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**Jack N. Averitt Distinguished Professor of Southern History—Search #67821**  
**College of Arts and Humanities and Department of History**

The Department of History in the College of Arts and Humanities invites applications and nominations for the Jack N. Averitt Distinguished Professor of Southern History. Period and field open within the geographic region of the American South. 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.

Believing that diversity, equity, and inclusion contribute to excellence in the workplace and to the quality of the University's academic environment, Georgia Southern University is committed to recruiting and retaining diverse faculty and staff to support, promote, and serve a diverse student body and promote Inclusive Excellence. Candidates from historically underrepresented groups, whose work furthers the institution's Inclusive Excellence goals and who bring to campus varied life experiences, perspectives, and backgrounds are especially encouraged to apply.

Within this setting, the Department of History has a significant presence in the Core curriculum and the Digital Humanities program, offers a major and minor in History, and has active chapters of Phi Alpha Theta. It hosts a thriving M.A. program, with tracks in European/US history and Public History, and a new online track in War & Society. Department members are active in campus programming and community outreach in Statesboro and Savannah and the surrounding areas.

Position Description. Reporting to the department chair, the Jack N. Averitt Distinguished Professor of Southern History has a reduced course load of 4 classes per academic year, with increased expectations of campus engagement, community outreach, and peer-reviewed publications or Public History equivalents. The position is an academic year (10 month) position, with the possibility for tenure granted at the time of appointment. The salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. The salary is augmented annually with funds for research support, including funding for undergraduate and/or graduate research assistants and travel.

Required Qualifications:

- Earned Ph.D. in History, or a closely related field, by August 1, 2022.
- Significant record of peer-reviewed publications in the field.
- Significant record of campus and community engagement.
- 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.

Appointment will be at the full professor or associate professor rank, depending on qualifications and experience.

- 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 publications and presentations in professional venues.
- 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 substantial publications and presentations in professional venues.

Screening of applications begins November 1, 2021, and continues until the position is filled. The preferred position starting date is August 1, 2022. To equitably serve a fast growing and highly diverse student body and to fulfill the University's commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion, we actively seek candidates with a demonstrated commitment to Pillar 3 of our University Strategic Plan: Inclusive Excellence. 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 3 professional references. For more information on Georgia Southern University's commitment to inclusive excellence, please see <https://www.georgiasouthern.edu/inclusive-excellence/>. 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 <https://cah.georgiasouthern.edu/history/>. 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 provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, religion, age, veteran status, political affiliation, or disability. Individuals who need reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act to participate in the search process should notify Human Resources at 912-478-6947.