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## **Search for Visiting Instructor and Interim Associate Director of Bands/Director of Athletic Bands**

June 22, 2021

### **Visiting Instructor and Interim Associate Director of Bands/Director of Athletic Bands**

#### **Search #12125**

#### **College of Arts and Humanities**

#### **Fred and Dinah Gretsches School of Music**

The Gretsches School invites nominations and applications for the position of Visiting Instructor and Interim Associate Director of Bands/Director of Athletic Bands for the 2021-2022 academic year.

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.

Believing that diversity, equity, and inclusion contribute to excellence in the workplace and to the quality of the University's academic environment, Georgia Southern University is committed to recruiting and retaining diverse faculty and staff to support, promote, and serve a diverse student body and promote Inclusive Excellence. Candidates from historically underrepresented groups, whose work furthers the institution's Inclusive Excellence goals and who bring to campus varied life experiences, perspectives, and backgrounds are especially encouraged to apply.

Within this setting, the Gretsches School of Music offers student-centered degree programs at the bachelor's and master's level. Students are mentored by a faculty of dedicated teacher-scholars, who are nationally and internationally known in their fields of expertise.

**Position Description.** Reporting to the school Chair, the Visiting Instructor and Interim Associate Director of Bands/Director of Athletic Bands will coordinate the athletic band area within a collegial team environment focused on the success of students. The ideal candidate will offer a model for inspired and skillful teaching and be a creative thinker with an interest and skill in building community through athletic bands and connecting with other constituencies, especially athletics. The position is a 12-month appointment, and the salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. All

visiting instructor positions are non-tenure track appointments. There is the possibility for reappointment to a second year based on funding availability and satisfactory performance.

Duties:

- Direct the Southern Pride Marching Band
- Provide musical leadership including: music selection and/or arranging; field show design; and supervision of Athletic Band Staff
- Collaborate closely with Director of Bands in the administration of a comprehensive university bands program including: budgeting and scholarships; program development; and planning and executing group travel
- Plan, arrange, and lead athletic band travel to away games and exhibitions
- Teach Marching Band Techniques
- Recruit undergraduate and graduate instrumental students
- Additional teaching duties (e.g., conducting concert bands) as needed by the department and commensurate with the candidate's background and experience

The Georgia Southern University Bands unit is comprised of two faculty members: 1) Director of Bands; 2) Associate Director of Bands/Director of Athletic Bands; and three graduate assistants.

The five ensembles (Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony, University Band, Southern Pride Marching Band, and Pep Band) involve approximately 500 university student participants representing academic areas from across campus.

Required Qualifications:

- Masters degree in Music or closely-related field by August 1, 2021
- Minimum of three years of experience as a Marching Band Director at the high school and/or college level
- Must be authorized to work in the United States for the duration of employment without assistance from the institution

Preferred Qualifications:

- Doctoral degree in Music or closely-related field
- Demonstrated musical, financial, and administrative success with college and/or high school athletic bands
- Demonstrated effectiveness as concert band director
- Demonstrated high level of success as a drill designer and/or as a musical arranger
- Demonstrated success in organization, communication, and effective collegial association with faculty and students

Screening of applications begins July 5, 2021, and continues until the position is filled. The preferred position starting date is July 15, 2021. A complete application consists of a letter addressing the qualifications cited above; a curriculum vitae; recent video/audio examples of marching band performances designed and/or arranged by the applicant; the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least three professional references; and academic transcripts. Only complete applications and applications submitted electronically will be considered. Finalists will be required to submit to a background investigation. Submit all materials to:

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