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Registration Open for WeGOJA Foundation's Annual African American Historic Preservation Conference, Awards Luncheon

Exploring the connection between historic preservation and social justice.

Registration is now open for the WeGOJA Foundation's annual historic preservation conference and awards luncheon set for Wednesday-Thursday, April 20-21, in Columbia. The theme is "Historic Preservation: One Step Closer to Social Justice."

The conference will begin with a 5:30 p.m. reception on Wednesday, April 20, at the African American Monument on the State House grounds. The conference and awards luncheon follows on Thursday at the South Carolina Archives and History Center at 8301 Parklane Road in Columbia.

The keynote speaker will be Brent Leggs, senior vice president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and executive director of its African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund. Leggs is a Harvard University Loeb Fellow and author of "Preserving African American Historic Places."

The annual "Preserving Our Places in History" Awards luncheon will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. to recognize outstanding efforts in preserving African American history and heritage during 2021.

The conference also will feature morning and afternoon panel discussions with representatives from organizations including the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission, Reconstruction Era National Historical Park, the Slave Dwelling Project, the University of South Carolina Center for Civil Rights Research and History, Cecil Williams South Carolina Civil Rights Museum, Union County Remembrance Project, Gullah Geechee Chamber of Commerce, and the WeGOJA Foundation.

There also will be a silent auction and musical presentation. Registration is \$50 and is available [here](#). For more information, contact WeGOJA Foundation executive director Dawn Dawson-House at WeGOJAexecdir@gmail.com.

About the WeGOJA Foundation

The WeGOJA Foundation works to document and promote African American history and culture in South Carolina through supporting state historical markers, listings on the National Register of Historic Places, teacher's guides, and "The Green Book of South Carolina." WeGOJA collaborates with civic, government, and business leaders to "Preserve Our Places in History."