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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION ON OCTOBER 20 AT NOON
THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF THE MUSCOGEE PEOPLE
PRESENTED BY JUSTIN GILES**

Montgomery, AL (10/6/16) - *Food for Thought* continues another year of fascinating and informative lunchtime lectures on the rich history of Alabama at the **Alabama Department of Archives and History** on **Thursday, October 20 at 12:00 pm**. Justin Giles will present *The History and Culture of the Muscogee People*.

In the 1830s, the Muscogee (Creek) people were removed, like so many others, from their ancestral home in Alabama and other southern states to Indian Territory where they made a home out of necessity. The Trail of Tears may have ended where Tulsa was founded, but the tribal government, art, language, and scholarship of the Muscogee people continue. This month, Justin Giles will discuss the history, culture, and enduring spirit of the Native Americans who first called the land of Alabama home.

Giles is the former Director of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Cultural Center & Archives Department where he served from 2010 - 2016. He is an enrolled citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation from the Rehackv (Broken Arrow) tribal town, of the Katcv (Big Cat/Tiger) Clan, and is of Cherokee, Welsh, and Scottish descent. Giles grew up in northern Virginia and received a bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of Virginia. During his early college years, Giles was a member of the University of Virginia and Iroquois Nationals lacrosse teams as an attackman. He remains an active player, coach, and referee in the greater Tulsa area.

Food for Thought 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 brown bag lunch. Complimentary beverages are provided. **Admission to *Food for Thought* is always FREE.**

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. It is the state's government records repository, special collections library and research facility, and is home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

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