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ARCHITREATS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION
"NOW A SINGLE SHOT CAN DO IT": LEE V. MACON AND
SCHOOL DESEGREGATION IN ALABAMA
PRESENTED BY JOSEPH BAGLEY

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, May 15th**. Join us at **noon** as Joseph Bagley presents "*Now a Single Shot Can Do It*": Lee v. Macon and *School Desegregation in Alabama*.

In 1963 – nearly ten years after *Brown v. Board of Education* – public schools in Alabama remained entirely segregated. That year, activist litigants filed a case which would have a profound impact in Alabama and beyond – *Lee v. Macon County Board of Education*. The history of this long-running, statewide school desegregation case does not lend itself to a neatly packaged success story, and it has been widely over-looked and sometimes over-simplified. Join us this month as Joseph Bagley discusses the origins of *Lee v. Macon*, its tortuous history, its legacy, and some ways in which it is commonly misrepresented. Fifty years after its filing, splinter cases from *Lee v. Macon* remain open, and the future of public education in the state remains contested.

Alabama native Joseph Bagley is Visiting Lecturer in the Department of History at Georgia State University, where he obtained his PhD in 2013. He holds an MA and BA in history from Auburn University. Bagley is a political and legal historian with a keen interest in civil rights and social justice movements. He has recently presented his work at the Midwest Political Science Association's annual conference in Chicago and he is currently working on a book manuscript. Dr. Bagley teaches world history and U.S. history at Georgia State in Atlanta.

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!**

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