



Assistant Professor, Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design—Search #67732
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 of Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design. 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.

Within this setting is the multi-disciplinary School of Human Ecology, which is an applied research and creative activity unit of over 20 faculty and staff serving over 800 undergraduate majors. The School offers programs in Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design, Child and Family Development, Interior Design, and Recreation. Students enrolled in the Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design program can choose merchandising or design as their major concentration. Students in the program use state of the art technology such as Optitex 3D Design Software, a 3D body scanner, and Velocity Plotter. 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 Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design program is a dynamic and growing program. The last two years the program was ranked #8 on the list of "Top 10 Fashion Design Schools in the South" by Fashion-schools.org.

Position Description. Reporting to the School Chair, the Assistant Professor in Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design position requires teaching, research and service responsibilities. The successful candidate will be qualified to teach courses in fashion merchandising and apparel design; develop an active research program; mentor students; and provide service to the profession, University, and community. Summer teaching may be available. The position is an academic (9/10 month) tenure-track appointment, and the salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Required Qualifications:

- Earned doctorate in merchandising, retailing, or a closely related field, by August 1, 2020
- Experience teaching fashion merchandising/retailing courses

- Promise of productive research/scholarship/creative activities (e.g., juried), consistent with the teacher-scholar model, including grant/proposal writing
- 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
- 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:

- A minimum of one year of college/university teaching
- Full or part-time experience working in the merchandising or retail industry
- Teaching/industry experience with one or more of the following: merchandising, retailing, retail management, retail technology, global trade and supply chain management
- Proficiency with retail industry technology
- Demonstrated ability to build relationships with firms/organizations in the fashion industry
- Online teaching experience or willingness to obtain online teaching certificate at Georgia Southern
- Experience supervising interns, study tours, and/or advising students

Believing that diversity contributes to excellence in the workplace and to the quality of the University's academic environment, the College is committed to recruiting and retaining a diverse faculty to support, promote and serve a diverse student body (<https://tinyurl.com/udwaujg>). Candidates from historically underrepresented groups, whose work furthers the College's diversity and inclusion efforts, and who bring to campus varied life experiences, perspectives and backgrounds are especially encouraged to apply.

Screening of applications begins January 13, 2020, and continues until the position is filled. The preferred position starting date is August 1, 2020. 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 <https://cbss.georgiasouthern.edu/fashion-design/>. 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.