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ARCHITREATS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION
THE GATHERING STORM: THE ALABAMA CIVIL RIGHTS SCENE, 1962
BY GLENN T. ESKEW
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, January 19, 2012**, as **Glenn T. Eskew** presents ***The Gathering Storm: The Alabama Civil Rights Scene, 1962***. This presentation is in conjunction with the statewide *Becoming Alabama* initiative.

By 1962 white Alabamians watched with apprehension as they saw their world begin to change. They understood that the race rebellion underfoot would not simply go away as activists demanded nothing short of total integration into the American system. With each passing day, the atmosphere grew heavier, threatening the violent outbursts that would roll across the state in 1963.

A native of Birmingham, Eskew earned his bachelor's degree at Auburn University and master's and doctoral degrees at the University of Georgia. He has served on the faculty at Georgia State University in Atlanta since 1993. His revised dissertation, *But For Birmingham: The Local and National Movements in the Civil Rights Movement*, received the Francis Butler Simkins award. Eskew has published two edited volumes, *Paternalism in a Southern City* and *Labor in the Modern South*. His latest book is *Johnny Mercer: Southern Songwriter for the World*, to be published by UGA Press in 2012.

This commemoration event is one in a series of programs affiliated with *Becoming Alabama*, a statewide partnership of state agencies, historical groups, and cultural organizations to commemorate the coinciding anniversaries of the Creek War and War of 1812, the Civil War, and major events in the civil rights movement. For more information on *Becoming Alabama*, visit <http://www.archives.alabama.gov/BA/>.

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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