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In *Taste the State*, Kevin Mitchell and David S. Shields present surprising stories and engaging profiles of eighty-two of South Carolina's most distinctive ingredients, such as Carolina Gold rice, Sea Island White Flint corn, and the cone-shaped Charleston Wakefield cabbage, and signature dishes, such as shrimp and grits, chicken bog, okra soup, Frogmore stew, and crab rice. These portraits, illustrated with original photographs and historical drawings, provide origin stories, tales of kitchen creativity, and agricultural innovation throughout the Palmetto State.

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KEVIN MITCHELL is the first African American chef instructor at the Culinary Institute of Charleston in South Carolina. In 2020 he was named a South Carolina Chef Ambassador. **DAVID S. SHIELDS** is Carolina Distinguished Professor of English Language and Literature at the University of South Carolina, chair of the Carolina Gold Rice Foundation, author of numerous books, and the recipient of the Southern Foodways Alliance's Ruth Fertel Keeper of the Flame Award.

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South Carolina's Signature Foods, Recipes, and Their Stories

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CLAY CRESWELL has been a North and South Carolina region shark—bite investigator for the Shark Research Institute Global Shark Attack File since 2004.

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ROBERT N. ROSEN, a partner in The Rosen Law Firm, is the author of several books including *The Jewish Confederates*.

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ELI FABER (1943–2020) was professor of history and dean of undergraduate studies at John Jay College of Criminal Justice at the City University of New York when he retired in 2010. **CAROL BERKIN** is Presidential Professor of History Emerita at Baruch College at the City University of New York.

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LYDIA MATTICE BRANDT is an architectural historian, historic preservationist, and associate professor of art history at the University of South Carolina.

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Adeleke argues that Delany was a quintessential humanist who envisioned a social order in which everyone, regardless of race, felt validated and empowered. Adeleke illuminates Delany's humanist visions and aspirations and analyzes the breadth and versatility of his thought within the context of his American-centered aspirations. In the Service of God and Humanity reveals a complex man whose ideas straddled many social, political, and cultural spaces, and whose voice continues to speak to America today.

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BRYAN C. RINDFLEISCH is an assistant professor of history at Marquette University and the author of *George Galphin's Intimate Empire: The Creek Indians, Family, and Colonialism in Early America.*

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DEREK C. MAUS teaches contemporary literature at the State University of New York at Potsdam and is the author of *Jesting in Earnest: Percival Everett and Menippean Satire* and Unvarnishing Reality: Subversive Russian and American Cold War Satire.

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