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**THE JULY LEARNING LUNCH PROGRAM AT THE HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE WILL
FEATURE TROY UNIVERSITY HISTORY PROFESSOR, DR. MARTIN T. OLLIFF**

The History Museum of Mobile's next Learning Lunch Program is on **Wednesday, July 10, 2024** at **12pm** and will feature **Dr. Martin T. Olliff**, Professor of History and the Director of the Wiregrass Archives at the Dothan Campus of Troy University. The title of his presentation is "***Getting Out of the Mud: How Alabama Built Roads that 'Started Somewhere and Ended Somewhere.'***"

Dr. Olliff received his Ph.D. in American History from Auburn University. His dissertation was entitled "*From Craft to Profession: The American Culinary Federation and the Organizational Identity of Twentieth-Century Chefs.*" In 2008, the University of Alabama Press published his edited volume, *The Great War in the Heart of Dixie: Alabama in World War I* and in 2017 also published his *Getting Out of the Mud: Alabama's Good Roads Movement and Highway Administration, 1898-1928*.

Dr. Olliff has served on the governing board of the Alabama Historical Commission, the Alabama Governor's Mansion Commission, the Alabama Humanities Foundation, Dothan Landmarks Foundation, and the Wiregrass Museum of Art; and as president or chairman of the Alabama Historical Association, Historic Chattahoochee Commission, Alabama Association of Historians, and the Society of Alabama Archivists. He also served on the editorial board of *The Alabama Review: A Quarterly Journal of Alabama History* and is currently on the editorial board of *Provenance: Journal of the Society of Georgia Archivists*.

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 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

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