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### **Celebrating Alabama's Bicentennial at Business Over Breakfast**

**OPELIKA, Ala.- (August 8, 2019)** Join the Opelika Chamber of Commerce for the quarterly Business Over Breakfast on August 22 at 7:30 a.m. at the Saugahatchee Country Club as we celebrate Alabama's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday! Glynn Smith Chevrolet – Buick- GMC is the presenting sponsor for the event.

Steve Murray, a member of the Alabama Bicentennial Commission, is the guest speaker for the event. He is the Director of the Alabama Department of Archives and History which serves as the permanent repository for state government records, a special collections library, and the state's history museum. Murray became Director in 2012 after serving for six years as Assistant Director for Administration. His prior experience in public history included service as Managing Editor of the *Encyclopedia of Alabama* and *The Alabama Review*, both at Auburn University.

He co-chaired the Alabama World War I Centennial Committee and is past president of the Alabama Historical Association. At the national level, his service includes terms on the Council of State Archivists and the board of the American Association for State and Local History.

A native of Louisiana, Murray has called Alabama home since he began graduate school at Auburn University in 1993. He and his wife, Laura, have three children.

The cost for the breakfast is \$20 for Chamber Members and \$25 for potential members. There is limited space, so advanced registration is required. The deadline to register is August 16. Register online at [www.opelikachamber.com](http://www.opelikachamber.com). No refunds will be given after the deadline.