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**ARCHIVES TO LAUNCH *HISTORY/NOW: CONVERSATIONS ON THE PAST + PRESENT*
FEBRUARY 12 AT 6:00 PM FEATURING AUTHOR FOSTER DICKSON**

Montgomery, AL (01/24/2019) - The Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) is excited to announce the launch of **history/now**, an occasional evening series focused on conversations about the past and the present. The inaugural program will be held on **Tuesday, February 12, at 6:00 pm** in the ADAH's Milo B. Howard Auditorium. Light refreshments will be served. **Admission is free.**

The first history/now program will feature Foster Dickson, an award-winning educator and the author of the new book *Closed Ranks: The Whitehurst Case in Post-Civil Rights Montgomery*. The program will include a presentation by Dickson followed by an opportunity for informal conversation among attendees, moderated by ADAH staff and a local historian.

Closed Ranks details the wrongful killing of Bernard Whitehurst Jr. by a Montgomery police officer in 1975 and the broad ramifications of the ensuing investigation for the city. Dickson's book is the first to examine the Whitehurst case in detail.

Foster Dickson is a writer, editor, and award-winning teacher who lives in Montgomery, Alabama. His work has centered mainly on subjects related to the American South, multiculturalism, education, and social justice. Dickson's books include *I Just Make People Up: Rambling with Clark Walker* (2009) and *Children of the Changing South* (2011). His shorter works have appeared in *Calaloo*, *Evergreen Review*, and the *Encyclopedia of Alabama*. To learn more about his work, visit fosterdickson.com.

For more information about this program, call or (334) 353-9270 or email scotty.kirkland@archives.alabama.gov.

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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