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**MARCH LEARNING LUNCH AT THE HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE WILL FEATURE DR. DAMION THOMAS, MUSEUM CURATOR OF SPORTS FOR THE SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE**

The History Museum of Mobile's Learning Lunch Program is on Wednesday, March 9, at 12pm and will feature Dr. Damion Thomas, Museum Curator of Sports for the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. His presentation is titled, *Hank Aaron: The Life and Legacy of 'The Hammer.'* The program will be presented live online as a ZOOM meeting and will also be presented on a big screen in the museum auditorium.

Dr. Thomas leads the museum's Sports and Race Initiative. He earned a B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in United States History at UCLA. Prior to joining the museum, he was an assistant professor at the University of Maryland—College Park and the University of Illinois—Urbana/Champaign. He is the author of *Globetrotting: African American Athletes and Cold War Politics*, and numerous other articles and op-eds.

The History Museum of Mobile invites the general public to attend the free Learning Lunch lecture series. Guests are encouraged to bring their lunch and enjoy a presentation on an historical or cultural topic. For more information on Learning Lunch, contact Jennifer Theeck, Curator of Education, at (251) 301-0270 or by email at [theeckj@historymuseumofmobile.com](mailto:theeckj@historymuseumofmobile.com).

**HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE:** The History Museum of Mobile is where Mobile's story begins. Over 117,000 objects weave together the rich, diverse, and often turbulent histories of Mobile and the surrounding area, from the prehistoric past to the present. Located in the heart of downtown, the History Museum is in the Old City Hall - Southern Market building at 111 South Royal Street. For more information, please visit: [www.historymuseumofmobile.com](http://www.historymuseumofmobile.com)

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