Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice:

The Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice at the University of South Alabama invites applications for a full-time (9 months), tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Criminal Justice to begin August 15, 2024. An earned Ph.D. in Criminal Justice, Criminology, or a closely related subfield (e.g., Sociology, etc.), with evidence showing knowledge based in criminology is required at the time of appointment. ABDs currently near the completion of the degree are welcome to apply, but an earned Ph.D. is required at the time of appointment.

The Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice is recognized for its research-active faculty, award-winning teaching, and its collegiality. The Department offers a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, and the Master of Public Administration degree. Our growing and dynamic graduate program currently offers three concentrations: Criminal Justice Administration, Health Administration, and Geographic Information Technology, with anticipated development of new concentrations in the future. Our Criminal Justice program is also seeing exponential growth, with our latest addition of an all-online Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. More information regarding the program and the newest additions can be found here: https://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/artsandsci/pscj/criminaljustice.html.

Applicants must have teaching and research interests in an area of Criminal Justice, Criminology, and/or their related subfield and must show a history or willingness to publish in Criminal Justice or Criminology outlets. The successful candidate will be expected to teach courses principally in the undergraduate CJ program and MPA graduate courses in Criminal Justice Administration. In addition to research and teaching, the successful candidate will advise a diverse student body, including many students of color and first-generation students, and to contribute appropriate service. Our department is committed to increasing the diversity of its faculty and highly encourages female, minority, and candidates from other historically underrepresented groups to apply. Finally, a successful candidate will also be expected to provide service to the department, university, and the surrounding community. Our faculty work closely with offices across the university and the communities in and around Mobile to ensure that this diversity, equity, and inclusion extends to the service we provide to our growing student body.

To apply, please send electronically a letter of application, cv, unofficial transcripts, and send a writing sample if ABD or a recent Ph.D., to Dr. David Bowers at dbowers@southalabama.edu. Applicants may be asked to participate first in a digital interview. Applicants selected for a digital interview will need to arrange for the submission of their official transcripts by the Registrars of all institutions of higher learning they have attended to Dr. David Bowers at the following mailing address:

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Candidates selected for a digital interview will also need to arrange for three signed, professional letters of reference to be sent electronically to Dr. Bowers at this email address: dbowers@southalabama.edu. Letters of reference must include addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of the letter writers.

Candidates selected for an on-campus interview will also need to complete a biographical data form: https://www.southalabama.edu/departments/eforms/academicaffairs/biographicaldataform.pdf.

The review of applications will begin on February 26, 2024, and will continue until the position is filled.

Informal inquiries regarding the position should be sent to the Search Chair at dbowers@southalabama.edu.

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