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FOOD FOR THOUGHT LUNCHTIME LECTURE ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, AT 12:00 PM CST
GEORGE GALPHIN'S INTIMATE EMPIRE: A CROSS-CULTURAL FAMILY IN THE NATIVE SOUTH
PRESENTED BY BRYAN RINDFLEISCH

Montgomery, AL (01/10/2022) – The Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) will begin its 2022 *Food For Thought* lunchtime lecture series on **Thursday, January 20, at 12:00 PM**. **This program will be presented online only.** It will livestream on the ADAH's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/alabamaarchives) and YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/alabamaarchives). The program will also be recorded and made available on YouTube following the presentation.

A native of Ireland, George Galphin arrived in South Carolina in 1737 and quickly emerged as one of the most proficient deerskin traders in the South. This was due in large part to his marriage to Metawney, a Creek Indian woman who incorporated Galphin into her family and clan, allowing him to establish one of the most profitable merchant companies in North America. As part of his trade operations, Galphin cemented connections with Indigenous and European peoples across the South, while simultaneously securing links to merchants and traders in the British Empire and beyond. During this presentation, historian Bryan C. Rindfleisch will discuss how Galphin's family and business connections provide critical insights into the intensely personal dimensions and cross-cultural contours of the eighteenth-century South. He will demonstrate how empire-building and colonialism were, by their very nature, intimate and familial affairs.

Rindfleisch specializes in Early (Colonial) American, Native American, and Atlantic World history. He is the author of *George Galphin's Intimate Empire: Intercultural Family, Trade, and Colonialism in Early America* and *Brothers of Coweta: Kinship, Empire, & Revolution in the Eighteenth-Century Muscogee World*. Rindfleisch has also published numerous articles in various historical journals and publications.

For additional information call (334) 353-4689. A complete schedule of our 2022 series is available at archives.alabama.gov.

Food for Thought 2022 is made possible with support in memory of Mike Jenkins IV.

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, across Washington Avenue 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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