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ARCHITREATS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION
THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION IN WARTIME ALABAMA, 1863
PRESENTED BY JOHN KVACH
AT THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

ArchiTreats: Food for Thought continues another year of informative talks on Alabama history at the Alabama Department of Archives and History. Join us at **noon** on **Thursday, June 20, 2013**, as **John Kvach** presents ***The Emancipation Proclamation in Wartime Alabama, 1863***. This presentation is in conjunction with the statewide *Becoming Alabama* initiative.

In 1863, Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation freeing enslaved people in the Confederate states. How did Alabamians find out about the Emancipation Proclamation and how did they react to the news and rumors? This talk will focus on the spread of information in wartime Alabama and how it influenced civilian and military morale. Kvach also will discuss the importance of information networks in the state and how prewar economic development shaped wartime discussions about slavery and the Emancipation Proclamation.

John Kvach attended West Virginia University where he earned his B.A. and M.A. in History and Public History. After leaving Morgantown he worked for the National Park Service, the National Library of Medicine, and various other private and public museums and archives. Later, Kvach spent six years as an instructor and administrator at Howard Community College in Columbia, Maryland. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. John Kvach teaches world history survey courses, as well as upper-division courses on southern history, public history, nineteenth-century America, Alabama history, and Civil War and Reconstruction at the University of Alabama Huntsville.

This ArchiTreats presentation 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 sack lunch and enjoy a bit of Alabama history. For more information, call (334) 353-4726.

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