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ARCHITREATS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION *RECONSTRUCTION IN ALABAMA* BY RICHARD BAILEY AT THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

ArchiTreats: Food for Thought celebrates the *Year of Alabama History* through a series of sequential lectures in Alabama history by leading experts in the field. Join us at **noon** on **Thursday, June 18** as **Richard Bailey** presents *Reconstruction in Alabama*. This presentation will be held at the Alabama Department of Archives and History.

Reconstruction in Alabama examines the post Civil War period in Alabama and addresses the role of the new Alabama Republican Party in creating a new Alabama. This dramatic period witnessed many changes in Alabama, including the emergence of black officeholders, black schools and churches, universal public education, and enlarged rights for women.

Born in Montgomery, Richard Bailey holds degrees from Alabama State University and the Atlanta University, and received the Doctor of Philosophy degree in American History from Kansas State University. He has traveled and studied in Europe and Africa through a joint fellowship from Cleveland (Ohio) State University, the University of Massachusetts, and the American Forum for International Travel and Study. His columns have appeared in newspapers across the state and he is the author of *They Too Call Alabama Home: African American Profiles, 1800-1999* (1999). The fifth edition of his book *Neither Carpetbaggers Nor Scalawags: Black Officeholders during the Reconstruction of Alabama, 1867-1878* is forthcoming in 2009.

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. Coffee and tea will be provided by the Friends of the Alabama Archives. For more information, call (334) 353-4712.

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