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**Charles Joyner** is Distinguished Professor of Southern History and Culture Emeritus at Coastal Carolina University. Prior to assuming his present position he taught at the University of California, Berkeley, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Alabama. An alumnus of Presbyterian College, he holds two earned doctorates – a Ph.D. in History from the University of South Carolina and a Ph.D. in Folklore and Folklife from the University of Pennsylvania.

Joyner is perhaps best known for his book *Down by the Riverside: A South Carolina Slave Community* (1984). It won the National University Press Book Award and has been called “the finest work ever written on American slavery.” A more recent book is *Shared Traditions: Southern History and Folk Culture* (1999). He is also author of *Remember Me: Slave Life in Coastal Georgia* (1989) and *Folk Song in South Carolina* (1971).

He is co-author of *Before Freedom Came: African-American Life and Labor in the Antebellum South* (1992), chosen by the American Library Association as one of the thirteen non-fiction works in its Notable Books List.

Among Joyner’s numerous awards are the South Carolina Humanities Council Governor’s Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Humanities, the “Ambassador of Peace” Award of the Louis G. Gregory Ba’hai Center, an Honorary Life Membership in BrANCH (British Nineteenth-century American Historians) for his contributions to the transatlantic study of American history, an honorary life membership in the American Civil War Roundtable of Australia for his contributions to International understanding of Southern history and culture, and the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Presbyterian College.

In addition to his writing and teaching, Joyner has been active in the production of films and television and radio programs dealing with the South. “I’d Like to See What’s Down There,” a documentary examining oral history and historical archaeology at Drayton Hall plantation on the Ashley River near Charleston, won awards from the South Carolina Federation of Museums and from the American Association for State and Local History. Joyner also wrote, produced, and hosted the award-winning mini-series “Legacy of Conflict” examining South Carolina’s role in the Civil War.

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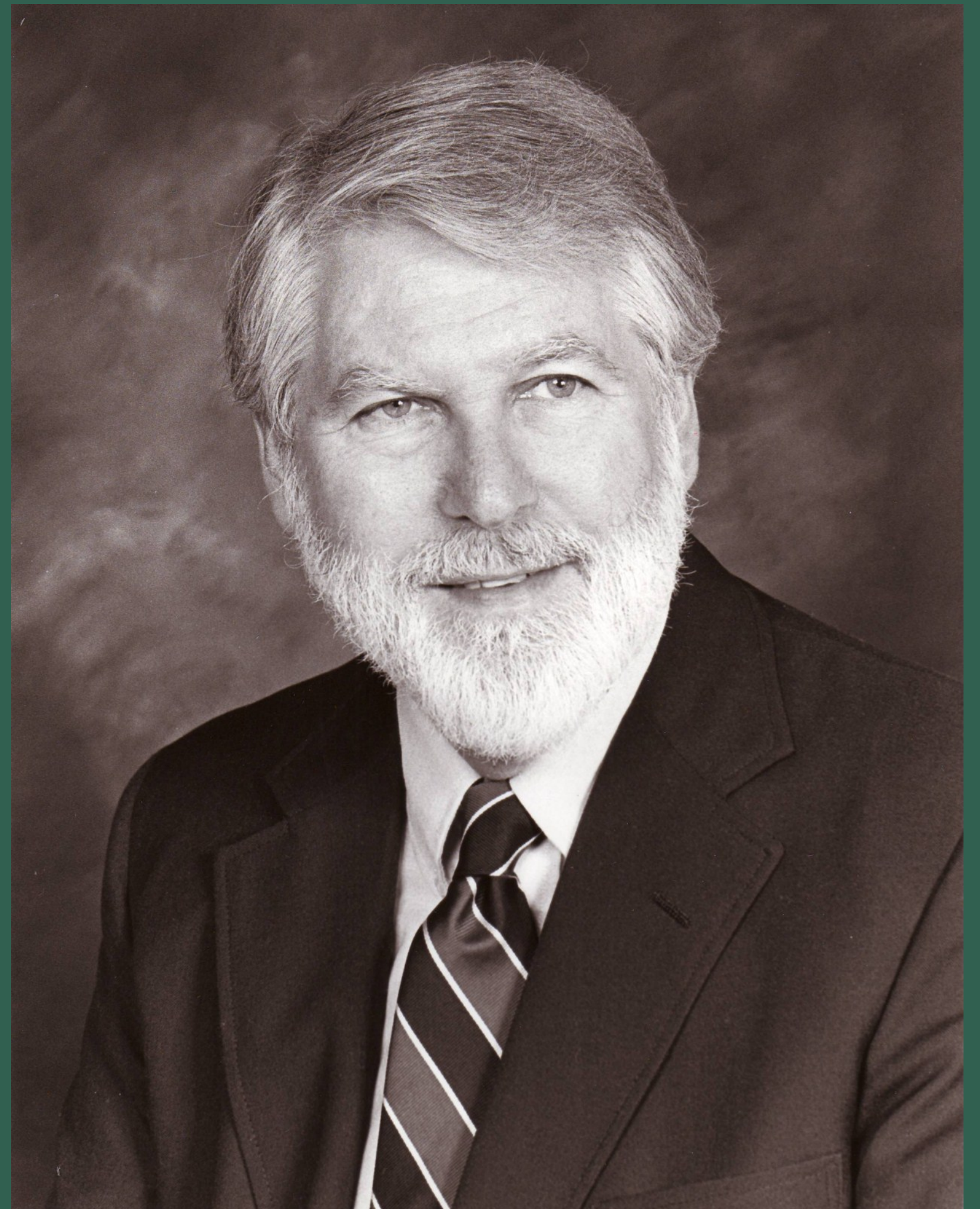


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