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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT LUNCHTIME LECTURE AT THE ARCHIVES ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21 AT 12:00 PM
FROM MARION TO MONTGOMERY: THE EARLY YEARS OF ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY
PRESENTED BY JOSEPH CAVER**

Montgomery, AL (10/12/2021) – The Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) will continue its 2021 *Food For Thought* lunchtime lecture series on **Thursday, October 21, at 12:00 PM.**

Joseph D. Caver will present *From Marion to Montgomery: The Early Years of Alabama State University*. The program will be held **virtually only** through the ADAH's Facebook page www.facebook.com/AlabamaArchives and YouTube channel www.youtube.com/alabamaarchives.

Caver will discuss the Reconstruction-era origins of Alabama State University (ASU), one of Alabama's eleven historically Black colleges and universities. Caver's book *From Marion to Montgomery: The Early Years of Alabama State University, 1867-1925* (New South Books, 2020), explores the institution's early history, beginning with its founding as the Lincoln Normal School by nine formerly enslaved men in Marion, Alabama. Carver's presentation will chart Lincoln Normal School's transformation into Alabama State University, including its relocation to Montgomery in 1887.

A lecturer in history at Alabama State University, Caver previously worked as an archivist at the ADAH and the Air Force Historical Research Agency at Maxwell Air Force Base. He is also the co-author of *The Tuskegee Airmen, An Illustrated History: 1939-1949* (New South Books, 2011).

For additional information call (334) 353-4689. *Food for Thought* 2021 is made possible by the Friends of the Alabama Archives and a grant from the Alabama Humanities Alliance, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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 Museum of Alabama is open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 to 4:30. The EBSCO Research Room is open Tuesday through Saturday from 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

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