The Centers for Latin American Studies at Tulane University, Vanderbilt University, with support from The University of Georgia will take K-12 educators in various disciplines to Brazil. The institute will approach Brazilian culture from a multidisciplinary perspective focused on colonization. The trip will include a pre-departure orientation and two weeks of overseas travel. The institute will explore the cities of Salvador, Rio de Janeiro to São Paulo to focus on their respective role in colonial history.

Innovative programming and annual summer teacher institutes over the past five years by the three institutes provide the benefits of an interdisciplinary approach to teaching and studying the region. Taking advantage of each institution’s strength, the institute equips teachers with multidisciplinary content, curricular resources, and methods of inquiry for deploying that approach themselves in their K-12 classrooms, creating a model that is generative of innovative approaches to K-12 education more broadly.

The objectives of the institute are to:
- Advance and disseminate knowledge of Brazil by providing opportunities for K-12 educators to experience first-hand the history, politics, language, and culture of Brazil;
- Provide introductory Portuguese language training that emphasizes regional linguistic variations; and
- Contribute to the development of internationalizing curriculum that accurately and effectively brings Brazil into the classroom through standards-based approaches.

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