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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION ON JUNE 20 AT 12:00**  
***ALABAMA AND THE MOON LANDING***  
**PRESENTED BY BRIAN ODOM**

Montgomery, AL (05/10/19)- *Food for Thought* continues another year of fascinating lectures on the rich history of Alabama at the Alabama Department of Archives and History on **Thursday, June 20 at 12:00** when Brian Odom presents ***Alabama and the Moon Landing***.

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of man's first steps on the moon, this presentation will examine the crucial contributions of Huntsville to the success of the moon landing. While the stories of Saturn V development and the success of Apollo 11 are well known, the deeper context of Apollo in Huntsville is often overlooked. Odom will discuss federal development in the Tennessee Valley, German immigration and training, the Cold War, and the civil rights movement—forces which have all left a dramatic imprint on the region's economy, politics, and larger society.

Odom holds a Ph.D. from Middle Tennessee State University with a concentration in NASA and the civil rights era. He is a historian with NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) in Huntsville, responsible for the appraisal, arrangement, and description of MSFC's archives and the development and implementation of oral history projects and exhibits. He also provides research and outreach services to the public.

Admission to *Food for Thought* presentations is always **FREE**. The public is invited to bring a brown bag lunch. Complimentary beverages will be provided. **For additional information call (334) 353-4689.**

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The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government-records repository, a special-collections library and research facility, and 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](http://www.archives.alabama.gov) or call (334) 242-4364.

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