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EMILY BLEJWAS TO PRESENT BOOK TALK AT THE ARCHIVES ON AUGUST 20 AT 12:00 P.M.
THE STORY OF ALABAMA IN FOURTEEN FOODS

Montgomery, AL (08/01/2019) – On **Tuesday, August 20 at 12:00 p.m.**, author Emily Blejwas will present a book talk on her recent publication ***The Story of Alabama in Fourteen Foods*** at the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) in Montgomery. Admission is **FREE**.

The Story of Alabama in Fourteen Foods approaches Alabama history from the kitchen counter. Part history, part travelogue, and part cookbook, Blejwas explores fourteen emblematic foods, dishes, and beverages of Alabama. Each chapter explores a different recipe and with it, a different Alabama identity. Weaving together historical research and interviews with home cooks, chefs, and community members, Blejwas details the myths, legends, and truths underlying Alabama's foodways.

Emily Blejwas is the director of the Gulf States Health Policy Center in Bayou La Batre. Hailing from Minnesota, Blejwas received a master's degree in rural sociology from Auburn University and now lives in Mobile with her husband and four children. She published her first novel, *Once You Know This*, in 2017. With a second novel coming out in 2020, Blejwas is currently working on a third story for middle schoolers, which will be set in Alabama. Copies of *The Story of Alabama in Fourteen Foods* will be sold at the event. Refreshments will be served.

For more information about the book talk, call Alex Colvin, (334) 353-4689.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government records repository, special collections library and research facility, and is home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. The EBSCO Research Room is open Tuesday through Friday and the second Saturday of the month from 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

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