Assistant or Associate Professor of Interdisciplinary Writing—Search #67380

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 advanced assistant or associate professor with an emphasis or expertise in at least two areas of our major—technical and professional writing, creative writing, writing studies/rhetoric, and applied linguistics. Successful applicants may instead demonstrate expertise in one area of our major and one additional area relevant to our major, such as digital rhetorics, multimedia studies, minority rhetoric(s), 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 unique free-standing writing department that has nationally recognized experts in technical and professional writing, computers and writing, cultural/minority rhetorics, and writing program administration. In addition to our integrated undergraduate major, the Department also offers a graduate online certificate in TESOL, bears responsibility for teaching first-year writing, and houses a site of the National Writing Project along with hosting other major national events. This position offers an exciting opportunity for a forward-thinking mid-level assistant/associate professor to help advance and develop the programs of a vibrant department. With an active major that offers an ambitious schedule of events and experiential educational opportunities beyond the classroom, successful candidates should be able to demonstrate how they can contribute to growing our already-successful transdisciplinary program.

Position Description. Reporting to the Department Chair, the assistant/associate professor position requires teaching (both in the classroom and beyond it), research, and service. The successful candidate will normally teach three 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 Ph.D. or MFA in a field appropriate to the Department of Writing and Linguistics by August 1st, 2017
- Publications and/or presentations in professional venues in one or more of our areas of study that demonstrate an ongoing scholarly and/or creative agenda
- At least two years of full-time experience teaching 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 a reading series, program building, 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 working with portfolio-based instruction
- Experience with grants, program administration, recruiting of majors, and/or other demonstrated evidence of building successful programs
- Experience or expertise in new media, minority rhetoric(s), transnational rhetoric, or other interdisciplinary work relevant to the study and production of writing
- Experience with online course development and/or online instruction

Screening of applications begins November 1, 2016, and continues until the position is filled. The preferred position starting date is August 1st, 2017. A complete application consists of a letter addressing the qualifications cited above; a curriculum vitae; a statement that links the applicant’s scholarly record with teaching practices and their resulting implications for playing a substantive role for advancing a department; and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least three professional references. Other documentation may also be requested of semi-finalists. 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, via E-mail, to:

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More information about the institution is available through http://www.georgiasouthern.edu or http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/ or http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/writing/ 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.