



CENTRAL CAROLINA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# Dr. John Shelton Reed: The History and Culture of **BARBECUE**

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**DATE:**

November 15, 2023

**TIME:**

3:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:**

Chatham Community Library  
Holmes Meeting Room  
764 West St., Pittsboro, NC

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**CCCC is honored to host**

## **Dr. John Shelton Reed**

for a presentation on the history and culture of barbecue. Dr. Reed will discuss Southern barbecue, its early history, and the emergence of distinctive regional styles. This presentation will discuss several meanings of the word “barbecue,” the historic link between barbecue and politics, the significance of barbecue competitions, and the recent emergence of “chef-driven” barbecue.

### **Dr. Reed Abbreviated Biography**

Dr. Reed graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and received his Ph.D. from Columbia University. He taught at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, retiring as William Rand Kenan Jr. Professor of Sociology and Director of the Howard Odum Institute for Research in Social Science. He helped to found the university’s Center for the Study of the American South. In 2023 he was presented the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. Dr. Reed is credited with several barbecue books, including *Holy Smoke: The Big Book of North Carolina Barbeque*, has been a judge at the Memphis in May World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest, and is co-founder and Éminence Grease of the Campaign for Real Barbecue (TrueCue.org).

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