

STETSON UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

POSITION: Assistant Professor of English-Creative Writing

Stetson University invites applications for a position as Assistant Professor of English-Creative Writing; the successful candidate will hold the position of Director of the MFA of the Americas Program, the distinctive low-residency graduate program in creative writing in the English Department and College of the Arts and Sciences. The position is a tenure track, twelve-month appointment and features the MFA academic calendar and two ten-day residencies, which occur in December and May.

QUALIFICATIONS:

We seek a dedicated teacher-scholar with administrative experience who can guide our MFA of the Americas creative writing program. An MFA in Creative Writing is required along with a record of publications in prose. The successful candidate should have three to five years of administrative/management experience and college-level teaching experience. Experience in organizing program travel outside of the United States is preferred. We are particularly interested in candidates with experience or interest in engaging students from diverse backgrounds.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

In this twelve-month position, the MFA Program Director is responsible for the academic excellence and vitality of the MFA program, including a curriculum and structure that aligns with AWP hallmarks for low-residency programs. The MFA Program Director is responsible for administering the program: this will include coordinating two annual MFA residences, one of which is local, overseeing admissions, recruiting, and marketing, supervising staff and MFA adjuncts, and handling the budgeting.

This position also includes teaching two creative writing (ENCW) classes in prose each year.

The successful candidate should demonstrate a record of excellence in teaching, combined with a record of creative publications in prose. Creative activity leading to publication in peer-reviewed journals and service to the Department, the College of Arts and Sciences, the University, and the profession are required. For more information on our expectations in teaching and scholarship, our tenure policies, and our support for faculty development, please see the Office of the Provost and Academic Affairs website:

www.stetson.edu/provost.

THE DEPARTMENT

The English department is a vibrant community of undergraduate, graduate, and faculty writers that supports the English major and minor, the Creative Writing Minor, and the MFA of the Americas program; we likewise support area studies programs, the Gender Studies program, the Pre-Law advisory program, and the University Writing Program. We are committed to engaging our students and colleagues in scholarship, critique, and creative practice. For more information, see the department web

page: <https://www.stetson.edu/other/academics/undergraduate/english.php>.

The MFA of the Americas is designed to develop writers whose creative practice embodies an expanded notion of inquiry, making, contexts and kinships. The curriculum emphasizes craft, experimentation, reading strategies, collaboration, translation, site-specificity and an exploration of

the political, social, aesthetic and cultural constellations that form us and our work. For more information, see the MFA Experience page: <https://www.stetson.edu/artsci/mfa/>

Since 1995, the Sullivan Creative Writing program has sponsored curriculum, student scholarships and faculty support for creative practitioners who make work using text.

THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES:

Stetson's College of Arts and Sciences (<http://www.stetson.edu/portal/artsci/>) is the largest and most diverse of the University's colleges and schools. With nineteen academic departments and nine interdisciplinary programs, the College is the liberal arts core of the University; it includes the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, education, and creative arts. A great strength of the College is its faculty of approximately 150 full-time teacher-scholars. The College offers 38 undergraduate majors and 40 undergraduate minors; six graduate degrees are offered in Education, Counselor Education, and Creative Writing. Every undergraduate major requires a senior research project, giving students the opportunity to design and carry out independent research under faculty mentorship. Our academic programs are shaped by the values of social justice and civic responsibility.

All our courses and programs of study promote engaged learning, whereby students create connections between the classroom or lab and the local, regional, and global community. The academic programs of the College of Arts and Sciences prepare students to live significant lives, to interact with and positively affect the world around them.

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 3,700 students in undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. The University's historic main campus, located in DeLand, enrolls more than 2,300 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 1954, 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 include Business, Accounting, Educational Leadership, Counseling, and Creative Writing. 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 38,000 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: July 1, 2024

APPLICATION:

Applicants must send the following materials for consideration: 1) a cover letter, 2) a curriculum vitae, 3) a sample of creative work, 4) an official transcript from the institution awarding the highest degree, and 5) three letters of recommendation. Candidates are encouraged to highlight skills and experiences that demonstrate a commitment to diversity and inclusion. Review of applications will begin in mid-December and continue until the position is filled.

Application materials may be submitted electronically to Dr. Lori Snook, Search Committee Chair, at englishdept@stetson.edu.

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.