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Dr. Shirley P. Foster appointed to the Alabama Historical Commission

In August, Governor Bob Riley appointed Dr. Shirley Foster to the Alabama Historical Commission.

Dr. Shirley P. Foster is assistant professor and interim chair of the Department of Clothing, Textiles, & Interior Design at the University of Alabama. Dr. Foster's dissertation "Women and Refinement in Antebellum Alabama: Privacy, Comfort, and Luxury, 1830-1860" examines the material culture of early Alabama utilizing Tuscaloosa County Probate records. She teaches the history of interiors and furnishings in the Interior Design Program at UA.

The University of Alabama nominated Dr. Foster to replace Dr. James Adams.

According to Executive Director Frank White, "I am grateful for the dedication and expertise Commissioner Adams shared with us during his service. And we look forward to working with Commissioner Foster. She is an excellent addition to the commission."

To protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places is the mission of the Alabama Historical Commission, Alabama's state agency for historic preservation.

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