baton Rouge, Louisiana (Southern University)
27. 2008 Atlanta, Georgia (Morehouse College)
28. 2009 Charlotte, North Carolina
29. 2010 Jackson, Mississippi (Tougaloo College)
30. 2011 Dallas, Texas (African American Museum)
31. 2012 Houston, Texas (Buffalo Soldiers National Museum, Jewish Agency for Israel, Project RESPECT)
32. 2013 Tallahassee, Florida (Florida A&M University)
33. 2014 Baton Rouge, Louisiana (History Department, Southern University)
34. 2015 Montgomery, Alabama (Alabama State University)
35. 2016 Charleston, South Carolina
36. 2017 Atlanta, Georgia (Morehouse College)
37. 2018 Jackson, Mississippi (Jackson State)
38. 2019 Tallahassee, Florida (Florida A&M University)
39. 2020 Shreveport, Louisiana (Southern University at Shreveport)
40. 2021 Virtual Conference

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