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The Life and Public Career of Estes Kefauver: An Overview **A Brown Bag Lecture by Theodore Brown, Jr., Ph.D.**

PROGRAM: *The Life and Public Career of Estes Kefauver*, a
Brown Bag Lecture by Dr. Theodore Brown, Jr.

DATE: Noon, Wednesday, June 10, 2015

LOCATION: East Tennessee History Center
601 South Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

ADMISSION: FREE | Attendees are encouraged to bring a “brown
bag” lunch



(Knoxville, TN) In a Brown Bag lecture on June 10, Dr. Theodore Brown, Jr., will discuss the life and public career of late Senator Estes Kefauver. A native of Madisonville, Tennessee, Carey Estes Kefauver (1903-1963) rose to become one of the most influential senators of his time and was the 1956 Democratic candidate for vice president, along with Adlai Stevenson for president. At the state level, he led a successful revolt in 1948 against the Crump political machine, and in 1950 rose to national prominence as the chair of a U.S. Senate crime investigation committee.

Brown will also discuss Kefauver’s stands on then-controversial issues such as his vote against the politically popular Communist Control Act of 1954 and his support for the U.S. Supreme Court’s landmark desegregation, *Brown v. Board of Education*.

Dr. Theodore Brown, Jr. is a senior lecturer in the Department of Political Science and an adjunct professor of Law in the College of Law, University of Tennessee. He has written several articles about Senator Kefauver, the law, and Tennessee legal and political history, and contributed to several works, including the book, *A History of the Tennessee Supreme Court*, and is coeditor, along with Professor James W. Ely, Jr., of *Legal Papers of Andrew Jackson* (University of Tennessee Press, 1987). Brown’s interest in Estes Kefauver developed from his time as an undergraduate student at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he organized and catalogued Senator Kefauver’s papers.

The program is sponsored by 21st Mortgage and is free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a “Brown Bag” lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks will be available. For

more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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