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WORLD WAR I CENTENNIAL LECTURE, MARCH 21 AT 12:00

WAR, DEATH, AND REMEMBRANCE IN 1914 - 1918

PRESENTED BY BRUNO CABANES

Montgomery, AL (3/14/17) – On **Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 12:00**, the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) and the Alabama World War I Centennial Committee will host guest lecturer Bruno Cabanes for a presentation entitled ***War, Death, and Remembrance in 1914 – 1918***. The lecture will be held in the ADAH's Joseph M. Farley Alabama Power Auditorium. The public is invited to attend. **Admission is free**

During World War I, more than 10 million soldiers were killed in combat. Between 30% and 50% of these war victims' burial sites are unknown. The Great War changed our relationship with death and mourning, affecting all levels of society, from the immediate family unit to more distant circles of friends and colleagues. This lecture will explore the emotional impact of World War I on individuals and the invention of new rituals in postwar societies, such as memorials to unknown soldiers.

Bruno Cabanes is the Donald G. and Mary A. Dunn Chair in Modern Military History at the Ohio State University. Prior to coming to Ohio State, he taught for nine years at Yale University. He is the author of several books on World War I, including *The Great War and the Origins of Humanitarianism, 1918-1924* (Cambridge University Press, 2014), which won in 2016 the Paul Birdsall Prize awarded biennially by the American Historical Association, *August 1914: France, the Great War and a Month that Changed the World Forever* (Yale University Press, 2016), and his most recent, *The Great War and the American Experience* (Gallimard, 2017).

The Alabama World War I Centennial Committee was established in 2016 to plan Alabama's commemoration of the centennial of America's participation in World War I. The centennial period begins on April 6, 2017, 100 years since the U.S. entered the war, and extends through Armistice Day, November 11, 2018. For more information about the Committee and centennial events happening around the state, visit www.worldwar1centennial.org/alabama.

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. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

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