The Department of Writing and Linguistics in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences invites nominations and applications for the tenure-track position of Assistant Professor of Writing and Linguistics with a specialization in TESOL/Applied Linguistics. Georgia Southern University is a member institution of the University System of Georgia and a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University devoted to academic distinction in teaching, scholarship, and service. At Georgia Southern we provide a culture of engagement that bridges theory with practice, extends the learning environment beyond the classroom, and promotes student growth and life success.

Founded in 1906, the University now serves more than 20,500 students and offers more than 100 campus-based and online degree programs at the baccalaureate, master’s, and doctoral levels. Our 900 acre park-like campus in Statesboro, Georgia is not far from historic Savannah and Hilton Head Island and provides the benefits of a major university with the feeling of a much smaller college in a classic Main Street community.

Within this setting, the Department of Writing and Linguistics combines theory and practice in the study of written text, discourse, and language. Students who major in Writing and Linguistics take coursework in four areas—Creative Writing, Professional and Technical Writing, Linguistics, and Writing Studies. The Department also houses First Year Writing, in addition to providing service courses for a number of other disciplines across the University. We are active in the profession by hosting a site of the National Writing Project, significant national and regional professional conferences, and other ambitious initiatives. Our mission is to contribute to the cultural, technological, and social lives of graduates and the communities in which they live by providing a unique, interdisciplinary program that combines theoretical knowledge of language usage and structure with practical writing skills in multiple genres. This position has a central focus in helping to build and sustain a unique new online graduate certificate program in TESOL/Applied Linguistics (offered in close cooperation with the College of Education), in addition to providing support for other Department programs and activities.

Position Description. Reporting to the Chair of the Department of Writing and Linguistics, the Assistant Professor of Writing and Linguistics requires teaching (both online and face-to-face classes), advisement, research, and service. The position is a 9-month tenure-track appointment typically teaching three courses per term, and the salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. Summer teaching is optional but available.

Required Qualifications:
• Earned Ph.D. in TESOL, Applied Linguistics, or Linguistics by August 1, 2015
• Must be authorized to work in the United States for the duration of employment without assistance from the institution
• Scholarly agenda in the area of TESOL/Applied Linguistics
• At least one year of part-time college-level teaching experience (graduate assistant teaching experience is permissible)

Preferred Qualifications:
• Evidence of demonstrated excellence in teaching at the college level or two or more years of college-level teaching
• Peer-reviewed publications in TESOL/Applied Linguistics or Linguistics
• Experience developing online programs and/or teaching online courses
• Expertise in second language acquisition theory and practice and/or interest in phonology, semantics, and/or pragmatics
• Coursework and experience teaching first-year writing
• Experience teaching English in an international context, preferably outside the U.S. and Anglophone Canada

Screening of applications begins February 9, 2015, and continues until the position is filled. The preferred position starting date is August 1, 2015. A complete application consists of a letter addressing the qualifications cited above; a curriculum vitae; a teaching philosophy highlighting innovative pedagogical practice, engagement strategies, and a vision for teaching beyond the traditional classroom; and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least three professional references. Other documentation may be requested. Only complete applications and applications submitted electronically will be considered. Finalists will be required to submit to a background investigation. Applications and nominations should be sent to:

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