Assistant Professor of Creative Writing/Poetry—Search #67374  
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 creative writing with an emphasis in poetry and a secondary genre of expertise, excluding fiction (such as screenwriting, the graphic novel/memoir, hybrid/multigenre creative writing, creative nonfiction, or others).

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 a department combining theory and practice in the study of written text, discourse, and language. Its mission is to contribute to the cultural, technological, and social lives of its 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. Successful candidates should be able to demonstrate how they can contribute to all aspects of growing our program, which offers an ambitious schedule of readings, travel, and experiential educational opportunities beyond the classroom.

Position Description. Reporting to the Department Chair, the assistant professor position requires teaching (both in the classroom and beyond it), research, and service. The successful candidate will normally teach three creative writing classes each semester, primarily in service to undergraduate majors, but teaching could include first-year writing or other areas of need and/or interest in our ever-evolving interdisciplinary department. The 10-month position is a tenure-track appointment, and the salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. Summer teaching is available but not required.

Required Qualifications:

• Earned MFA or Ph.D. (or equivalent terminal degree) in creative writing, or closely related field appropriate to the Department of Writing and Linguistics with at least 18 graduate semester hours in creative writing coursework, by August 1, 2017

• At least one full-length book publication in poetry with a nationally recognized press

• Significant publications of poetry in nationally recognized journals and/or magazines
• Significant publications of a secondary genre (excluding fiction) in nationally recognized journals and/or magazines
• At least one year of experience teaching creative writing at the college level
• Evidence of engaged student learning, arising from pedagogical practice informed by scholarship of teaching and learning
• Demonstrated evidence of teaching and sustained engagement beyond the classroom (such as involvement with program building, a reading series, or student-oriented initiatives)
• Must be authorized to work in the United States for the duration of employment without assistance from the institution

Preferred Qualifications:
• Experience with arts administration
• Experience with publishing and editorial duties
• Experience teaching multiple creative writing genres to multiple levels of learners
• Experience teaching with technology
• Interest or experience exploring race, gender, and/or identity in creative writing

Screening of applications begins November 4, 2016, and continues until the position is filled. The preferred position starting date is August 1, 2017. A complete application consists of a letter addressing the qualifications cited above; a curriculum vitae; a statement of teaching philosophy; and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least three professional references. Semi-finalists will be asked to submit samples of creative work not to exceed 20 pages. Other documentation may also be requested. Only complete applications submitted electronically will be considered. Finalists will be required to submit to a background investigation. Applications and nominations should be sent, via e-mail, to:

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