



GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
University System of Georgia
Gallery Director—Search #56687
College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, Department of Art

The Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art in the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences invites nominations and applications for the tenure-track position of Assistant Professor Art of and Gallery Director. Georgia Southern University (www.georgiasouthern.edu), a member institution of the University System of Georgia and a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University, is one of Georgia's premier universities. A residential university serving 18,000 students in fall 2009, Georgia Southern is recognized for providing all of the benefits of a major university with the feeling of a much smaller college. Founded in 1906, the University offers more than 100 campus-based and online degree programs at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels through eight colleges. The nearly 700 acre park-like campus is located in Statesboro, a classic Main Street community near historic Savannah and Hilton Head Island.

Within this setting, the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art offers BFA and BA undergraduate degree programs in 2D or 3D Studio with course offerings in Art History, Ceramics, Drawing, Graphic Design, Jewelry/Metals, Painting, Printmaking, Paper and Book Arts, Photography, and Sculpture. The department also offers a BS in Graphic Communications Management and the MFA graduate degree with focus in 2D or 3D Studio. Twenty-one full-time faculty members teach 450+ undergraduate majors and 25+ graduate students. The department is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD). Galleries are housed in a newly constructed, state-of-the-art gallery and black box theatre facility, the Center for Art & Theatre. The gallery space consists of three rooms on two floors with an adjoining sculpture garden and includes the Smith Callaway Banks Southern Folk Art Research Center (over 6800 square feet total). The visual arts are experienced by all students on campus and are highly respected as an essential facet of the University's liberal arts mission.

Position Description: Reporting to the Department Chair, the Gallery Director will manage the daily and long-term operation of the galleries in the Center for Art and Theater. The Gallery Director's role is to strategize and implement all aspects of the identity of the gallery and teach 3-4 courses per year in the areas of art appreciation or foundation studio as appropriate. The Gallery Director's responsibilities include curatorial research, organization and management of exhibitions, grant-writing on local and national levels, administering the visiting artist and lecture series, developing educational components related to exhibitions, and coordinating events and exhibitions. Together with the Department Chair, the Gallery Director is expected to communicate the ambitious and inclusive vision of an active university gallery program in a school that encompasses undergraduate programs in studio art and art history, as well as an MFA program in studio art. The ideal candidate will be committed to the significant role that a vital exhibition program can play in a university setting, while recognizing the mission of the Georgia Southern University Center for Art & Theatre.

The full-time tenure-track position is a 9-month appointment with a summer stipend, and the salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Required Qualifications:

- MFA in Art or PhD in Art History by August 1, 2010
- Proven record of curating significant exhibitions of contemporary art
- General gallery administrative skills
- Excellent communication skills
- University teaching experience

Preferred Qualifications:

- Research expertise in folk art preferred

Screening of applications begins December 1, 2009, and continues until the position is filled. The position starting date is August 1, 2010. A complete application consists of the following hard-copy items:

- letter of application;
- current CV;
- the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least three professional references;
- brief statement or curatorial philosophy;
- visual documentation of selected exhibitions;
- samples of publicity and press coverage preferred;
- syllabi for art course taught preferred.

NOTE: While cds and digital images may be used to submit all written and visual support materials, each applicant is also required to submit hard copies of all materials, including visuals.

Georgia Southern University seeks to recruit individuals who are committed to working in diverse academic and professional communities. Applications and nominations should be sent to:

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More information about the institution is available through <http://www.georgiasouthern.edu>, <http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/>, or <http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/art>. Georgia Southern University seeks individuals who are committed to excellence in teaching, scholarship, and professional service within the University and beyond. Finalists will be required to submit to a background investigation. Georgia is an Open Records state. Georgia Southern University is an AA/EO institution. Individuals who need reasonable accommodations under the ADA to participate in the search process should contact the Associate Provost.