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**Research Coordinator for Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama to Speak at  
Opelika Chamber of Commerce Business Over Breakfast**

**OPELIKA, AL – ( March 28, 2011) –** Dr. Joe Adams, Research Coordinator for Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama (PARCA), will be the guest speaker at the Opelika Chamber of Commerce Business Over Breakfast, sponsored by Keystone Bank. The breakfast will be held at Saugahatchee Country Club beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6.

Before working at PARCA, Dr. Adams was previously employed as a research associate at the John C. Stennis Institute of Government at Mississippi State University where he provided technical assistance and training to local government officials.

In addition to his position at the PARCA, Dr. Adams is currently part of the Mississippi State University graduate faculty. He formerly taught courses in ethics in public administration, public policy, and political theory, and now teaches program evaluation in the Leadership and Foundations Program in the College of Education.

Having worked in a wide variety of public and private organizations, Dr. Adams first worked with the Comptroller of the Treasury's Offices of Research and Educational Accountability in Tennessee. Additionally, he has worked in Texas with the Legislative Budget Board and the Texas Workforce Commission, where he served four years as the agency's first director of planning.

Preceding his career in government, Dr. Adams worked as the research director for a publishing company in Dallas, Texas called Political Research Inc., and a visiting assistant professor at Auburn University. His research interests focus on the relationship between ethics, leadership, and organizational performance in public institutions. He has a B.A. in political science and history from Texas A&M University and a Ph.D. in political science from Vanderbilt University.

Please contact the Chamber at (334) 745-4861 if you would like to attend the breakfast. The cost for members is \$17 in advance or \$20 at the door. Members may now register and pay online. Just visit the chamber website, [www.opelika.com](http://www.opelika.com) and click on the Business Over Breakfast event. Deadline for reservations is April 1.