



Faye Jensen, PhD

Born in Virginia, Faye Jensen received her BA from the University of Georgia and her PhD from Emory University. She was trained as an archivist by the National Archives and Records Administration at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library. While at the Carter Library, Dr. Jensen focused on the papers of the First Lady and published ““These are Precious Years’: The Papers of Rosalynn Carter,” in *Modern First Ladies: Their Documentary Legacy*. Dr. Jensen taught history for nearly twenty years at several colleges and universities, including Perimeter College in Atlanta, the University of Alabama in Huntsville, and The Citadel. With an interest in the post-Civil War South, Dr. Jensen recently contributed a chapter to *Making a New South*, published by the University of Florida Press.

Current Talks

South Carolina: First in Golf

You’ve seen the license plate that reads “First in Golf,” but did you know that South Carolina has many firsts in the history of the game? From the formation of the first golf club in America to the first club to establish tees for women, Faye Jensen traces the state’s important role in the development of this popular sport.

Madeira to Moonshine: A Drinking History of South Carolina

From colonial shrubs to Dubose Heywards’ champagne punch, this presentation focuses on the alcoholic beverages popular in South Carolina through the years. Dr. Jensen discusses the everyday drinking habits of the common man as well as the appeal of finer imported wines to the colonial aristocracy. Jensen draws from the rich archives of the South Carolina Historical Society for specific examples and explains that the state’s drinking habits offer an interesting window to its past.

Raising Revolutionaries: Eliza Lucas Pinckney and her Sons

In some ways, Eliza Lucas Pinckney has come to overshadow her sons. Charles Cotesworth Pinckney was a signer of the Constitution and Thomas Pinckney was Governor of South Carolina and the first U.S. Minister to the Court of St. James. This talk draws from the SCHS collection of Pinckney Family papers to focus on Eliza’s parenting style and her relationship with her sons.

The South Carolina Historical Society: Past, Present, and Future

The SCHS was founded in 1855 to collect, preserve, and promote the history of the state. It is

now the oldest and largest private repository in the state. In this presentation, Faye Jensen tells the story of the organization and highlights some of its more exciting collections.