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ARCHITREATS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION
JONATHAN DANIELS: EPISCOPAL MARTYR OF LOWNDES COUNTY
PRESENTED BY MARIANNE WEBER

ArchiTreats: Food for Thought kicks off another year of interesting and informative talks on Alabama history at the **Alabama Department of Archives and History** on **Thursday, January 15th**. Join us at **noon** as Marianne Weber presents *Jonathan Daniels: Episcopal Martyr of Lowndes County*.

In August 1965, Jonathan Myrick Daniels was slain on the steps of a small store in Hayneville, Alabama, an area known at the time as “bloody Lowndes County.” Daniels, an Episcopal seminarian from Boston, came to Selma for the Selma to Montgomery March and remained to help with voter registration in Selma and Lowndes County. He was fatally shot by Tom Coleman. In the subsequent trial by an all-white, all-male jury, Coleman was acquitted. This month, author Marianne Weber will discuss the work and sacrifice of Jonathan Daniels and explore the important role of white churches in the Civil Rights Movement.

Alabama-native Marianne Weber is a writer, social worker, and author of *Truman Capote’s Southern Years* (University of Alabama Press). She is a graduate of the University of Alabama and is a former board member of Alabama Writers’ Forum. She is a speaker on Capote’s and Harper Lee’s Monroeville, Alabama. Weber has a deep love of the South and its people and a particular interest in Alabama’s rich civil rights history.

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 sack lunch and enjoy a bit of Alabama history. Complimentary beverages are provided. **Admission is always FREE!** To view the full 2015 ArchiTreats schedule visit www.archives.alabama.gov.

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