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### ARCHITREATS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION *MODERN ALABAMA* BY HARVEY H. JACKSON AT THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

ArchiTreats: Food for Thought celebrates the *Year of Alabama History* through a series of sequential lectures in Alabama history by leading experts in the field. Join us at **noon** on **Thursday, November 19** as **Harvey H. Jackson** presents *Modern Alabama*. This presentation will be held at the Alabama Department of Archives and History.

How do you define “Modern Alabama?” Is it just a slice of time – 1945 to the present – in which Alabama became something it wasn’t before? Will a comparison of then (pre-1945) and since, really define us as “modern?” Or should we be measured against some abstract concept of modernity, some scholarly checklist of what a state must and must not be and do to be “modern?” In his talk, Jackson will compare us to what we used to be, measure us against what “smart folks” say a state must be to be modern, and reach some sort of a conclusion about what we are today.

Harvey H. (Hardy) Jackson, III grew up in Grove Hill, Alabama where he attended local public schools. He is a graduate of Marion Military Institute, Birmingham Southern College, the University of Alabama, and the University of Georgia. He has taught at colleges and universities in Florida and Georgia, and is currently Jacksonville State University Professor and Eminent Scholar in History. Jackson is the author, co-author, or co-editor of eleven books on various aspects of southern history. His most recent book, *Inside Alabama: A Personal History of My State*, won the Alabama Historical Association C. J. Coley Award. He is also working on a history of the northern coast of the Gulf of Mexico since World War II, tentatively entitled “The Rise and Decline of the ‘Redneck Riviera.’”

This ArchiTreats presentation is made possible by the Friends of the Alabama Archives and a grant from the Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The public is invited to bring a sack lunch and enjoy a bit of Alabama history. Coffee and tea will be provided by the Friends of the Alabama Archives. For more information, call (334) 353-4712.

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