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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT LUNCHTIME LECTURE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, AT 12:00 PM CST**  
***STORIES FROM A "DAUGHTER OF THE BOYCOTT"***  
**PRESENTED BY KAREN GRAY HOUSTON**

Montgomery, AL (02/08/2022) – The Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) will continue its 2022 *Food For Thought* lunchtime lecture series on **Thursday, February 17, at 12:00 PM CST**. Karen Gray Houston will present *Stories from a "Daughter of the Boycott."* **This program will be presented online only.** It will livestream on the ADAH's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/alabamaarchives](http://www.facebook.com/alabamaarchives)) and YouTube channel ([www.youtube.com/alabamaarchives](http://www.youtube.com/alabamaarchives)). The program will also be recorded and made available on YouTube following the presentation.

In her memoir *Daughter of the Boycott*, journalist Karen Gray Houston reflects upon the many contributions of her family members in the long fight for civil rights. Her father, Thomas, protested segregation and coordinated voting rights marches in Montgomery years before the city's famous bus boycott. Her uncle is legendary civil rights attorney Fred Gray, who represented Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr. His victories in the courtroom opened doors for African Americans across the nation. In this presentation, Houston will share the stories of her family and their experiences during the tumultuous and transformative years of the civil rights movement and beyond.

Karen Gray Houston was born in Montgomery and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. She graduated from Ohio University with a degree in psychology and earned a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University. Houston is an award-winning broadcast journalist, retiring after forty-one years as a news reporter at radio networks and television stations in Boston, New York City, and Washington, DC. Houston is the author of *Daughter of the Boycott: Carrying on a Montgomery Family's Civil Rights Legacy*. Copies of her book are available for purchase in the ADAH's Museum Store and its online store [www.shopalabamaoriginal.com](http://www.shopalabamaoriginal.com).

**For additional information call (334) 353-4689.** A complete schedule of our 2022 series is available at [archives.alabama.gov](http://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](http://www.archives.alabama.gov) or call (334) 242-4364.

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