Assistant Professor—Search 67324  
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences  
Department of Writing and Linguistics

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 Writing Assessment. Georgia Southern University, classified as a doctoral/research institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, is a member of the University System of Georgia. As the largest and most comprehensive research institution in southeast Georgia, the University is a residential campus of more than 20,500 students representing 48 states and 89 nations.

Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Georgia Southern offers a comprehensive array of baccalaureate degrees and selected master's and doctoral programs through eight colleges: Business Administration, Education, Engineering and Information Technology, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Public Health, Science and Mathematics, and Graduate Studies. With an emphasis on academic distinction, excellent teaching, research, and student success, Georgia Southern offers both undergraduate and graduate students an attractive campus environment that encourages learning, discovery, and personal growth.

Founded in 1906, Georgia Southern lays claim to being the most beautiful campus in the state. Comprising more than 900 acres, the University grounds are an arboretum-like treasure featuring gently rolling lawns, scenic ponds, and soaring pines. Located in Statesboro, a safe Main Street community of approximately 30,000 residents not far from Savannah and Hilton Head Island, Georgia Southern provides the benefits of a major university with the feeling of a smaller college.

Within this setting, the Department of Writing and Linguistics is unique as the only free-standing writing department in the State of Georgia, and one of only a handful of writing-only departments nationally. The Department has a national presence in the profession, having served as host to the 2012 IWAC Conference on writing across the curriculum, the 2013 annual gathering of the Council of Writing Program Administrators (CWPA), the annual Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy, the annual Success in Student Writing Conference, and other similar initiatives. The Department is also home to a local site of the National Writing Project and to an active university writing center. 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. See more at http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/writing/

Position Description. Reporting to the Chair of the Department of Writing and Linguistics, the Assistant Professor of Writing and Linguistics requires teaching, research, and service. The position is a tenure-track appointment typically teaching three courses per term (six courses per year), and the salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. Summer teaching is optional but available.
Required Qualifications:

- Earned doctorate in composition and rhetoric or closely-related field relevant to the Department of Writing and Linguistics, with a specialization in writing assessment, by August 1, 2016.
- Active scholarly agenda, preferably in writing and/or assessment.
- At least one year of college-level teaching experience in the writing classroom (experience as a graduate assistant is acceptable)
- Peer-reviewed national presentations in the field(s) of composition, assessment, rhetoric, or similar areas.
- Experience and/or familiarity with general education and related outcomes.
- Must be authorized to work in the United States for the duration of employment without assistance from the institution

Preferred Qualifications (any combination of the following):

- Evidence of teaching excellence in college-level writing or full-time college-level teaching experience.
- Peer-reviewed publications, especially in the area of writing assessment.
- Experience or participation within the National Writing Project.
- Experience with technologies common to the field of composition and rhetoric.
- Evidence of engaged student learning, arising from pedagogical practice informed by the scholarship of the profession.
- Leadership or experience in a first-year writing program, writing center, or program assessment.
- Experience working with students of diverse backgrounds.
- Experience teaching online.

Screening of applications begins November 2, 2015, and continues until the position is filled. The preferred position starting date is August 1, 2016. A complete application consists of a letter addressing the qualifications cited above; a curriculum vitae; a statement of teaching philosophy highlighting innovative pedagogical practice, engagement strategies, and a vision for a transfer of student learning across domains; sample draft(s) from student(s) that include(s) teacher feedback made by the candidate; 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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More information about the institution is available through [http://www.georgiasouthern.edu](http://www.georgiasouthern.edu) or [http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/](http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/). Georgia Southern University seeks to recruit individuals who are committed to working in diverse academic and professional communities and who are committed to excellence in teaching, scholarship, and professional service within the University and beyond. The names of applicants and nominees, vitae, and other non-evaluative information may be subject to public inspection under the Georgia Open Records Act. Georgia Southern University is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity institution. Individuals who need reasonable accommodations under the ADA to participate in the search process should contact the Associate Provost.