



# ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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## **Breach of Peace: Portraits of the 1961 Mississippi Freedom Riders**

Saturday, November 3

1:00-2:00pm

Freedom Rides Museum, 210 South Court Street, Montgomery AL

The Freedom Rides Museum, a historic property operated by the Alabama Historical Commission, is pleased to host Eric Etheridge, author of "Breach of Peace: Portraits of the 1961 Mississippi Freedom Riders (Expanded Edition)" along with Freedom Rider Catherine Burks-Brooks.

Burks-Brooks was a 22-year-old college student from Birmingham when she joined the Freedom Rides in May of 1961. She was one of the nonviolent student activists attacked at the Montgomery Greyhound Bus Station on May 20, 1961, and one of the hundreds later arrested in Jackson, MS.

Burks-Brooks is featured on the cover of the newly-released expanded edition of Etheridge's book, "Breach of Peace: Portraits of the 1961 Mississippi Freedom Riders." The book combines history, photography, and journalism to share the story of the Freedom Rides and the hundreds who participated to bring about integration of interstate public travel in the United States.

This is a spectacular opportunity to come face-to-face with history and learn about how we document, remember, and share these stories.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Freedom Rides Museum.

**Fee:** Regular admission (cost includes tour and event) - \$5 adults, \$4 senior/AAA/college, \$3 youth, \$12 for family groups.

For more information contact the Freedom Rides Museum at [FreedomRidesMuseum@gmail.com](mailto:FreedomRidesMuseum@gmail.com) or 334-414-8647.

Find the [Freedom Rides Museum](#) on **Facebook** or visit [ahc.alabama.gov](http://ahc.alabama.gov)

### **About the Freedom Rides Museum**

*Working with concerned citizens, The Alabama Historical Commission saved the Greyhound Bus Station from demolition in the mid-1990s. The Museum is located at the intersection of S. Court St. and Adams Avenue in downtown Montgomery. An award-winning exhibit on the building's exterior traces the Freedom Riders' history. It uses words and*



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*images of the Freedom Riders, those who supported them, and those who opposed them. Interior exhibits highlight additional information on the Freedom Riders and the way in which buildings were designed for racial segregation. Today, the Alabama Historical Commission operates this significant site.*



## **About the Alabama Historical Commission**

Located in historic downtown Montgomery at 468 S. Perry Street, the Alabama Historical Commission is the state historic preservation agency for Alabama. The agency was created by an act of the state legislature in 1966 with a mission to protect, preserve and interpret Alabama's historic places. AHC works to accomplish its mission through two fields of endeavor: Preservation and promotion of state-owned historic sites as public attractions; and, statewide programs to assist people, groups, towns, and cities with local preservation activities. For a complete list of programs and properties owned and operated by the AHC, hours of operation, and admission fees please visit [ahc.alabama.gov](http://ahc.alabama.gov)

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