



SC State Project on Language and Culture (SCPLC)

The Department of English and Modern Languages hosts this Web Portal for research in Linguistics, Language and Culture, with a concentration on the American South and South Carolina. The project was initiated by Dr. S. B. Saloné from work that she has been doing on dialects in the state and in the southern regions of the United States.

This project showcases faculty and student research in Linguistics, Culture, Literature, Communications and Cultural Studies. The overall goal of the Portal is to be a hub of research activity related to the aforementioned areas, with a focus on southern areas of the country. We have faculty specialists in Linguistics, Literature, Communications and Cultural Studies. A selection of articles from our **Faculty Pages** are listed below:

Dr. Delindus R. Brown, Joanne M. Weinman. "The Grammatical Rules of Black English: Different or Deficient." Dr. Alex K. Johnson. "Varieties of Krio and Standard Krio." Dr. Yvonne Sims. "Redefining African-American Femininity and Empowerment in Selected 1970s Black Action Films."

For several years, our **students** have been involved in projects to collect data for analysis from the myriad **dialects, languages and cultures** represented in our state. The **student papers** bring data from small towns all over the state, as well as from the coastal areas and the Gullah-speaking islands. These analyses focus on linguistics, culture/anthropological studies, and literature; and the goal of the project is to share our academic findings with other scholars who might be working on cultures and languages in other parts of the United States and the world. The student papers are presented as text documents in HTML, with 1-3 minute audio clips representing either the dialects spoken by the language consultants or the cultural narratives/ interviews done by the students. This is a valuable collection of materials for scholarly comparison.





The broad purpose of the site is to **archive** the richness of cultures and languages of the South and of South Carolina. The audio clips as well as the student and faculty papers will be available into the future as a living legacy of the beautiful cultures and languages found in The South.

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