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**Chair and Professor or Associate Professor—Search #67475**  
**Department of Writing and Linguistics**  
**College of Arts and Humanities**

The Department of Writing and Linguistics in the College of Arts and Humanities invites applications and nominations for the position of Chair and Professor or Associate Professor of Writing and Linguistics.

In January 2017, the University System of Georgia Board of Regents voted to consolidate Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern University. The new, 27,000-student university will be named Georgia Southern University with campuses in Savannah, Statesboro, and Hinesville. The expected timeline for the first entering class will be fall 2018. Complete details are available at <http://consolidation.georgiasouthern.edu/>. The administrative office of the Department is on the Statesboro campus; however, departmental programs and faculty are located across the three campuses.

Within this setting, the Department of Writing and Linguistics offers a B.A. degree in Writing with coursework in four areas: Creative Writing, Professional and Technical Writing, Writing Studies, and Linguistics. In addition to the major, the Department also offers minors in writing, linguistics, and professional and technical writing, and an online graduate certificate in TESOL/Applied Linguistics. The Department is an active participant in the online Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies program housed in the College of Arts and Humanities and the interdisciplinary MA and online graduate certificate in Professional Communication and Leadership. The Department also is responsible for defining and teaching the required First-Year Writing courses – a two-semester sequence that provides in-depth instruction in composition to all first-year students at Georgia Southern.

Position Description. Reporting to the Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, the Chair holds administrative, teaching, research/creative activity, and leadership responsibilities. The Chair is expected to provide leadership and support for the first-year writing program, the major, and departmental initiatives. A successful candidate will demonstrate that he/she will embrace and advance the cross-disciplinary nature of the Department and its interactions with other University departments and programs. The position is a 12-month, tenured or tenure-track appointment; the salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Required Qualifications:

- Ph.D. or MFA in English, Rhetoric and Composition, Linguistics, or Creative Writing, or a terminal degree in a closely related field.
- Evidence of teaching excellence in first-year composition and/or in one of the four departmental concentrations.
- Administrative experience as demonstrated by a major role directing or chairing a department, program, or center, especially experience administrating a writing program.
- Experience with assessment processes.
- Evidence of a collaborative leadership style.
- Must be authorized to work in the United States for the duration of employment without assistance from the institution.

- A 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 research and service with publications and presentations in professional venues.
- A minimum of 5 years full-time college/university teaching experience at the assistant professor level is required for the rank of associate professor along with a strong record of research and service with substantial publications and presentations in professional venues.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience in program development and resource and personnel management.
- Demonstrated commitment to student and faculty diversity and multiculturalism.
- Experience in grant writing and fund-raising.
- Qualification for tenured appointment at the rank of Professor.

Screening of applications begins February 5, 2018, and continues until the position is filled. The preferred position starting date is July 1, 2018. 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 five 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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More information about the institution is available through <http://www.georgiasouthern.edu> or <http://class.georgiasouthern.edu>. 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. The names of applicants and nominees, vitae, and other non-evaluative information may be subject to public inspection under the Georgia Open Records Act. Georgia Southern University is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity institution. Individuals who need reasonable accommodations under the ADA to participate in the search process should contact the Vice Provost.