POSITION: Writing Center Director (Full-time Non-Tenure-Track Faculty)

The Stetson University seeks a vibrant, energetic leader and educator for a full-time (11-month renewable contract), non-tenure-track faculty position as Writing Center Director and Assistant Director of the Writing Program.

QUALIFICATIONS:
The successful candidate will bring progressive, innovative leadership rooted in best practice established Writing Center activities. The successful candidate will have experience or coursework in Writing Center assessment; experience in hiring, mentoring, and providing professional development for interdisciplinary peer tutors; an active and current research project or program that can be furthered in the institutional context Stetson provides; some experience and familiarity with writing program administration and assessment; and demonstrated classroom excellence. A Ph.D. in writing studies/writing center studies is required by the time of appointment; a A.B.D. will also be considered. Familiarity with scheduling software and budgeting is desirable. Preference will be given to candidates with interest and/or experience in writing fellows programs.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
As a vital part of the Writing Program at Stetson, the primary responsibility will be to serve as Writing Center Director. The Writing Center Director will begin immediately to collaborate with the Writing Program Director on developing and implementing a Writing Fellows program to support increasing numbers of courses incorporating writing in the learning process. Ongoing responsibilities include working jointly with the University Writing Program and Hollis Family Student Success Center to hire, train, and mentor peer tutors, including fostering professional development opportunities for tutors from a variety of academic disciplines; coordinating with other student support functions and initiatives (e.g., Honor Council, student support workshops, etc.); collaborating with faculty and administrative colleagues to coordinate, support, and advance student learning in writing, information literacy, and critical thinking on the DeLand campus; teaching in the Writing Program with a 1/1 or 1/2 teaching load (assignments expected to be in writing and in tutoring pedagogy); maintaining a professional profile commensurate with a nationally recognized writing program, including research, data collection, and professional memberships; and taking on Writing Program responsibilities as needed during the summer months. Other duties may be assigned according to candidate’s strengths.

THE WRITING CENTER:
With increases in undergraduate enrollment and a University-wide commitment to writing across the curriculum with innovative curricular and pedagogical developments, the demand for a dynamic and active Writing Center continues to grow. At Stetson, the Writing Center is interdisciplinary, student-centered, and fast-growing as the largest center for peer tutoring on campus. Housed in the duPont-Ball Library as part of an emergent Learning Commons, the Writing Center currently employs eighteen peer tutors from academic disciplines across our undergraduate and graduate programs. Peer tutors are budding teacher-scholars, dedicated to their work with peers as well as research and scholarship within the writing center profession as institutional members of the International Writing Centers Association. In the coming year, the Writing Center will expand its services to include a Writing Fellows program that will place well-trained undergraduates in key courses as writing tutors.
The Writing Program:
The Stetson faculty as a whole share a strong commitment to excellence in teaching and learning. Additional information about the Writing Program may be found online at http://www.stetson.edu/other/writing-program/ inquiries may be directed to Megan O’Neill, Director of the Writing Program, at mboneill@stetson.edu.

The University:
Founded in 1883, Stetson University (http://www.stetson.edu) is a private, selective university comprised of a rich array of liberal arts and professional academic programs. Collectively, Stetson’s faculty works with nearly 4000 students in undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. The University’s historic main campus, located in DeLand, enrolls more than 2,800 students in undergraduate programs in the College of Arts & Sciences, the School of Business Administration, and the School of Music. Stetson University College of Law, Florida’s first law school, moved from the main campus to Gulfport in 1945, and, with the addition of the Tampa Law Center, serves approximately 1,000 students working full-time or part-time toward J.D. or LL.M. degrees. Graduate programs offered at the main campus and at Stetson University Center in Celebration include Business, Accounting, Educational Leadership, Elementary Education – Education for Social Justice, and Counseling. Florida’s oldest private institution of higher learning, Stetson has regularly been ranked among the best regional universities in the Southeast and was the first private college in Florida to be granted a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Stetson University provides an inspiring education that engages students with rigorous academic and creative study grounded in liberal learning and promotes civic values of personal and social responsibility. Working closely with faculty and with one another, students cultivate abilities to explore issues deeply, think critically, reason empirically, speak persuasively, and connect ideas creatively. Firmly committed to inclusive excellence, our vibrant community of teacher-scholars nurtures the potential of individual students to lead lives of significance and prepares each to meet the challenges of shaping the future—locally, nationally, and globally.

The Community:
DeLand is a picturesque residential community of 25,000 located 20 miles west of Daytona Beach and 35 miles northeast of Orlando. The area offers extensive cultural as well as recreational activities.

Salary: Salary is competitive.

Starting Date: August 1, 2015

Application:
Applicants should send a letter of application, detailed current vita, and three letters of recommendation. Candidates are encouraged to highlight skills and experiences that demonstrate a commitment to progressive, innovative leadership based in best practices and established writing center activities, including relevant experience in Writing Fellows initiatives. Further, candidates are encouraged to highlight skills and experiences that demonstrate a commitment to social justice, diversity, and inclusion. Transcripts and other materials may be requested at a later date.

Candidates are strongly encouraged to submit all materials electronically as an e-mail attachment in the form of a PDF document to:

mboneill@stetson.edu
Electronic copies are preferred; if a candidate is unable to submit materials via e-mail, hard copies may be sent to the following postal address:

Megan O'Neill, Writing Center Director Search Committee Chair
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Review of applications will begin January 20, 2015 and continue until the position is filled.

Stetson University is an Equal Opportunity Employer that affirms cultural diversity and inclusion as a core value of academic excellence at Stetson University. We are committed to achieving equal access in education, employment, and participation through the recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty, staff, and students from diverse backgrounds, and to meaningful academic and intellectual transformation in curriculum, research and service. We are dedicated to actions and policies that foster a community in which individuals with various identities, cultures, backgrounds, and viewpoints work together to create opportunities for engagement through rewarding and fulfilling careers and personal experiences in a culturally and racially diverse society and a globalized world. We strongly encourage members of historically under-represented and economically-disadvantaged groups and women to apply for employment. Stetson University is an EEO, ADA, ADEA, and GINA employer.