

**Assistant Professor, Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design—Search #67565
College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, School of Human Ecology
Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design Program**

The School of Human Ecology in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences invites applications and nominations for the position of Assistant Professor in Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design. The 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 is the multi-disciplinary School of Human Ecology, which is a dynamic and growth-oriented applied research and creative activity unit of over 20 faculty and staff serving over 800 undergraduate majors. In addition, the School houses an undergraduate research program and the Child Development Center, an on-campus laboratory school serving 64 infant, toddler and preschool age children. The School offers programs in child and family development, fashion merchandising and apparel design, interior design, and recreation. Students that are enrolled in the Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design Program can either choose a merchandising or design emphasis area as their major concentration. Students in the program use state of the art technology such as Optitex 3D Design Software, a 3D body scanner, Velocity Plotter, and Visual Retailing/Mockshop. Students gain hands-on experience through trips to Atlanta and the New York Study Tour, and complete internships in major cities around the nation including New York, Los Angeles, and Atlanta. The program has been included in the list of “Top 10 Fashion Design Schools in the South” by Fashion-schools.org. The School of Human Ecology’s future directions include implementing master’s degrees in Child and Family Development, Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design, and Recreation.

Position Description. Reporting to the School Chair, the Assistant Professor of Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design requires teaching, research, and service responsibilities. A terminal degree from an accredited institution in the content area is required. The position is a 9-month, tenure-track appointment, and the salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. Summer teaching may be available. The successful candidates will be qualified to teach courses in fashion merchandising and apparel design; develop an active research program; secure external funding; mentor students; and provide service to the profession, university, and community.

Required Qualifications:

- Earned doctorate from an accredited institution in fashion/retail/apparel design or a closely related field by August 1, 2018 with at least 18 graduate semester hours in fashion/retail/apparel design.
- Experience teaching merchandising courses or apparel design courses
- Proficiency with Adobe Creative Suite and computer-aided design
- Promise of productive research/scholarship/creative activities (e.g., juried), consistent with the teacher-scholar model, including grant/proposal writing

- Commitment to teaching, scholarship, and service that is consistent with the College's priorities for the School and the mission of the University
- Ability to contribute to a positive work environment in the School, College, and University
- Technological literacy and a commitment to integrating technology into teaching and scholarship
- Commitment to professional service within the University and beyond
- Commitment to work in a diverse academic and professional community
- Must be authorized to work in the United States for the duration of employment without assistance from the institution
- Documentation or demonstrated interest or ability to conduct research resulting in scholarly publications

Preferred Qualifications:

- A minimum of one year of full or part-time experience working in the fashion design/apparel or retail industry
- A minimum of one year of college/university teaching
- Online teaching experience or willingness to obtain online teaching certificate at Georgia Southern
- Teaching/industry experience with one or more of the following: Retail management, retail technology, global trade and supply chain management, and visual merchandising.
- Connections with global business and fashion industry
- Experience supervising interns, study tours, and/or advising students
- Proficiency with retail industry technology

Screening of applications begins February 26, 2018, and continues until the position is filled. The preferred position starting date is August 1, 2018. A complete application consists of a letter addressing the qualifications cited above; a curriculum vitae; unofficial copies of transcripts, (official transcripts will be required upon hire); and the names, titles/positions, 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://cbss.georgiasouthern.edu/human-ecology/undergraduate/fmad/>. 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.