Participants in this institute will use primary sources to discover how the Tuscaloosa area transitioned from an agrarian society to an industrial one by examining the ways this shift affected businesses and the working class at the turn of the twentieth century. The institute will include visits to key sites including Tannehill State Park. Participants will explore historical records from the collections of the University of Alabama and the Alabama Department of Archives and History and will learn new strategies from dynamic guest speakers. They will return to their classroom equipped with a wealth of new materials and knowledge to teach students about Alabama’s Industrial Age.