Department Chair – Search #42024
College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences invites nominations and applications for the position of Department Chair. This is an internal search that will be open to faculty of the professorial or associate professorial level within the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. The home campus for this position will be the Statesboro campus, but travel to the other campuses is necessary.

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 Sociology and Anthropology offers undergraduate majors and minors in sociology and anthropology as well as a Master of Art (MA) degree with a major in Social Science. In addition, we house the RM Bogan Archaeological Repository, the Center for Social Gerontology, the Georgia Southern Archaeological Research Project, the Georgia Southern University Laboratory of Archaeology, the Digging Savannah initiative, and the Camp Lawton Archaeological project. Our programs provide a comparative and holistic approach to the study of the human experience. Specifically, the department offers: (1) students of all disciplines the opportunity to deepen and broaden their knowledge through study abroad and internships; (2) a strong preparation for graduate study in sociology or anthropology; and (3) an academic and practical background for those who wish to apply the anthropological or sociological perspective in a wide range of professional careers, such as cultural resource management, social services, applied social research, and archaeology.

Believing that diversity contributes to academic excellence and to rich and rewarding communities, Georgia Southern University is committed to recruiting and retaining a diverse faculty, staff, and student body. Candidates from historically underrepresented groups, whose work furthers our diversity and inclusion efforts, and who bring to campus varied life experiences, perspectives, and backgrounds are especially encouraged to apply.

Position Description: Reporting to the Dean of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, the Chair holds administrative, research/creative activity, teaching, and leadership responsibilities. The Chair is
expected to provide leadership and support for the degree programs and departmental initiatives. This position is on a fiscal year (12-month) contract and is a tenured appointment; salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

**Required Qualifications:**
- A doctorate degree in Anthropology or Sociology or a closely related field
- Must be at the rank of associate professor or professor at the time of appointment and hold tenure at Georgia Southern University
- Demonstrated excellence in teaching, research, and service
- Willingness to engage 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:**
- Prior administrative experiences
- Experience working with external funding sources
- Although advanced associate professors will be considered, the department has a strong preference for a professor

Screening of applications begins February 21, 2020, and continues until the position is filled. The preferred position starting date is July 1, 2020. A complete application consists of 1) a letter addressing the qualifications cited above; 2) an administrative philosophy; 3) a diversity statement describing how, through your administrative approach, scholarship, teaching, and service, you will further Georgia Southern University’s commitment to creating a supportive and inclusive learning environment for students from diverse backgrounds; 4) a curriculum vitae; and 5) the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least four 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 by email to:

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