



Contact Penny Cliff
Telephone 678.364.3807
Email Penelope.Cliff@usg.edu
Website <http://www.georgiaarchives.org/>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 18, 2018

HISTORY COMES ALIVE!
JUNE LUNCH AND LEARN

On Friday, June 8, noon-1:00 p.m., history comes alive at the Georgia Archives' Lunch and Learn program. This sure-to-be exciting program is: "History Alive: Museum Theatre, Living History, and Audience Engagement." The program is presented by Ken Johnston, Director, History Now!, Curator of Education, Northeast Georgia History Center.

Concerning his presentation, Johnston states: "The way to engage an audience in history is to demonstrate its relevance. That relevance is most effectively achieved through personal interactions such as Museum Theatre, Living History Interpretation, and Digital Media Outreach Character webcasts/webisodes. In this presentation, you'll hear of and see first-hand examples of these types of programs, and how to create them!"

The presenter has a fascinating career and is certain to engage his audience. Johnston graduated with degrees in Theatre and English from LaGrange College (receiving the Ingrid Bergman Scholarship), and is certified in Historic Interpretation by Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

He has done Museum Theatre/Historic Character Interpretation for Colonial Williamsburg, Mount Vernon, the Smithsonian's National Archives and National Portrait Gallery, English Heritage-UK, Atlanta History Center, National Civil War Naval Museum, and Northeast Georgia History Center. He is a member of the Screen Actors Guild and has appeared on National Geographic Channel, History Channel, Food Network, PBS, and Cartoon Network's Adult Swim. He has performed Shakespeare, jousted, and toured with a rock band in North America/Europe.

Sponsored by the Friends of Georgia Archives and History, Lunch and Learn programs are free and open to the public.

The Georgia Archives is a unit of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. The Georgia Archives identifies, collects, manages, preserves, provides access to, and publicizes records and information of Georgia and its people, and assists state and local government agencies with their records management. This work is done within the framework of the USG's mission to create a more highly educated Georgia.

###

For more information, please contact Penelope Cliff at [678-364-3807] or email at [Penelope.Cliff@usg.edu].

Georgia Archives – 5800 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, Georgia 30260 – 678-364-3710