Assistant Professor of Geography—Search #67724
College of Science and Mathematics/Department of Geology & Geography

The Department of Geology and Geography in the College of Science and Mathematics invites applications and nominations for the tenure-track position of Assistant Professor of Geography. The home campus for this position will be the Statesboro campus.

Georgia Southern University is a distinctive combination of Southern charm and uncompromising academics. We are a Carnegie Doctoral/R2 institution serving about 26,500 students through nine colleges on three beautiful oak-lined campuses in Statesboro, Savannah, Hinesville, and via a growing online program. Throughout its degree offerings at the associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral levels, Georgia Southern cultivates community collaboration, world-class scholarship and hands-on learning opportunities.

Georgia Southern University was founded in 1906 as a school for teaching modern agricultural production techniques and homemaking skills to rural school children. Its Savannah campus was established in 1935 as Armstrong Junior College for local youth who could not afford to attend college away from home. The Liberty Center in Hinesville was established in 1998 to serve the military and their families at nearby Fort Stewart, the largest military base east of the Mississippi. All three locations came together in 2018 when Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern University consolidated. The “new” Georgia Southern University preserves a passion for serving its neighbors while preparing students for lifelong service as scholars, leaders, and responsible stewards of their communities.

Within this setting, the Department of Geology & Geography is actively engaged and committed to inclusivity and diversity in undergraduate and graduate education, research, and service. Faculty in the Department are actively involved in research regionally, nationally, and abroad. The Department currently offers three degree programs in geography: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and Master of Science in Applied Geography. The Department also seeks to advance research and teaching in support of the efforts by the college to enhance/build undergraduate and graduate programs in environmental science/sustainability with emphasis on the coastal plain. To this end, the individual that fills the position will be expected to contribute to the teaching, research, and service missions of the Department.

Position Description: Reporting to the Department Chair, the Assistant Professor of Geography will conduct research and teach courses in Geographic Information Science (GIScience). Areas of desired research and teaching interest include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following: spatial data science/big data, geovisualization, quantitative methods/spatial statistics, and cyberGIS. The successful candidate will have a special focus on the applications of GIScience in human-environment interactions and sustainability. The individual selected will also participate in teaching core courses in geography and undergraduate and graduate levels courses in his/her specialty and GIScience. In addition, the candidate will be expected to maintain an active research agenda and be actively engaged in the growth and development of the undergraduate and graduate programs in geography. The position is a 10-month, tenure-track appointment, and the salary and the startup package are competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.
Required Qualifications:
• A PhD in geography, or closely related discipline, must be completed by the position starting date of August 1, 2020
• Engagement with institutional student success initiatives
• Commitment to engaging with best practice initiatives in instruction and pedagogy, mentoring, and curriculum design and development
• Must be authorized to work in the United States for the duration of employment without assistance from the institution

Preferred Qualifications:
• Previous teaching experience (full-time or part-time)
• Evidence of seeking/securing external research funding
• Have significant programming experience (e.g., Python)
• Ability and interest in recruiting geography majors
• Demonstrated commitment to teaching or research that promotes inclusion of those underrepresented in the field
• Have teaching and/or research interest in a particular region of the world, with preference given to research that impacts coastal plain communities/regions
• Ability to collaborate with Department faculty and complement its existing strengths

Screening of applications begins January 15, 2020, and continues until the position is filled. The preferred position starting date is August 1, 2020. 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 submitted electronically will be considered. Finalists will be required to submit to a background investigation. Applications and nominations should be sent to:

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