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HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE RELEASES 2015 *LEARNING LUNCH* SCHEDULE

The History Museum of Mobile is pleased to announce the 2015 schedule for *Learning Lunch*, a free monthly lecture program.

The program, which began in 2011, encourages guests to bring a sack lunch and enjoy a free noontime presentation about a topic related to the region's diverse history.

"We're all excited about kicking off our fourth year of Learning Lunches," said David E. Alsobrook, PhD, Director of the History Museum of Mobile. "Howard McPhail, our Curator of Minority History, has prepared an outstanding *Learning Lunch* schedule for 2015. As in the past, we're offering a variety of entertaining topics and speakers. We'll see you on January 14 for our first Learning Lunch of 2015 featuring Steve Joynt, whose topic is very timely as we approach the Carnival season: "Chasing Folly 'Round the Stump." He'll be accompanied by the Blow House Brass Band."

"Of all the History Museum's programs, *Learning Lunch* affords me the most consistent opportunity to remove myself from a busy work week, and learn something new about the city I call home," said Pat Hand, owner of MH3 Printing and proud sponsor of *Learning Lunch 2015*.

Some of the year's topics include the myths surrounding Joe Cain; Gulf Coast Irish; the making of the documentary *The Great Invisible*; the legacy of the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and a celebration of the History Museum's 50th anniversary.

Several familiar names grace this year's list, including award-winning southern author Watt Key, who will discuss his personal story of growing up on the Gulf Coast on May 13, and J.D. Crowe, Al.com editorial cartoonist, who will present a tribute to our military on November 11.

For more information about the *Learning Lunch* program or how to sponsor a program, contact: Howard McPhail, Curator of Minority History at 251-208-7557 or howard.mcphail@cityofmobile.org

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Located in the Old City Hall/ Southern Market at 111 S. Royal Street in downtown Mobile, the History Museum of Mobile documents the 300-year history of Mobile and the surrounding region. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. -5 p.m. Admission to the museum is free.

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