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ARCHITREATS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION  
*ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT WE PRINT: COMMUNITY  
JOURNALISM IN ALABAMA* BY ED WILLIAMS  
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, September 16** as **Ed Williams** presents ***All the News That's Fit We Print: Community Journalism in Alabama***. This program is in conjunction with the Alabama Tourism Department's Year of Alabama Small Towns and Downtowns.

At a time when many newspapers are experiencing declining circulation and readership, community newspapers are thriving. That's because they know their audiences. The community newspaper is where readers turn to be informed, entertained and influenced. The typical community newspaper does not focus on national news, but contains a record of weekly events, some profound, some not so profound, that influence the lives of the readers in that community. Williams's presentation will take a humorous look at the enduring legacy of community journalism in Alabama.

Williams has been on Auburn University's journalism faculty since 1983. He serves as the journalism internship supervisor and for 23 years has served as the faculty adviser of *The Auburn Plainsman*, the award-winning campus newspaper. He established a Scholarship in Journalism that will be awarded each year to a journalism student who works at *The Auburn Plainsman*.

Most of Williams's newspaper experience is in community journalism, a career that took him to two weekly and two daily newspapers -- *The South Alabamian* in Jackson, *The Montgomery Advertiser*, *The Brewton Standard*, and *The Andalusia Star-News*. He also assists with projects for the Alabama Press Association and wrote a book, *The Press of Alabama: A History of the Alabama Press Association*, to commemorate the press association's 125th anniversary in 1996.

*ArchiTreats: Food for Thought* lecture series is made possible by the Friends of the Alabama Archives. The public is invited to bring a sack lunch and enjoy a bit of Alabama history. Coffee and tea will be provided by the Friends of the Alabama Archives. For more information, call (334) 353-4726.

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