



GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

*University System of Georgia*

**Assistant Professor of Writing and Linguistics—Search # 65332**

**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 position of Assistant Professor of Writing and Linguistics with an emphasis in Creative Writing. Georgia Southern University ([www.georgiasouthern.edu](http://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 nearly 20,000 students in fall 2010, 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. In 2011, Georgia Southern was named the fourth most popular university in the country by *U.S. News & World Report's* "Top 20 Most Popular Universities." 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 Department of Writing and Linguistics—comprised of Creative Writing, Professional and Technical Writing, Linguistics, and Writing Studies—offers the Bachelor of Arts in Writing and Linguistics and is responsible for the delivery of First-Year Writing. The Department is a member of The Associated Writing Programs and the Georgia Poetry Circuit. The Department is home to the University Writing Center and the Georgia Southern Writing Project, a site of the National Writing Project. The Department hosts the annual Student Success in Writing Conference, and co-hosts the Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy. The ideal candidate will contribute to the growth and development of the Creative Writing area along with other Department programs and activities.

Position Description. Reporting to the Chair of the Department of Writing and Linguistics, the Assistant Professor of Writing and Linguistics with an emphasis in Creative Writing position requires teaching, service, and research responsibilities as well as a terminal degree. The successful candidate will teach 2-3 courses per semester with primary assignment in multi-genre and single-genre Creative Writing courses. The position is a 9-month, tenure-track appointment, and the salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Required Qualifications:

- M.F.A. or Ph.D. with a creative dissertation by August 1, 2012
- Fiction as primary genre
- At least one full-length book publication with a nationally recognized press
- Publication in nationally recognized journals
- Experience teaching multiple creative writing genres
- Experience teaching with technology
- Evidence of excellence in teaching

Preferred Qualifications:

- Publications in multiple creative writing journals
- Experience writing and teaching screenplays
- At least one year of full-time experience teaching Creative Writing
- Experience teaching online courses
- Experience teaching graduate courses in Creative Writing
- Evidence of interest in active involvement with Creative Writing students

Screening of applications begins October 10, 2011 and continues until the position is filled. The position starting date is August 1, 2012. 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 three professional references. Other documentation may be requested. Only complete applications will be considered. Finalists will be required to submit to a background investigation. Applications and nominations should be sent to:

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