

**Thursday, July 23, 2009**

**122 Hawkins Hall  
Troy University  
Troy, AL**

**8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Program # TU179**



***Write Where You Are!***  
***Strategies for Teaching  
the Four Modes of Writing (K-12)***



**Featuring Rick Shelton**  
**Writing Consultant**

We will explore practical approaches to conceptualizing and organizing descriptive, expository, and persuasive essays, with an emphasis on helping students develop detailed paragraphs. Participants will also discuss simple narrative structure and the problems of teaching paragraphing in narrative. Demonstrating concepts and modeling writing in the classroom will provide the context for teaching all four modes. This workshop should be particularly helpful for teachers with responsibility for preparing students for statewide writing assessments.

**The Southeast Alabama Regional Inservice Center is proud to offer a one-day writing seminar featuring Rick Shelton**, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Alabama where he also received a Masters in Fine Arts in Creative Writing. He also holds a Master's Degree in English Language and Literature from the University of Chicago. Mr. Shelton is an independent consultant and has worked with teachers and students in schools across Alabama and the southeast for more than a decade, teaching writing and writing assessment preparation. As a Language Arts Specialist for the Alabama State Department of Education, Mr. Shelton gained firsthand experience reading and evaluating the Alabama Direct Assessment of Writing (ADAW). His guide to writing, *Write Where You Are! Strategies for Teaching Four Modes of Writing* (self-published), has become a popular reference for teachers, especially those with responsibility for preparing students for state writing assessments. Mr. Shelton's first children's book, *Hoggle's Christmas*, won the Alabama Library Association's **Alabama Author Award** for Juvenile/Young Adult Literature in 1995. In 1998 he was awarded the first annual **Advancement of Alabama Literacy Award** by the Gulf Coast Conference on the Teaching of Writing. Mr. Shelton also served as a reading-writing connection trainer for the Alabama Reading Initiative.

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