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— Associate Professor of English Thomas Hallock, Ph.D. |
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USF St. Petersburg Associate Professor of English Thomas Hallock, Ph.D., has been named the Daniel F. Breeden Eminent Scholar Chair in the [College of Liberal Arts at Auburn University](#) for Fall 2013.

The chair was created in 1989 to provide support for both academic and outreach missions and is awarded to a nationally recognized scholar with outstanding credentials in the arts or humanities.

During his semester at Auburn, Hallock will collaborate with faculty and students on projects that combine scholarly and creative research. He will teach, hold public lectures, and be a guest speaker and workshop leader for Auburn's [Annual Writers Conference](#).

Hallock said he follows the dictum “teach where you are,” adopting a local model to his work. His ongoing projects at USF St. Petersburg include a [web-based anthology](#) of early Florida literature and [a series of environmental literature courses](#) exploring historic and relic waterways in lower Pinellas County. He is part of the highly regarded [Florida Studies Program](#).

“I am honored to have been named to this distinguished post and look forward to working with students and faculty at Auburn’s Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities,” Hallock said.

Hallock is the author of *From the Fallen Tree: Frontier Narratives, Environmental Politics and the Roots of a National Pastoral* (2003, UNC Press) and co-editor of *William Bartram, the Search for Nature’s Design: Selected Art, Letters and Unpublished Writings* (2010, UGa Press). He is a graduate of [Dickinson College](#) and holds a Ph.D. in English and American Literature from [New York University](#).

“This is truly a once in a life time achievement and a testament to Dr. Hallock’s scholarship and commitment to student success,” said Frank Biafora, dean of the USFSP [College of Arts and Sciences](#).

Giovanna Summerfield, Ph.D., associate dean for Educational Affairs at Auburn, said Hallock has worked already with some Auburn faculty in English and History.

“Dr. Hallock’s appointment as the Breeden Eminent Scholar will produce both excellent outreach programming in the arts and humanities and significant contributions to the College and the community at large through teaching and research,” she said.

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