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Dr. Daniel R. Varat serves as Chief of Staff for South Carolina Lieutenant Governor Kevin L. Bryant. Dr. Varat is a native of Greenville, SC and a graduate of Furman University. Dr. Varat holds a MA from Louisiana State University and a Ph. D. in History from the University of Mississippi. Prior to his service to Lieutenant Governor Bryant, Dr. Varat worked in the manufacturing industry, taught at the college level, and served in several senior capacities in state government. Dr. Varat has served twice on the South Carolina State Board of Education and for over a decade on the Greenville County First Steps Board of Directors. Dr. Varat is married to the former Gina Silver, also a Greenville native and professional educator, who teaches fifth grade science at Christ Church Episcopal School. Their daughter, Mary Earl, will enter the seventh grade in the Fall. The Varats live in Greenville County.