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FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION ON JUNE 21 AT 12:00
HUGO BLACK OF ALABAMA
PRESENTED BY STEVE SUITTS

Montgomery, AL (6/11/2018)- *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, June 21 at 12:00** when Steve Suitts presents ***Hugo Black of Alabama***.

Appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1937, Alabama native Hugo Black was one of the most influential Supreme Court justices of the twentieth century. This month, award-winning author and lecturer Steve Suitts will explore Black's role as a private attorney and public official in addressing the injustices of Alabama's Jim Crow criminal justice system in the years before his appointment to the Court.

Steve Suitts is an adjunct lecturer at the Institute for Liberal Arts of Emory University and managing consultant of an education advocacy project of the New Venture Fund. Born in Winston County, Alabama, Suitts attended Alabama's public schools and the University of Alabama. After working with the Selma Inter-Religious Project, Suitts was the founding director of the Alabama Civil Liberties Union from 1972 to 1977. Over the next 40 years, he served as executive director of the Southern Regional Council and as vice president and senior fellow of the Southern Education Foundation. Suitts is author of more than 125 articles, monographs, and books, including *Hugo Black of Alabama*, which earned him Georgia Author of the Year Award for biography. Suitts was also the executive producer and writer of *Will the Circle Be Unbroken*, a 13-hour public radio series about the local southern civil rights movement which received a Peabody Award.

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 or call (334) 242-4364.

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