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ALSTON FITTS TO PRESENT BOOK TALK AT THE ARCHIVES ON JUNE 22 AT 12:00
SELMA: A BICENTENNIAL HISTORY

Montgomery, AL (6/7/17) – On **Thursday, June 22 at 12:00**, Alston Fitts will present a book talk on his publication *Selma: A Bicentennial History* at the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) in Montgomery. Admission is **free**.

Selma: A Bicentennial History offers a revised and expanded version of Fitts' original 1989 history of the city, complete with a wealth of new, never-before-published illustrations. During this book talk, Fitts will discuss the many new stories and materials discovered through his research that shed greater light on Selma's establishment, growth, and development.

Alston Fitts III is a native of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, who earned a master's degree from Harvard University in 1964 and a PhD in English from the University of Chicago in 1974. A former English teacher, Fitts served for decades as the director of information and principal fundraiser for the Edmundite Missions, a Catholic organization based in Selma.

Selma: A Bicentennial History (2017) is published by the University of Alabama Press. Copies will be available for purchase at the event. For more information, call (334) 353-4689.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History 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. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. 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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