



GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY  
*University System of Georgia*  
**Assistant Professor of Geology—Search 56701**  
**Allen E. Paulson College of Science and Technology**  
**Department of Geology and Geography**  
**and**  
**Curator of Paleontology**  
**Georgia Southern University Museum**

Vertebrate paleontologists are invited to apply for a joint appointment as Assistant Professor of Geology in Georgia Southern University's Department of Geology and Geography and Curator of Paleontology for Georgia Southern University Museum. Georgia Southern University, a member institution of the University System of Georgia and a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University, is one of Georgia's premier universities. A residential university serving 19,000 students in fall 2009, Georgia Southern is recognized for providing all of the benefits of a major university with the feeling of a much smaller college. Founded in 1906, the University offers more than 100 campus-based and online degree programs at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels through eight colleges. The nearly 700 acre park-like campus is located in Statesboro, a classic Main Street community near historic Savannah and Hilton Head Island. Within this setting, the Department offers undergraduate degree programs in both geography and geology. In addition, the minor in GIS attracts students from a range of disciplines. The Georgia Southern University Museum is a major educational resource for the region.

Position Description. The position is a joint appointment as a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Geology and Curator of Paleontology. The position is a 9-month appointment, and the salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The Department of Geology and Geography seeks a vertebrate paleontologist who will enhance course offerings and provide disciplinary expertise in an undergraduate geology program. Primary instructional responsibility will be introductory courses such as physical and historical geology. Upper-division courses will include Paleontology and, potentially, Stratigraphy and Sedimentation. The successful candidate will be expected to sponsor student research. Service to the department, college, University and the larger community is expected of all faculty members. Scholarly research, publication, and related professional activities are required for reappointment, promotion, and tenure.

As Curator of Paleontology the primary responsibilities will be to: 1) study and curate the existing collection according to accepted museum standards, 2) develop the collection through field studies and donations, 3) complete basic preparation or replication of specimens for exhibition or oversee the completion of that work by contractors, 4) prepare brief research reports and draft and review label copy for permanent and changing exhibits, and 5) process loans to and from the collection. The Curator will also work cooperatively with research requests from other scholars and museums concerning the collection.

Required Qualifications:

- A PhD in geology or a closely related discipline must be completed by the position starting date of August 1, 2010.
- Research specialty in vertebrate paleontology.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Research interests in the Atlantic Coastal Plain.
- Application of GIS in research.
- Prior undergraduate teaching experience.
- Prior work in museum curatorship.
- Experience in securing external funding for research.

Screening of applications begins March 12, 2010, and continues until the position is filled. The position starting date is August 1, 2010. A complete application consists of a letter addressing the qualifications cited above; a statement of research interests; a statement of teaching philosophy; a curriculum vita; and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least three professional references. Other documentation may be requested. Georgia Southern University seeks to recruit individuals who are committed to working in diverse academic and professional communities. Applications and nominations should be sent to:

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More information about the institution is available through <http://www.georgiasouthern.edu>, <http://cost.georgiasouthern.edu/geo/>, and <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/museum/>. Georgia Southern University seeks individuals who are committed to excellence in teaching, scholarship, and professional service within the University and beyond. Finalists will be required to submit to a background investigation. Georgia is an Open Records state. Georgia Southern University is an AA/EO institution. Individuals who need reasonable accommodations under the ADA to participate in the search process should contact the Associate Provost.