



Dr. Emory Shaw Campbell

From 1980 until he retired in 2002, Dr. Emory Shaw Campbell was the Executive Director of Penn Center on St. Helena Island, SC, where he embarked on a program to revive the Center's historical significance and educational programs, and to preserve the cultural and environmental assets of the Sea Islands.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Savannah State College and a Master of Science degree in Environmental Engineering from Tufts University in Boston. He was awarded honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by Bank Street College of Education in New York in 2008, and by the University of South Carolina-Beaufort in 2012. He has also authored *Gullah Cultural Legacies*, a guidebook to the legacy of Gullah Culture in the Lowcountry community in 2002, and in 2020, co-authored *Gullah Days: Hilton Head Island Before the Bridge 1861-1956*.

Through the years, Dr. Campbell has appeared in documentaries, news magazines, films and radio and television programs, including 60 minutes, The Today Show, the PBS special *Family Across the Sea*, and C-Span's *Washington Journal*. In 1999, he was awarded the Governor's Award for Historical Preservation and inducted into the South Carolina Black Hall of Fame. In 2006, he was awarded the Carter G. Woodson Award for Civil Rights by the National Education Association. In 2010, his essay, "A Sense of self and Place Unmasking My Gullah Heritage," appeared with ten other essays in the book *African American Life in the Georgia Lowcountry*, published by the University of Georgia Press. Later that year, he received the Environmental Stewardship Award from the South Carolina Aquarium.

Applying his education to real-life concerns, Dr. Campbell sought to address environmental issues that affected the daily lives of island people. His goal was to inform, preserve, and enhance the unique and rich Gullah cultural environment in the face of rapid development on the Sea Islands.

Dr. Campbell is the President of the Gullah Heritage Consulting Service and manages the Gullah Heritage Trail Tours, a family-operated business on Hilton Head Island, where he was born and currently resides with his wife.