



Birmingham-Southern College

Faculty Position Announcement Assistant or Associate Professor of Environmental Geography

- Position** Birmingham-Southern College, a selective national liberal arts college, invites applications for a tenure-track assistant or associate professor position to begin Fall 2008. BSC is an equal opportunity employer and is especially interested in qualified candidates who can contribute, through their research, teaching, and/or service, to the diversity and excellence of the academic community.
- Qualifications** Ph.D. in Environmental Geography or closely related field desired; postdoctoral research and teaching experience preferred.
- Distinctive Attributes Desired** We seek applicants who are committed to excellence in teaching and research in a liberal arts setting. We are looking for a colleague with several attributes. First, this person should have a broad knowledge of environmental studies and current environmental concerns. Second, this person must be able to teach an environmental earth science course. Third, the courses taught by the new hire will contribute to the overall curriculum as Disciplinary Foundations electives (see <http://www.bsc.edu/academics/foundations/index.htm>), and potentially as electives for some majors. Finally, we seek a colleague who will use GIS in both teaching and research.
- Area of Specialty** Applicants should have a strong quantitative background and expertise in urban environmental issues. We believe that an environmental geographer will be especially well-suited for teaching concepts that involve a strong social science and natural science component. While the job title is "Environmental Geographer," potential applicants from other sub-disciplines (e.g., Physical Geography) or fields (e.g., Geology) may have the appropriate training and background for this position. Therefore, the particular area of expertise/specialty is open, though the strongest applicants will have an extensive background in an environmental field. Because the UES program is interdisciplinary, we seek a colleague who can work with and relate to students and faculty from across the curriculum through his/her teaching and leadership. Candidates must have GIS expertise and use GIS in courses as appropriate. The new hire is also expected to maintain an active scholarship/research program that involves students.
- Teaching Responsibilities** Teaching responsibilities include introductory classes in the interdisciplinary Urban Environmental Studies (UES) major and advanced classes in his/her area of expertise. The successful applicant will teach UES 160 Environmental Earth Sciences (an introduction to earth sciences) and co-teach UES 150 Introduction to Environmental Studies; both courses are geared towards both UES freshmen and non-majors. Advanced classes will be designed by the new hire in his/her area of expertise. While these courses should be designed for the UES major, they will also need to be open to students from other disciplines as Disciplinary Foundations electives. Finally, the new hire will teach senior seminar courses for UES majors. We also expect the use GIS in teaching and research with students.

Coordinator Responsibilities The successful candidate will serve as Coordinator for our UES program. Responsibilities include developing and maintaining the new curriculum for the UES major, expanding our existing environmental studies internship program, and working with admissions staff to recruit students into the UES program. The Coordinator will be assisted in these responsibilities by the faculty, staff, and students of the UES Committee.

Application Submit letter of application, *curriculum vitae*, undergraduate and graduate transcripts, statements of teaching philosophy and of research interests, recent publications, and three letters of recommendation to:

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Inquiries may be directed to sduncan@bsc.edu or 205.226.4777.

Screening of applications will begin November 1, 2007, and continue until the position is filled. No e-mail applications. BSC complies with the Alabama Child Protection Act.

The Urban Environmental Studies Program The new UES major is built on our popular Environmental Studies minor and involves faculty from across the campus. Birmingham and the diverse natural landscapes of our region provide a living laboratory for our students to study social and environmental problems through research, class projects, and internships. Many initiatives in Birmingham are underway to improve the “livability” of our city and reduce our negative environmental impact. These include the construction of LEED certified buildings, numerous urban redevelopment projects, a growing urban farm initiative, and the establishment of one of the largest networks of urban parks in the U.S.

The College Birmingham-Southern College is a four-year, residential, national liberal arts institution founded in 1856 and affiliated with the United Methodist Church. We enroll approximately 1,500 undergraduate and graduate students from 30 states and 23 foreign countries. BSC is consistently recognized as one of America’s premier liberal arts colleges by publications such as *U.S. News & World Report*, the *Princeton Review*, *Fiske Guide to Colleges*, and Loren Pope’s *Colleges That Change Lives*.

The College is located just minutes from downtown Birmingham, which is the largest city in Alabama and a leading hub for banking and medical research in the Southeast. A vibrant center for arts, entertainment, commerce, and recreational activities, Birmingham ranked in the top 10% of all metro areas for quality of life by the Places Rated Almanac 2000 and in the Top 11 best mid-sized cities in the nation according to Partners for Livable Communities. There are six higher education institutions within a short commute; a symphony; a ballet; the largest art museum in the Southeast; and annual art, music, and film festivals—as well as numerous opportunities for outdoor adventure activities. The area provides abundant opportunities for two-career families.

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For additional information and the Urban Environmental Studies program, see http://www.bsc.edu/administration/humanresources/job_descriptions-faculty.htm#geographer