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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION ON APRIL 19 AT 12:00**  
***FORGING A CHEROKEE-AMERICAN ALLIANCE IN THE CREEK WAR***  
**PRESENTED BY SUSAN ABRAM**

Montgomery, AL (4/5/2018)- *Food for Thought* continues another year of fascinating lectures on the rich history of Alabama at the Alabama Department of Archives and History on **Thursday, April 19 at 12:00** when Susan Abram presents ***Forging a Cherokee-American Alliance in the Creek War***.

In this presentation, historian and author Susan Abram will discuss the role of the Cherokee soldiers who fought alongside American troops against the Red Stick Creeks in the Creek War of 1813-1814.

Abram will demonstrate the pivotal changes this alliance had upon Cherokee culture and society. The victory over the Red Sticks strengthened the resolve of the Cherokee veterans who served in tribal leadership positions after the war. They hoped to maintain the American alliance, and often used their service during the Creek War as an argument against removal, which ultimately occurred in 1838.

Susan Abram received her doctorate from Auburn University in 2009. She is the author of *Forging a Cherokee-American Alliance in the Creek War: From Creation to Betrayal*, which received the 2013 Anne B. and James B. McMillan Prize in Southern History by the University of Alabama Press. Abram's other publications include *The Cherokee Beloved Occupation: Warfare, Gender, and Community*; *New Men: Essays on Manliness in Early America*; and *Cherokees in the Creek War in Tohopeka: Rethinking the Creek War and the War of 1812*. She serves as president of the North Carolina Trail of Tears Association which works with the National Park Service to promote, protect, and interpret the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.

Admission to *Food for Thought* presentations is always **FREE**. The public is invited to bring a brown bag lunch. Complimentary beverages will be provided. **For additional information call (334) 353-4689.**

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The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government records repository, special collections library and research facility, and is home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. The EBSCO Research Room is open Tuesday through Friday and the second Saturday of the month from 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit [www.archives.alabama.gov](http://www.archives.alabama.gov) or call (334) 242-4364.

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