Meet the coaches, athletes, and other larger-than-life characters that laid the foundation for today’s Gamecock Nation

In A Gamecock Odyssey: University of South Carolina Sports in the Independent Era, author Alan Piercy chronicles the significant events and describes the larger-than-life characters of the years following the university’s departure from the Atlantic Coast Conference. During the independent years of the 1970s and 1980s, University of South Carolina athletics experienced some of the highest highs and lowest lows in its history. With colorful storytelling and Gamecock pride, Piercy gives curious college sports fans and diehard Gamecocks a behind-the-scenes tour of these raucous decades before they joined the Southeastern Conference. Tales of interpersonal clashes between football head coach Paul Dietzel and men’s basketball head coach Frank McGuire, the rise and fall of women’s basketball coach Pam Parsons, George Rogers and his magical Heisman Trophy–winning season, the birth of USC’s beloved mascot, Cocky, and other USC sports stories converge, stirring feelings of amusement, nostalgia, and pride. A Gamecock Odyssey captures the spirit of the time and shows the reader how those years influenced today’s Gamecock athletics culture.

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A poignant—and delicious—compendium of southern Jewish life revealed through food and story

Where people go, so goes their food. In Kugels & Collards: Stories of Food, Family, and Tradition in Jewish South Carolina, Rachel Gordin Barnett and Lyssa Kligman Harvey celebrate the unique and diverse food history of Jewish South Carolina. They gather stories and recipes from diverse Jewish sources—Sephardic and Ashkenazi families who have been in the state for hundreds of years, descendants of Holocaust survivors, and more recent immigrants from Russia and Israel—and explore how cherished dishes were influenced by available ingredients and complemented by African American and regional culinary traditions. These stories are a vital part of the South’s “Jewish geography” and foodways, stretching across state lines to shape southern culture.

On the southern Jewish table, many cultures are savored. Extensively illustrated with original and archival photographs, Kugels & Collards collects includes more than eighty recipes from seventy contributors. Barnett and Harvey, drawing on family cookbooks and troves of personal recipes and highlight Jewish staples like kreplach dumplings and stuffed cabbage as well as adaptations of southern favorites such as peach cobbler, plus modern fusions like grits and lox casserole, and of course kugels and collards.

Kugels & Collards invites readers into family homes, businesses, and community centers to share meals and memories.

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RACHEL GORDON BARNETT and LYSSA Kligman Harvey are lifelong South Carolinians who have been instrumental in preserving Jewish history across the state. They are founding members of the Historic Columbia Jewish Heritage Initiative and creators of the Kugels & Collards blog. They live in Columbia, South Carolina.

TOP-LEFT: Stuffed cabbage and challah. © Forrest Clonts. TOP-RIGHT: Okra gumbo and fried chicken. © Forrest Clonts. MIDDLE-LEFT: Hyman’s Seafood, Charleston, SC. Photograph by Ben Reitz, courtesy of Hyman’s Seafood. MIDDLE-RIGHT: Columbia Bakery, Columbia, SC, 1957. © The State Media Company. All rights reserved. Walker Local and Family History Center at Richland Library, Columbia, SC.
Cecil Williams is one of the few Southern Black photojournalists of the civil rights movement. Born and raised in Orangeburg, South Carolina, Williams worked at the center of emerging twentieth-century civil rights activism in the state, and his assignments often exposed him to violence perpetrated by White civil authorities and ordinary citizens.

Williams and award-winning journalist Claudia Smith Brinson combine forces in *Injustice in Focus: The Civil Rights Photography of Cecil Williams*. Together they document civil rights activism from the 1940s through the 1960s in South Carolina. Williams was there, to witness and document such pivotal movements as then-NAACP legal counsel Thurgood Marshall’s arrival in Charleston to argue the landmark school desegregation case *Briggs v. Elliott* and the aftermath of the infamous Orangeburg Massacre.

Featuring nearly eighty stunning photographs accompanied by Brinson’s rich research, interviews, and prose, *Injustice in Focus* offers a firsthand account of South Carolina’s fight for civil rights and describes Williams’s life behind the camera as a documentarian of the civil rights movement.

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CLAUDIA SMITH BRINSON is a journalist with more than thirty years of experience at newspapers in Greece, Florida, and South Carolina. She is the author of Stories of Struggle: The Clash over Civil Rights in South Carolina (USC Press, see catalog p. 10). Brinson lives in Columbia, SC.

CECIL WILLIAMS was born in Orangeburg, SC, in 1937. Williams dedicated himself to photographing civil rights activism, which he called a “journey toward freedom, justice, and equality.” In 2019 he founded the Cecil Williams South Carolina Civil Rights Museum in Orangeburg where he resides.

