



## **Press Release**

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### **ARCHITREATS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING'S SMALLEST FREEDOM FIGHTER PRESENTED BY SHEYANN WEBB-CHRISTBURG**

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, March 19th**. Join us at **noon** as Sheyann Webb-Christburg presents *Dr. Martin Luther King's Smallest Freedom Fighter*.

On March 7, 1965, eight-year-old Sheyann Webb-Christburg was the youngest participant in the first attempt to march from Selma to Montgomery, a day known as "Bloody Sunday." As a youngster growing up in Selma, Sheyann would often sneak out of her home at night to attend meetings and regularly led the congregation in freedom songs. Dr. Martin Luther King would soon call her the "smallest freedom fighter." Today, Webb-Christburg is an author, humanitarian, and civil rights activist. During this special month of anniversary commemorations, she will share her experiences and reflect on this transformative period of Alabama and American history.

Webb-Christburg is a 1979 graduate of Tuskegee Institute. She is the nationally known co-author of *Selma, Lord, Selma: Girlhood Memories of the Civil Rights Days*. Her book, now a Disney Movie, was nominated for Best Television Mini Series by the NAACP Image Awards in 2000. The movie depicts her childhood experiences with the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the late Jonathan Daniels, and other civil rights leaders in Alabama in the 1960's. Webb-Christburg is the founder of KEEP Productions Youth Development and Modeling Program designed for youth ages two through eighteen to enhance their personal growth and build self-esteem. She has appeared on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *Good Morning America*, *The Tom Joyner Morning Show* and other major media radio and television talk shows. She is also featured in the PBS documentary *Eyes on the Prize*.

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](http://www.archives.alabama.gov).

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