

# THE CANDIDATES

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## 2017 BOARD ELECTIONS

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors has proposed a slate of 10 candidates for the open Director seats to be elected by the general membership in this year's election. Please complete and return the enclosed ballot by December 31, 2017.

>> *Indicates incumbent Board members running for reelection.*

**Stuart Andrews** is a partner of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP. He practices in Columbia where he was the founder of the Firm's South Carolina Healthcare Group. Mr. Andrews was the designer and first coordinator of the Firm's nationally recognized Pro Bono Program. He also has been the leader of the Nelson Mullins Corporate, Tax and Securities Group. Mr. Andrews' 35 year career has earned him numerous awards and recognitions, including S. C. Appleseed's Rev. Sen. Clementa C. Pinckney Aware for Justice in 2016, and has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America in Health Care Law from 1995 to 2017.

>> **David Cohen** retired as the Dean of the School of Languages, Cultures and World Affairs at the College of Charleston, where he had also served as the Dean of Libraries and Academic Information Services, overseeing the college library, its marine biology branch, the Avery Research Center, the Rivers Communication Museum, and the Lowcountry Graduate Center Library. Prior to joining faculty at the College of Charleston, Mr. Cohen was on staff of the libraries at the University of Houston and the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. In his own words, "the special role that libraries play giving citizens access to information without prejudice has been a point of personal commitment. I believe that ACLU's efforts to protect First and Fourth amendment rights are ever more significant as technology comes to dominate our lives."

**Jason Darby** is the Director of Marketing and Communications for the University of South Carolina Palmetto College – a division of the eight-campus University of South Carolina System that includes more than a dozen online bachelor's degree completion programs and four regional two-year campuses. In this role, he is responsible for developing and deploying an integrates marketing communications strategy to further USC Palmetto College's mission to make a quality USC education accessible, affordable and flexible for South Carolinians seeking to complete a bachelor's degree.

**Brandy Fisher** has worked as a social worker and therapist and is currently the CEO/Clinical Director of Mind Renewal Services, LLC, which is a private mental health practice in Greenville. Ms. Fisher has also been a member and served in leadership positions of several civic organizations in South Carolina, Maryland and Pennsylvania. She has served in communities in which she lived for numerous years and looks forward to continuing to serve the needs of her community. She received her MSW from Boston University in 2003.

**Hollis France** is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the College of Charleston, with a wide array of research interests, such as Indigenous Ontologies in the Anglophone Caribbean; Latin American and Caribbean Development and intersections of trade, finance, investment, labor, migration, food security, race and gender. She has authored several studies, newspaper features and has won many awards, including a highly competitive *Faculty Development Award* from the College of Charleston in 2012 and 2014.

>> **William Griffith**, a native of Iowa, has lived in South Carolina for more than 30 years. He completed his B.S. with distinction and M.S. at Iowa State University, an M.B.A. from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, and a Ph.D. from Virginia Tech in the field of Engineering Mechanics. Mr. Griffith was an engineer and manager at Michelin Research for over 26 years. As a Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1970, he remained in the Reserve for 13 years in various capacities, mostly as an Ordinance Officer, leaving as a Captain. Mr. Griffith ran as a progressive candidate for U.S. Congress from South Carolina's 4th District in 2006, and describes himself as favoring "a reduced role of government where permissible."

**Nan Johnston** is in her seventh year at Clemson, serving as Director for Clemson's Center for Corporate Learning. CCL designs and develops continuing professional and executive education programs, and is located in downtown Greenville. She has extensive experience in sales and marketing, both in advertising and in adult education. As part of the team at Clemson's College of Business, The Center for Corporate Learning is Nan's idea of the best job ever. She earned his BA in Classical Studies at the University of South Carolina, and a Masters of Arts in Classics at Tufts University in Boston, MA. Hiking, gardening, good causes and traveling with her husband takes up most of her free time.

>> **Stefanie Keen** is an Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of South Carolina Upstate in Spartanburg. She earned a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Indiana University. Dr. Keen currently teaches a variety of undergraduate courses including Child Abuse and Neglect, Developmental Psychology, and Abnormal Psychology. She is also engaged in an active research program related to the psychological effects of traumatic stress including intimate partner violence and child maltreatment, and has published articles in the *Clinical Psychology Review* and the *Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development* and a book titled "Child Abuse and Neglect." Her research interests also include the psychological effects of traumatic stress (e.g., military trauma, child maltreatment), particularly the co-morbidity of post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders. She and her family live in Spartanburg.

**Patricia Marino** is a retired educator from New Jersey where she taught English at Metuchen High School and ESL at Princeton High School. She has a BA and a MA in English Literature from Rutgers University, as well as Supervisor Certification. She and her husband moved to Johns Island, South Carolina two years ago. As an educator, she has seen first-hand the issues that plague children of color in the area of youth justice reform in South Carolina. Additionally, her experience in teaching English as a Second Language has put her in daily contact with the unique circumstances of children and their families that are affected by immigration enforcement in the United States. Ms. Marino is currently working as part of a community group with

St. Johns High School in an effort to develop programs that assist high school students in career development and intern and apprentice opportunities. Also she volunteered with the ACLU during the presidential campaign as a poll monitor and has served in leadership positions in various organizations in New Jersey and South Carolina."

**Lindsay Webster** moved to the South about 20 years ago from Washington, DC. She studied Political Science and African American Studies at Barnard College in New York and the London School of Economics. Ms. Webster worked in Brussels, first at the European Commission and then at the law firm of Covington and Burling. This was followed by a stint in the film industry and then a researcher at the headhunting firm of Russell Reynolds Associates. She is currently coordinating the Spanish translation program for St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic, while also being a fierce grassroots leader in organizing events and fundraisers for various groups who work for the greater good.