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**ARCHITREATS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION
WINGS OF OPPORTUNITY: THE WRIGHT BROTHERS IN
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
BY JULIE WILLIAMS**

ArchiTreats: Food for Thought continues another year of interesting and informative talks on Alabama history at the **Alabama Department of Archives and History** on **Thursday, August 20, 2015 at noon**. Julie Williams will present *Wings of Opportunity: the Wright Brothers in Montgomery, Alabama*. **Please note, this is a change from our originally scheduled speaker, Billy Singleton.**

In 1910, seeking a warmer and more hospitable climate for flying, Orville and Wilbur Wright opened a flying school in Montgomery. To the amazement of local observers, the first flight in Montgomery took place on March 26, 1910, just a month after Wilbur arrived in the city, followed by his brother and their crew. This month, author Julie Williams will explore the short life of this flying school and the role that an Alabama city played in the birth of modern aviation.

Julie Williams is a journalism professor at Samford University. She is the author of numerous books including *Wings of Opportunity: The Wright Brothers in Montgomery, Alabama* (NewSouth Books, 2010), and *A Rare Titanic Family: The Caldwell's Story of Survival* (NewSouth Books, 2012). Williams received a B.A. in English and history from Principia College in Elsah, Illinois, and a masters in journalism and a Ph.D. in mass communications from the University of Alabama.

This ArchiTreats presentation 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 brown bag lunch. Complimentary beverages are provided. **Admission is always FREE!** To view the full 2015 ArchiTreats schedule visit www.archives.alabama.gov.

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