



## **Press Release**

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ARCHITREATS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION  
*WHITE PATHS, RED PATHS: FORT MIMS AND THE ALABAMA FRONTIER*  
PRESENTED BY DR. GREGORY WASELKOV

ArchiTreats: Food for Thought continues another year of interesting and informative talks on Alabama history at the Alabama Department of Archives and History. Join us at **noon** on **Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**, as Dr. Gregory Waselkov presents ***White Paths, Red Paths: Fort Mims and the Alabama Frontier***. This presentation is in conjunction with the statewide Becoming Alabama initiative.

On August 30, 1813, the first major battle of the Creek War occurred at Fort Mims, located in the Tensaw district of Mississippi Territory in present-day northern Baldwin County. On this date, almost 200 years ago, a large force of Redstick Creek warriors destroyed a make-shift stockade crowded with territorial volunteer troops, local militia, and their families. The battle for Fort Mims, and the massacre of civilians at its conclusion, ended a long period of relatively peaceful coexistence between colonial and American settlers and the Native American peoples of the region. This month, Dr. Waselkov will explore how social forces on both sides converged to spark this transformative moment in Alabama and American history.

Dr. Waselkov is an archaeologist and professor of anthropology at the University of South Alabama where he directs the Center for Archeological Studies and the Archaeology Museum. After earning his doctorate at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, he worked at Auburn University for ten years on historic Creek Indian archaeology at the site of Fort Toulouse and Fort Jackson. For the last 25 years he has studied the French colonial site of Old Mobile and many other prehistoric and historic sites in the southern half of the state. Dr. Waselkov is the author of one of the most definitive works on Fort Mims and the Creek War, titled *A Conquering Spirit, Fort Mims and the Redstick War of 1813-1814*.

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.

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