

# University of South Carolina

INAUGURAL RICHARD T. GREENER SYMPOSIUM

FEBRUARY 21, 2018  
RUSSELL HOUSE BALLROOM  
4:00 P.M.

**Welcome**

*Christian Anderson*  
*Associate Professor, Higher Education*

**Who Was Richard T. Greener?**

*Katherine Chaddock*  
*Distinguished Professor Emerita*

**Reading from “The White Problem”  
by playwright Jon Tuttle**

*Stan Brown*  
*Professor, Theatre*

**Introduction of Speakers**

*Ross Lordo*  
*Student Body President*

**Keynote Address**

*James E. Clyburn*  
*U.S. House of Representatives*

**Remarks**

*Harris Pastides*  
*President, University of South Carolina*

**Reflection**

*Chelsea Evans*  
*Editor, South Carolina Law Review*

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**STATUE UNVEILING**

**NEXT TO THOMAS COOPER LIBRARY**

**Remarks**

*Todd Shaw*  
*Associate Professor, Political Science and African American Studies*  
*Chair, Department of Political Science*

## **RICHARD T. GREENER MEMORIAL**

Richard T. Greener was the first African-American professor at the University of South Carolina, serving during the Reconstruction Era, from 1873 through 1877. The University of South Carolina has placed a statue in his honor next to the Thomas Cooper Library.

**[SC.EDU/GREENER](https://www.sc.edu/greener)**



### **RICHARD T. GREENER**

Greener was the first African-American graduate of Harvard College. In addition to teaching philosophy and languages at USC, Greener served as librarian and helped to reorganize and catalog the library's holdings, which were in disarray after the Civil War. Greener was the only black professor at a Southern public university during Reconstruction, and it would be decades before another black professor would be appointed at USC. While a faculty member at South Carolina, he also attended the School of Law. His law degree and law license were found in Chicago and later obtained by USC.

After leaving South Carolina, Greener served as dean of the Howard University School of Law, as a diplomat for the United States in Vladivostok, Russia, and as secretary of the Grant Memorial, and he worked in private law practice. Greener was born Jan. 30, 1844, and died in 1922.

### **THE GREENER SCULPTURE**

Sculptor Jon Hair was commissioned to create the sculpture of Richard T. Greener after winning a juried competition in 2013. Lydia Mattice Brandt, associate professor of art history, organized the ideas completion and juried competition to select a sculptor.



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