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THE HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE will host its upcoming Learning Lunch featuring Dr. Matthew Downs: *Alabama in the Great War*

OCTOBER 16, 2024 (MOBILE, AL) – The History Museum of Mobile will host its upcoming Learning Lunch program on **Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 12pm**. The program will feature **Dr. Matthew Downs**, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of history at the University of Mobile. His presentation is titled ***Alabama in the Great War***.

Dr. Matthew L. Downs is the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and a professor of history at the University of Mobile. He is a graduate of Birmingham-Southern College and the University of Alabama. His particular interest is in the political, economic, and social changes that affected Alabama and the rest of the South in the 20th century. He serves as editor of the *Alabama Review* and as vice president of the Alabama Historical Association. He is the author of *Transforming the South* (2014) and co-editor of *The American South and the Great War* (2018), as well as several other articles and book chapters. He lives in Daphne with his wife and two children.

The History Museum of Mobile invites the public to attend the free hour-long Learning Lunch lecture series. Guests are encouraged to bring their lunch and enjoy a presentation on a historical or cultural topic. For more information on Learning Lunch, contact Jennifer Theeck, Curator of Education, by phone 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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