Williams's story is the story of the civil rights era.
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In The Garretts of Columbia, author David Nicholson tells a multigenerational story of Black hope and resilience. Carefully researched and beautifully written, The Garretts of Columbia engages readers with stories of a family whose members believed in the possibility of America. Nicholson relates the sacrifices, defeats, and affirming victories of a cohort of stalwart men and women who embraced education, fought for their country, and asserted their dignity in the face of a society that denied their humanity and discounted their abilities.

The letters of Anna Maria “Mama” Threewitts Garrett, along with other archival sources and family stories passed down through generations, provides the framework that allows Nicholson to trace his family’s deep history, and with it a representative tale about Black life in segregated Columbia, South Carolina, from the years after the Civil War to World War II.

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“We are as well as common,” Anna Maria Threewitts Garrett would sometimes end her letters to friends and relatives. With these simple words she conveyed a powerful message: Times are hard, but we’re still here.
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The Words and Wares of David Drake adds depth and context to our understanding of both Edgefield pottery and the life of Dave.

JILL BEUTE KOVERMAN was chief curator of collections at the McKissick Museum at the University of South Carolina when she died in 2013. JANE PRZYBYSZ has served as executive director of McKissick Museum at the University of South Carolina since 2011. She lives in Columbia, South Carolina.
David’s work is now so highly prized it is the cornerstone of the Metropolitan Museum of Art’s traveling exhibit of nineteenth-century ceramic art from Edgefield.

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Traces the maritime routes and the historical networks linking port cities around the Atlantic world

Port Cities of the Atlantic World brings together an impressive collection of essays that examine the centuries-long trans-Atlantic transportation of people, goods, and ideas with a focus on the impact of that trade on what would become the American South. Employing a wide temporal range and broad geographic scope, the scholars contributing to this volume call for a sea-facing history of the South, one that connects that terrestrial region to this expansive maritime history. By bringing the study up to the twentieth century in the collection’s final section, the editors, Jacob Steere-Williams and Blake C. Scott, make the case for the lasting influence of these port cities—and Atlantic world history—on the economy, society, and culture of the contemporary South.

JACOB STEERE-WILLIAMS is associate professor of history at the College of Charleston and holds a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. BLAKE C. SCOTT is associate professor of international studies at College of Charleston and holds a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin.
Travis D. Boyce considers the full sweep of Benner C. Turner’s life and career in the context of the contrary pressures of white and Black authority. Borrowing an expression from Michelle Obama’s remarks to the 2016 Democratic National Convention, Boyce casts Turner, long-serving president of South Carolina State University, as a steady and measured leader who preserved the limited resources his historically Black institution possessed in the face of often hostile social, political, and economic power structures.

Previous accounts of Turner and his SC State presidency portray him as unwilling to criticize the state’s white power structure and unable to contend with their open resistance to civil rights. Boyce argues that the modern view of Turner flattens a complex terrain, often relying selectively on hostile sources, and understates the political constraints on presidents of publicly funded HBCUs in the South. Considering Turner in a richer context, with a deep awareness of his early life and formative influences, Boyce provides a more complete critical examination of his leadership in trying times.

TRAVIS D. BOYCE is associate professor and chair of the department of African American Studies at San Jose State University. He is the coeditor of Historicizing Fear.

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Diane Catherine Vecchio examines the diverse economic experiences of Jews who settled in what we today call Upstate South Carolina. Like other parts of the so-called New South, Upcountry South Carolina was a center of textile manufacturing and new business opportunities that attracted entrepreneurial energy. Previous histories of economic development in the South Carolina Piedmont have tended to overlook the significance of Jewish individual people and instead focused on macro-economic factors such as northern investment and low labor costs. Working with a rich set of oral histories, memoirs, and traditional historical documents, Vecchio provides an important corrective to the standard history of manufacturing in South Carolina. That revision is part of a larger retelling of southern Jewish history, one that adds social and cultural dimensions to traditional economic history.

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A new framework for understanding how algorithms influence contemporary life

Modern computing machines cannot yet speak for themselves, although the capacities of AI are rapidly expanding. They can, however, generate rhetorical energies as they give advice, entertain, and proffer insight, speaking to human concerns in extra-human ways and guiding human action.

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Agatha Christie stands as the bestselling novelist of all time and, in terms of total sales in all genres, she places only behind the Christian Bible and Shakespeare. Since the publication of *The Mysterious Affair at Styles* in 1920, Christie’s fiction has withstood the derogatory assessments, born of envy, of her peers and the snipes of critics, while garnering the admiration of countless readers.

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TISON PUGH is author or editor of over twenty-five books, including *The Queer Fantasies of the American Family Sitcom* and *Harry Potter and Beyond: On J. K. Rowling’s Fantasies and Other Fictions* (USC Press, 2020). He is Pegasus Professor in the Department of English, University of Central Florida.
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