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ARCHITREATS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION
ALABAMA'S CIVIL WAR REVISITED
PRESENTED BY DR. KENNETH NOE

ArchiTreats: Food for Thought kicks off another year of interesting and informative talks on Alabama history at the Alabama Department of Archives and History on Thursday, **January 16th**. Join us at **noon** as Auburn University Professor of History and award-winning author Dr. Kenneth Noe presents *Alabama's Civil War Revisited*.

Fifty years ago, Alabama celebrated the Centennial of the Civil War with parades, balls, and an outpouring of pomp and circumstance. Behind the reenactments and beard-growing contests, however, was a serious debate between those who promoted fanfare and historians who hoped to use the Centennial to stimulate serious scholarship about the war. While the current Sesquicentennial has been more subdued, similar discussions have occurred recently. This month, Dr. Noe, editor of a new book of essays on the Civil War and Reconstruction in Alabama, will discuss the current state of Alabama's Civil War scholarship and how it differs from what was written fifty years ago.

Kenneth Noe received his PhD from the University of Illinois. He joined Auburn University's History Department faculty in 2000. He is the author or editor of seven books, including most recently *The Yellowhammer War: The Civil War and Reconstruction in Alabama*. He is a Pulitzer Prize entrant and the winner of the 2003 Kentucky Governor's Award, the 2002 Peter Seaborg Book Award for Civil War Non-fiction, and the 1997 Tennessee History Book Award, as well as several teaching awards. Dr. Noe is a frequent speaker on the Civil War Round Table circuit and a participant in the Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lectureship Program. He is a former president of the Alabama Historical Association. Currently, Dr. Noe serves on the Board of Editors of *Civil War History*, and was a consultant to the NBC series *Who Do You Think You Are?*

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