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*This 1956 image, taken at the intersection of Main and Shelby Streets, shows a bustling downtown Montevallo. Major storefronts include McCulley's Food Store, Merchant and Planter's Bank, Klotzman's Dry Goods and Montevallo Lumber Company.*

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# SOCIETY OF ALABAMA ARCHIVISTS

## October 9, 2026
## UNIVERISTY OF MONTEVALLO



# Society of Alabama Archivists
## Annual Meeting, October 9, 2026

**Indicates location is ground floor lobby*

**8:30–9:00** **Registration and coffee***

**9:00–9:15** **Welcome***
Veronica Henderson - SALA President
Dr. Ruth Truss - Dean of Arts and Sciences, University of Montevallo

**9:15–10:00** **Keynote Address***
Dr. Kathy King, Executive Director and Co-founder of the Montevallo Legacy Project

**10:00–10:15** **Break**

**10:15–11:15** **Concurrent Sessions 1**

**Breakout Room A**
EBSCO Room, Ground floor

**Thirty Year Preservation Actions from Floppy Disks to New Book Publication of *INDIAN ICE***
Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees - University of South Alabama

**The Archive Doesn't Fill Itself: Active Collection and the Archivist as Initiator**
Murray Rice - Opelika Public Library

**Breakout Room B**
J.A. Brown Room, 1st Floor

**Sacred Anchors: HBCUs, Affiliated Institutions, and the Cultural Work of Preserving Black History**
Heather M. Adkins, C.A., M.A. - State Black Archives , Research Center, and Museum (Alabama A&M University)
Constance Caddell, Ph.D., M.L.S., M.B.A. - Tuskegee University
Raegan C. Stearns, C.A, MLIS - Alabama State University

**Breakout Room C**
Pat Scales Room, 2nd Floor

**AskAthens: The Functionality of Digitized Newspapers**
John Winston Garth - Winston Ware, LLC in partnership with the Limestone County Department of History & Archives

**Where Are They Now? Searching for the Smith Donation**
Amber Skantz - Athens State University

**11:15–11:30** **Break**

**11:30–12:30** **Concurrent Sessions 2**

**Breakout Room A**
EBSCO Room, Ground floor

**A Mixed Bag: Cataloging an LGBTQIA Collection for Archives**
Sylvia McAphee - University of Alabama at Birmingham
Kelsey Robertson - University of Alabama at Birmingham
*Moderated by Jennifer Beck, University of Alabama at Birmingham*

**Mapping Geneva County's History In Black and White**
Justin Rudder - Alabama Department of Archives and History

**Breakout Room B**
J.A. Brown Room, 1st Floor

**Finding Aid in Finding Aids (Group Discussion)**
Elizabeth Meads - Alabama Department of Archives and History

**Breakout Room C**
Pat Scales Room, 2nd Floor

**Preserving a Million Dollar Legacy**
Hallie Brill - Paul W. Bryant Museum, University of Alabama

**The Black Widow of Hazel Green: Murder for Money?**
Nick Lompado - Madison County Archives

**12:30–1:00** **Lunch***

**1:00–2:00** **Business meeting***

**2:00–2:30** **Concurrent Sessions 3**

**Breakout Room A**
EBSCO Room Ground floor

**Making Local History Matter Through Artifacts and Collections**
Dr. Idrissa Snider - Alabama Humanities Alliance

**Breakout Room B**
J.A. Brown Room, 1st Floor

**The Montevallo Tempestry Project**
Danielle Haskett Jennings, Ph.D. - University of Montevallo
Carey W. Heatherly, M.L.I.S. - University of Montevallo

**Breakout Room C**
Pat Scales Room, 2nd Floor

**The UAH German Rocketry Archive: A Study in Complex Provenance**
James Williamson - University of Alabama in Huntsville

**3:00–4:00** **Sneak Peak of the Washington Museum at American Village**
3727 Hwy 119 (3.4 miles from UM); free, but transportation is not provided. We will meet in the front parking lot.