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**ARCHITREATS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION
THE COMING OF THE CREEK WAR BY GREG WASELKOV
AT THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY**

ArchiTreats: Food for Thought continues its tradition of informative talks on Alabama history at the Alabama Department of Archives and History. Join us at **12:00 noon on Thursday, December 16** as **Greg Waselkov** presents ***The Coming of the Creek War***.

Construction of the Federal Road across the Creek Nation in 1810 enabled thousands of Americans to travel through Creek Indian hunting grounds just as their hunting-based deerskin trade, the basis of Creek economy, waned. As war with Great Britain loomed, a Native American religious revival led by the Shawnees Tecumseh and Tenskwatawa encouraged some Creeks to reject American demands to abandon their traditional way of life. Ethnic tensions on the Alabama frontier reached a flashpoint in August of 1813. In *The Coming of the Creek War*, Waselkov will outline the growing conflict between the Creek Nation and the United States as American settlers entered the interior Southeast in increasing numbers during the early years of the nineteenth century.

Greg Waselkov is professor of anthropology and director of the Center for Archaeological Studies at the University of South Alabama, where he has taught since 1988. From 1979 to 1988, he worked at Auburn University as a research archaeologist, and spent most of 1986 to 1988 at ADAH, where he designed the Indian room exhibit and helped create an initial catalog of museum holdings. For the past 31 years his archaeological research has focused on the colonial period of Alabama's history, particularly the early French colonial sites of Old Mobile, Port Dauphin, and Fort Toulouse. He has long been interested in the early history of the Creek Indians, from the sixteenth through early nineteenth centuries, and has directed excavations at the site of Fort Mims, where the Creek War of 1813-1814 began.

The *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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