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In January 2012, Dr. Mark Walters, Associate Professor of Journalism and Media Studies at USFSP, spoke about the state of journalism and the news media today with the increased demand for immediate information and online influences.

Dr. Walters, a professional journalist and veterinarian, teaches narrative journalism and reporting, with a focus on science and medicine. He has a special interest in alternative story forms such as audio and video. Dr. Walters is director of Digital Initiatives and founded and directs VideoWorks, the department's digital productions studios. He is the author of five books. His writing has been praised by the New York Times, The New York Review of Books, Nature and numerous other scholarly and popular publications. Prior to joining USFSP in 2003, Dr. Walters was a visiting lecturer at Harvard Medical School. He speaks frequently on the subject of communication. Dr. Walters' work has taken him to Africa, Asia, throughout South America and Europe and to all fifty states. He received an undergraduate degree in English literature from McGill University; a master's from the Columbia University School of Journalism; and a D.V.M. from Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Walters is a bluegrass music enthusiast and plays the 5-string banjo.