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ARCHITREATS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION  
*TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD: SUCCESSES AND MYTHS* BY NANCY ANDERSON  
AT THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

ArchiTreats: Food for Thought continues another year of informative talks on Alabama History at the Alabama Department of Archives and History. Join us at **noon** on **Thursday, April 21, 2011** as **Nancy Anderson** presents *To Kill a Mockingbird: Successes and Myths*.

*To Kill a Mockingbird* celebrated the 50th anniversary of its publication in July of 2010, and on May 1, 1961, Harper Lee won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. Such milestones provide the perfect opportunity to reflect on the phenomenal international success of the novel. Despite its successes, myths about the novel--some serious and some humorous--abound. A discussion of some of these myths underscores the subtlety, the complexity, the richness, and the honesty of this enduring Alabama classic, and contributes to the celebration of the success of Harper Lee's remarkable novel.

A Mississippi native, Nancy Grisham Anderson completed her undergraduate degree (magna cum laude) at Millsaps College (Jackson, Mississippi) and her graduate work in English at the University of Virginia. She is currently an associate professor of English and director of Actions Build Community at Auburn University-Montgomery. Anderson has a particular interest in southern literature, especially that of Alabama. She has received numerous literary awards for her published works on Alabama writers. She received the 2010 Excellence in Outreach Award from AUM and the 2011 Samuel and Lizette Mitchell Award for Service from the Association of College English Teachers of Alabama

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) 353-4726.

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