The Department of Literature and Philosophy in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences invites nominations and applications for the position of Department Chair at the rank of Associate or Full Professor.

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 Literature and Philosophy supports undergraduate majors and minors in both English and Philosophy, a Master of Arts in English, and minors in Religious Studies, Irish Studies, and Film Studies. Our department’s mission is central to a liberal arts education: we teach students to be incisive critical thinkers and effective communicators, to be aware of cultural diversity, and to be skillful interpreters of the written and spoken word in all areas of life. We are committed to academic excellence, innovative instruction, and collaborative service to the community.

Position Description. Reporting to the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, the position of Department Chair requires vision, leadership, administrative talents, teaching (two courses per year), research, and service, as well as a terminal degree. The Chair will work in a collaborative department administrative structure, representing 24 full-time faculty members. The position is a tenured or tenure-track, 12-month appointment, and the salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Required Qualifications:
• A Doctorate in English, Philosophy, or Religious Studies (or a closely related field with a minimum of 18 graduate semester hours in Literature, Philosophy, or Religious Studies).
• Demonstrated excellence in teaching, research, and service.
• Candidate must currently hold a rank of associate or full professor.
Minimum of 5 years full-time college/university teaching experience at the associate professor level is required for the rank of professor along with a strong record of teaching, research, and service with substantial publications and presentations in professional venues.

Must be authorized to work in the United States for the duration of employment without assistance from the institution.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Prior administrative experience as demonstrated by a major role, such as chairing a department or directing a program or center.
- Although advanced Associate Professors will be considered, the department has a strong preference for a Full Professor or for an Associate Professor who can be hired as a Full Professor, according to Georgia Southern University’s criteria for the position.

Screening of applications begins October 30, 2015 and continues until the position is filled. The preferred position starting date is July 1, 2016. A complete application consists of a letter addressing the qualifications cited above; an administrative philosophy; a curriculum vitae; and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least five 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:

Dr. D. Jason Slone, Associate Dean
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
Search Chair, Search # 67343
Electronic mail: dslone@georgiasouthern.edu
Telephone: 912-478-2527

Please reference the search number in the subject line of the email.

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