



UNIVERSITY OF
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Academic Convocation

**Tuesday, September 12, 2006
11:30 am**

**Campus Activities Center
USF St. Petersburg**

Mark Jerome Walters is trained in veterinary medicine and journalism. Prior to joining the Department of Journalism and Media Studies at USFSP in 2003, Walters was a visiting lecturer at Harvard Medical School.

His writing has been favorably reviewed in the scientific and popular press, including the New York Times, The New York Times Book Review, Scientific American, the New York Review of Books, Nature, and Natural History.

His book *A Shadow and a Song*, the natural, political and social history of the 1987 extinction of the dusky seaside sparrow, was chosen by *Library Journal* as a Best Book of 1992. *Six Modern Plagues and How We Are Causing Them* (2003) won the Independent Publisher Book Award. His 2004 feature article in *Forum* magazine won the Florida Magazine Association's highest award for writing excellence. His latest book, *Seeking the Sacred Raven: Politics and Extinction on a Hawaiian Island*, was published in July.

Walters is also an accomplished bluegrass musician on the 5-string banjo.

He has a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine and his Master's degree in Journalism from Columbia University School of Journalism. He graduated magna cum laude from McGill University in Montreal where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature.

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Welcome

V. Mark Durand
Regional Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Introduction

Karen A. White
Regional Chancellor

The Learnable Moment: From Scholarship to the Classroom

Mark Jerome Walters
Associate Professor

Teaching, Research, and Professional Service Awards

Cyndie Collins
Chair of Academic Awards Committee

USF St. Petersburg is a rapidly growing, urban campus of the University of South Florida, a Carnegie-designated Doctoral/Research Extensive University. More than 4,600 students are enrolled in 26 undergraduate and 12 graduate degree programs through the Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business, and Education.

The campus is home to the nationally renowned College of Marine Science and the Children's Research Institute of USF's College of Medicine. Our community partners include the Florida Humanities Council, the USGS Center for Coastal and Watershed Studies, the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Florida Institute of Oceanography, which are also located on campus.

Our close-knit learning community offers small classes and the chance for students to know their professors. Our campus is committed to excellence in research collaboration, interdisciplinary perspectives, university-community partnerships, and a student-centered environment supportive of diversity. USF St. Petersburg's beautiful waterfront campus resides within St. Petersburg's downtown area featuring waterfront parks, shops, restaurants, arts galleries, museums and performing arts and sports venues.

