Assistant Professor, African American Literature—Search #67616
College of Arts and Humanities/ Department of Literature

The Department of Literature in the College of Arts and Humanities invites applications and nominations for the position of tenure-track assistant professor specializing in African American Literature. The position is located on the Armstrong campus in Savannah, GA, although there may be teaching responsibilities on other campuses.

Georgia Southern University is the state’s largest and most comprehensive center of higher education south of Atlanta. With 141 degree programs at the associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral levels, Georgia Southern is designated a Carnegie Doctoral/Research university and serves more than 27,000 students on three vibrant campuses—the Armstrong campus in Savannah, the Statesboro campus, and the Liberty campus in Hinesville. Georgia Southern offers an attractive campus environment that encourages learning, discovery, and personal growth. Nationally accredited academic programs prepare diverse scholars for leadership and service as working citizens.

Since 1906, the University’s hallmark has been a culture of engagement that bridges theory with practice, extends the learning environment beyond the classroom, and promotes student growth and life success. Central to the University’s mission is the faculty’s dedication to excellence in teaching and the development of a fertile learning environment exemplified by a free exchange of ideas, high academic expectations, and individual responsibility for academic achievement. Faculty, staff, and students embrace core values expressed through integrity, civility, kindness, collaboration, and a commitment to lifelong learning, wellness, and social responsibility.

Within this setting, the Literature Department offers a B.A. and M.A. in English. The faculty member hired in this position will join a department that is committed to academic excellence, innovative instruction, and collaborative service to the University and community.

Position Description. Reporting to the chair of the Literature Department, the assistant professor will teach three courses per semester (with the occasional possibility of reassigned time for research), including upper-division English classes, cross-listed graduate courses, and literature classes offered in the core curriculum. Opportunities to teach interdisciplinary courses in areas such as Africana Studies or Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies may also arise. The successful candidate will be expected to maintain an active research agenda and publish peer-reviewed scholarship. Service to the department and University is also required. The position is an academic year, tenure-track appointment, and the salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Required Qualifications:
• Earned Ph.D. in English, or a closely related field, by August 1, 2019
• Evidence of effective teaching
• Evidence of an active research agenda in African American Literature
• Must be authorized to work in the United States for the duration of employment without assistance from the institution
Screening of applications begins November 16, 2018, and continues until the position is filled. The preferred position starting date is August 1, 2019. A complete application consists of a letter addressing the qualifications cited above; a curriculum vitae; and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least 3 professional references. Other documentation may 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 to:
Karen Hollinger, Search Chair, Search #67616
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