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MARCH LEARNING LUNCH AT THE HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE WILL FEATURE DR. LAWRENCE KRUMENAKER, HISTORICAL JOURNALIST, AUTHOR, AND ASTRONOMER

The History Museum of Mobile's upcoming Learning Lunch Program is on **Wednesday, March 12, 2025**, at **12pm** and will feature historical journalist, author, and astronomer, **Dr. Lawrence Krumenaker**. His presentation is titled "**Finding Lafayette's Footsteps in Mobile....and the Rest of the State.**"

Dr. Lawrence Krumenaker started professional life as an astronomer after growing up steeped in New Jersey's Revolutionary War historical sites. The two influences eventually merged into a career that included scientific research and popular science, education, and historical journalism. His articles and books on historical tourism are based on the idea that history is often best understood both by telling the **story** part of history and by standing where it happened.

As an astronomer, Dr. Krumenaker is best known in the science community as: the discoverer of the first micro quasar in the galaxy, a stellar spectroscopist, and a planetary cartographer of the planet Mercury. He has been a science journalist and President of the International Science Writers Association. In addition to giving talks on historical events, Dr. Krumenaker has often done workshops and courses in astronomy education for teachers. He also writes astronomy-based newsletters on Substack, notably the internationally read *The Galactic Times*.

Some of his books include *From River to River* (General Lafayette in Georgia, 2024), *Nine Days Traveling* (Lafayette in Alabama, 2020), *The Colonia Tour Book* (Roman sites in Cologne, Germany, 2017), and *Walking the Line* (Atlanta Civil War Defenses, 2014). Copies of these books are available for sale at the Comer Museum. He has a *Star Trek* astronomy book, called *Federation Space*, due out next year.

The History Museum of Mobile invites the 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.

HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE: The History Museum of Mobile is where Mobile's story begins. Over 118,000 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 of Mobile operates four campuses: The primary exhibitions are located in the Old City Hall-Southern Market building at 111 South Royal Street; Colonial Fort Condé is at 150 South Royal Street; Africatown Heritage House is at 2465 Winbush Street; and the Phoenix Fire Museum is at 203 South Claiborne Street. For more information, please visit: www.historymuseumofmobile.com.

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