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Dr. Mabry named new academic dean at Palm Beach Community in Boca Raton

(Boca Raton, Fla. – Aug. 23, 2006) Dr. James Mabry has been named the new dean of academic affairs at Palm Beach Community College's Boca Raton location.

Mabry comes to PBCC from Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where he served for the last four years as associate dean of academic affairs. Before his promotion to associate dean, Mabry taught U.S. history and economics at DCC for four years.

The New York native, who has never lived south of New York City, said he is delighted to be on board as the new academic dean at the more than 6,000 student campus. He is the fourth person to hold the position since the Boca Raton campus was established in 1971.



"From the first interview, I felt that this was the right job for me in the right place," Mabry said. "This is a very solid campus, and it is my goal to get to know the people and the programs here and then decide where I can add value to the institution using the knowledge I have gained at other institutions to increase student success at the Boca campus."

Mabry began his career in education 23 years ago when he worked for three years as a high school social studies teacher in the New York City public school system. After his wife's job started moving the family around, including to London, England for seven years, he decided to go back to graduate school.

He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Columbia University, a master's in economic history from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a doctorate in U.S. history from Columbia University.

He and his wife, Judy, have been married for 24 years. They have two daughters, Sara and Tess.

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