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FOOD FOR THOUGHT PRESENTATION ON APRIL 18 AT 12:00
CRUSADER WITHOUT VIOLENCE: THE FIRST BIOGRAPHY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
PRESENTED BY DERRYN MOTEN

Montgomery, AL (04/03/2019) - *Food for Thought* continues another year of fascinating lectures on the rich history of Alabama at the Alabama Department of Archives and History on **Thursday, April 18 at 12:00** when Derryn Moten presents ***Crusader Without Violence: The First Biography of Martin Luther King, Jr.*** (Note: this is a speaker change from the original *Food for Thought* schedule released in December 2018).

In 2019, NewSouth Books released a 60th Anniversary Edition of *Crusader Without Violence*, the widely acclaimed 1959 biography of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Authored by Alabama State professor L. D. Reddick, the book's re-release provides today's audiences with a rare and engaging account of King before he became widely regarded as America's leading civil rights activist. Dr. Derryn Moten championed the publication of this new edition and provides an introduction that puts Reddick's biography into context and includes updates about the author's life after the book's publication. During his presentation, Dr. Moten will discuss why *Crusader Without Violence* remains a significant historical document that provides a unique glimpse into the lives of African Americans in the South just before the height of the Civil Rights movement.

Dr. Moten is professor of history and chair of the department of history and political science at Alabama State University. Moten received his doctorate in American Studies at the University of Iowa. Prior to his studies in Iowa City, Moten earned a graduate degree in Library Science from Catholic University of America and worked as a law librarian for a tax firm in Washington, D.C. He is a local co-president for the American Federation of Teachers and is vice chair of the AFT Higher Education Policy and Planning Council. He is also a vice president for the Alabama AFL-CIO.

Food for Thought 2019 is made possible by the Friends of the Alabama Archives and a grant from the Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The public is invited to bring a brown bag lunch. Complimentary beverages are provided. **Admission to *Food for Thought* is always FREE.**

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government-records repository, special-collections library and research facility, and is home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. The EBSCO Research Room is open Tuesday through Friday and the second Saturday of the month from 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

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