

## **STETSON UNIVERSITY**

### **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

#### **POSITION:** Visiting Assistant Professor

Stetson University seeks a Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy. This is a full-time, non-tenure track, 9-month position to start in August 2025 (through May 2026).

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

A Ph.D. in philosophy by August 2025. The successful candidate will have an active scholarly agenda and demonstrated excellence in teaching undergraduates. Area of Specialty (AOS) is open. However, the department has teaching needs in the areas of aesthetics and logic. Competence in philosophy of law or legal studies is welcome but not required.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The annual load is equivalent to four courses in each of the Fall and Spring semesters. The successful candidate will have the option for one of these courses to be an approved student-centered immersive experience (equivalent to one course) as part of the University's experiential, contemporary, and integrative learning initiative - Hatter Ready. Willingness to coach our Ethics Bowl team is welcome (although not required). Candidates will also be able to teach a course in aesthetics and multiple sections of Introduction to Logic and Introduction to Philosophy. Candidates would be able to teach at least a couple of upper division courses of their choosing.

For more information on our expectations in teaching, scholarship, and support for faculty development, please see the Academic Affairs website at

<http://www.stetson.edu/administration/provost/prospective-faculty/index.php>

#### **THE DEPARTMENT:**

Stetson's Department of Philosophy (<https://www.stetson.edu/artsci/philosophy/>) takes a rigorous, interdisciplinary approach to undergraduate liberal arts education. Our faculty are also committed scholars with strong publication records and engaged teaching. Our department is committed to enriching and deepening the lives of our students through mentored research by way of one-on-one conversations, group discussions, and a welcoming community. As such, we support Stetson University's mission to inculcate critical thinking, imaginative inquiry and lively intellectual debate, and values and personal growth in order to help our students become enlightened, informed global citizens. We further support Stetson's values of community engagement, diversity and inclusion, environmental responsibility and social justice. The department has a broad scope, covering analytic, continental, feminist, applied, Buddhist, and experimental frameworks, as well as supporting interdisciplinary programs such as Africana Studies, Gender Studies and Pre-law.

#### **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; it includes the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, education, and creative arts. With nineteen academic departments and nine interdisciplinary programs, the College is the liberal arts core of the University. A great strength of the College is its faculty of approximately 140 full-time teacher-scholars. The College offers

31 undergraduate majors and 34 undergraduate minors; seven graduate degrees are offered in Education, Counselor Education, and Creative Writing. Every undergraduate major requires a senior research project, allowing 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 of 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 approximately 2,500 students in undergraduate programs in the College of Arts and 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 based at the main campus in DeLand include Business, Accounting, Education, Counseling, and Creative Writing, with Educational Leadership cohorts also offered at the Gulfport campus. 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:** August 11, 2025.

### **APPLICATION:**

Applicants should supply: 1) a cover letter, 2) curriculum vitae, 3) statement of teaching philosophy (2 pages or less), 4) list of references. In the cover letter, candidates are encouraged

to highlight skills and experiences that demonstrate a commitment to social justice, diversity, and inclusion.

Inquiries about the position may be directed to Josh Rust at [jrust@stetson.edu](mailto:jrust@stetson.edu). All information may be submitted electronically to Josh Rust at [jrust@stetson.edu](mailto:jrust@stetson.edu).

Review of applications will begin on June 10 and continue on an ongoing basis 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.*