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October 2015

## Thought Leader Speaker Series featuring **Nicholas Kristof**

In celebration of our 10-year anniversary, we are launching an annual Thought Leader Speaker Series to bring some of America's most critical thinkers and thought provoking voices to South Carolina to help us collectively wrestle with some of the very real and systemic roadblocks we face as a state. This year's Thought Leader Speaker Series will feature Nicholas Kristof, *The New York Times* columnist, two-time Pulitzer Prize winner and co-author of four best-selling books: *A Path Appears*, *Half the Sky*, *China Wakes*, and *Thunder from the East*.

### **Monday, October 19th**

#### **Presentation**

10:00 am - 11:30 am  
Charleston Music Hall | 37 John St.  
\$25 Tickets

#### **Luncheon & Conversation**

12:00PM - 1:30PM  
Embassy Suites Historic Charleston | 337 Meeting St.  
\$100 Tickets

Join us for a presentation from Mr. Kristof focusing on his most recent best-selling book, *A Path Appears: Transforming Lives and Creating Opportunities*. In his presentation, Mr. Kristof will share first-hand examples of the oppression and inequality that exists today, explore some of today's most successful local and global initiatives to fight inequality, and demonstrate to the audience how an individual can change the world. The presentation will be followed by a more intimate luncheon at the Embassy Suites Historic Charleston featuring an interview with Nicholas Kristof, conducted by Charleston's own Pulitzer Prize winner, *Jack Bass*.

Blue Bicycle Books will be on site throughout the day selling copies of Nicholas Kristof's best-selling books *A Path Appears* and *Half the Sky*. Mr. Kristof will be signing books at the Charleston Music Hall after the morning presentation.

**Thought Leader Speaker Series Giveaway!** Purchase a ticket to see Nicholas Kristof's presentation at Charleston Music Hall for a *chance to win* two tickets to the luncheon AND a signed copy of *A Path Appears*.

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## News

### 2015 Regional Economic Scorecard

The Charleston Regional Development Alliance and the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce present the 2015 Regional Economic Scorecard for the community. The Chamber's Center for Business Research facilitated the research & analyzed... [Read More...>](#)

### Mayoral candidates tell how they would handle Charleston's growth

Candidates in the Charleston mayor's race weighed in on development, keeping the city affordable and the future without Joe Riley at the helm, at the largest forum held so far. Several hundred people attended the event at the Charleston Music Hall... [Read More...>](#)

### Charleston church hosts PBS town-hall conversation on aftermath of Emanuel AME killings

Standing to his feet with hunched shoulders drawing him closer to a microphone inches from his face, a white man looked into the eyes of a black journalist on Saturday and said he had been "taught wrong" about race. The grief that overcame him... [Read More...>](#)  
(Watch "America After Charleston" [here](#))

### SC Foundation invests in healthy food for rural areas

COLUMBIA, SC (WIS) - One group is making a big investment in the future of healthy food options in rural parts of South Carolina. The Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina Foundation presented a \$500,000 check to the South Carolina Community... [Read More...>](#)

## Upcoming Events

### 2015 S.C. Obesity Summit

October 26, 2015 | 10:00 am - 11:30 am | Columbia, SC

The 2015 S.C. Obesity Summit is a venue for public health, health care, education and other professionals and community leaders to gather and discuss positive changes that lead to increased access to fresh fruits and vegetables and to physical activity. [More Information](#)

### 2015 SC Community Capital Conference

October 27, 2015 | 8:30 am - 4:30 pm | Columbia, SC

The SCCCA is hosting a one-day conference that brings together local and national leaders for a discussion on innovative approaches to impact investing and ways to identify new capital sources that support community economic development in the state. [More Information](#)

Since 2004, we have provided 275 loans for \$22.8 million in financing that facilitated more than \$196 million in community development projects; we financed 1,143 housing units, 3 healthy food outlets, 4 community facilities, and 5 community businesses, creating or retaining 3,131 jobs and providing a safe, affordable place to call home for 2,858 individuals and families.

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