

# F. Karcheik Sims-Alvarado, Ph.D.



Dr. Karcheik Sims-Alvarado, *Historian, Independent Scholar, Artist, and Entrepreneur.*

**F**or over twenty years, Dr. Karcheik Sims-Alvarado has studied the history and culture of African Americans in the South. Whether in the classroom, museum, or in the field, she has sought to educate and illuminate others on the unique beauty and fragility of African-American history, life, and culture.

As the CEO of Preserve Black America, LLC, a research agency dedicated to identifying, recording, and preserving African-American history and culture, Dr. Sims-Alvarado has developed a model for utilizing historical and cultural assets as catalysts for economic and community development. In 2012, she created the “Roads to Freedom Project” a citywide, pedestrian friendly, multi-experiential plan comprising of nearly 700 historic sites that will elevate the African-American odyssey in Atlanta as it relates to local, national, and international events from various historical periods.

Her company has worked on several historical projects, researching and documenting historic business districts, including the Auburn Avenue Cultural and Information Project organized by Central Atlanta Progress/Atlanta Downtown Improvement District.

Dr. Sims-Alvarado received a Ph.D. in History from Georgia State University and is currently pursuing a second M.A. degree in Museum Studies at Harvard University. During her matriculation, she received numerous awards: Ford Fellowship with Indiana University, Hermitage Museum Archeological Fellowship, Georgia State University Graduate Fellowship, and Southern Regional Educational Board Dissertation Fellowship. She is also a multi-recipient of the prestigious National Endowment for Humanities Summer Institute Fellowship with the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute at Harvard University and the Georgia Historical Society.

Dr. Sims-Alvarado has worked in some of the leading Atlanta historical institutions: National Center for Civil and Human Rights, Atlanta History Center, and The Herndon Home museum. She has also taught at Agnes Scott College, Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College, Georgia Perimeter College, and Georgia State University.

Dr. Sims-Alvarado is an accomplished visual artist. Her works have been displayed at numerous art galleries, juried shows, and personal collections throughout the country. As an arts advocate, she served as a Trustee of the Fulton County Arts Council.

Dr. Sims-Alvarado lives in Atlanta with her husband, Joel Alvarado, and son, Nation Shabazz-Alvarado.