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BOOK TALK AND SIGNING, *ALABAMA GETAWAY: THE POLITICAL IMAGINARY AND THE HEART OF DIXIE* BY ALLEN TULLOS AT THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

Join us at **noon** on **Thursday, June 2** as Allen Tullos presents ***Alabama Getaway: The Political Imaginary and the Heart of Dixie***. This informative talk and book signing will be held at the Alabama Department of Archives and History.

Tullos's examination of his home state asks the question: What makes Alabama Alabama? He explores Alabama's recent past and asks if the coming years will see a transformation of the "Heart of Dixie" as Alabama competes for cultural tourism and global industries. Alabama author Howell Raines calls this "a masterful book about a wounded, neurotic, maddening and – for those of us born on its soil – an enduringly loveable place."

Allen Tullos teaches American Studies at Emory University. His Ph.D. in the field (1985) is from Yale University, and he also has an M.A. in Folklore from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is the author of *Habits of Industry: White Culture and the Transformation of the Carolina Piedmont* and editor of *Long Journey Home: Folklife in the South*. Tullos is a co-founder and senior editor of the internet journal *Southern Spaces* and has worked on numerous documentary films. *Alabama Getaway*, published by the University of Georgia Press, will be available for purchase and signing.

The public is invited to bring a sack lunch and enjoy a bit of Alabama history, free. Coffee and tea will be provided by the Friends of the Alabama Archives. For more information, call (334) 353-4726.

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