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## Pensacola State hosts Florida Master Teacher Seminar July 24-30

More than 40 Florida college faculty members from a variety of disciplines will attend the 2016 Florida Master Teacher Seminar July 24-28 at Pensacola State College's Pensacola campus.

Florida Master Teacher Seminar is a statewide seminar with representation from over 20 colleges and is administered under the direction of Brenda Kelly, Dean of General Studies at Pensacola State. This is the fifth year Pensacola State has hosted the seminar, which emphasizes innovation and excellence in classroom teaching.

The original Master Teacher Seminar was established in 1962 by Roger Garrison at Westbrook College in Portland, Maine. Since then, it has evolved into a national movement with more than a dozen annual seminars held coast to coast and an international movement with seminars in Canada and China. The sole aim of the seminar is practical exploration of ways to improve teaching.

Director of the seminar is Stephen Walker, history professor at Southside Virginia Community College. He currently is lead facilitator and presenter for Master Teacher seminars in Arizona, Florida and Indiana.

Walker was lead facilitator in the inaugural Master Teacher seminars in Alabama, Georgia, and New Jersey and has led or participated in more than 50 Master Teacher seminars across the United States. He also founded the Virginia Teachers' Academy. The program, specifically designed for K-12 teachers, was modeled after the Master Teacher movement.

Walker will be joined by a staff of experienced faculty facilitators, including Lisa Sims, Burton Beck and Reginald Todd, faculty in the Pensacola State's History, Languages, and Social Sciences and Mathematics departments.

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