Special Collections Librarian—Search #67570
Zach S. Henderson Library/Research Services Department

The Department of Research Services in the Zach S. Henderson Library invites applications and nominations for the position of Special Collections Librarian. This position is located on the Statesboro campus.

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/.

Within this setting, the Zach S. Henderson Library’s mission is to support the University by providing access to information, collections, and services designed to meet the scholarly needs of the University. In addition, the Library promotes independent lifelong learning, employs a learner-centered service ethic, and ensures a comfortable and secure study environment. The Special Collections Librarian plays a pivotal role in the library’s mission, working in a collaborative team environment to facilitate discovery and access to the Library’s Special Collections for the student, researcher and scholar alike.

Position Description. Reporting to the Head of the Research Services Department, this position is responsible for coordinating instruction, outreach, programming and reference for Special Collections. In addition, this position will work with colleagues to provide reference assistance and participate in our information literacy program. Department services are expected to be delivered to remote students and faculty at the same level of quality and priority as the services are delivered in-house. Henderson Library faculty are expected to function independently, take initiative, set goals and priorities in a dynamic changing environment, work collegially and collaboratively with Library personnel and patrons, and meet the Library’s standards for the practice of librarianship, professional service, professional development, and creative activities. The position is a fiscal year (12 month), tenure-track appointment with the rank of assistant professor or associate professor, and the salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Required Qualifications:

- Earned ALA-accredited masters in Librarianship, or foreign equivalent, by July 1, 2018.
- Minimum two years recent experience in a special collections setting with experience in reference, instruction and outreach.
- Formal coursework or training in archives management, rare books and/or special collections librarianship.
- Excellent oral, writing, and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to interact effectively with all internal and external constituencies, and to work collegially in a shared governance organization.
- Experience with the creation of online learning resources in support of information literacy objectives.
• Must be authorized to work in the United States for the duration of employment without assistance from the institution.
• Minimum of 5 years full-time experience as an academic reference librarian 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:
• Three or more years of professional experience in an academic special collections and archives environment.
• Demonstrated teaching experience.
• Formal coursework or training in primary source literacy, object-based pedagogical strategy, and/or active learning techniques using primary sources and/or special collections.
• Experience with current issues and best practices in delivering reference, research, instruction, collection development, and liaison services in academic libraries.
• Demonstrated commitment to promoting and enhancing diversity.

Screening of applications begins March 15, 2018, and continues until the position is filled. The Starting date is negotiable. 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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