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**RANDALL C. JIMERSON TO PRESENT *SHATTERED GLASS IN BIRMINGHAM: MY FAMILY'S FIGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, 1961-1964* ON JANUARY 21ST AT NOON
CO-SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER**

On Wednesday, **January 21, 2015 at noon**, the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) will present a book talk by Randall C. Jimerson entitled *Shattered Glass in Birmingham: My Family's Fight for Civil Rights, 1961-1964* (2014, LSU Press). This presentation is co-sponsored by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC).

In 1961, the Alabama Council on Human Relations charged Reverend Norman C. "Jim" Jimerson with the critical task of improving communications and racial understanding between Alabama's black and white communities, employing him to travel extensively throughout the state to coordinate the activities of Human Relations chapters across Alabama. Join us as Jimerson's son, Randall, presents his account of this period and traces the experiences of his white northern family during the climax of the civil rights movement in Alabama's largest city. Based on extensive archival research, as well as oral histories and personal memory, *Shattered Glass in Birmingham* gives readers a ground-level view of prejudice, discrimination, violence, and courage.

Randall C. Jimerson, professor of history and director of the Graduate Program in Archives and Records Management at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington, is the author of *The Private Civil War: Popular Thought during the Sectional Conflict*, and *Archives Power: Memory, Accountability, and Social Justice*. Jimerson has been a member/contributor to the SPLC since 1981. He is currently researching a biography of Rev. Robert E. Hughes, the first director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, who worked with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks during the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

This presentation is FREE to the public. The Alabama Department of Archives and History is located in downtown Montgomery across the street from the State Capitol on Washington Avenue. For more information visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 353-3312.

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