

## SAMFORD UNIVERSITY

### **Department of English Assistant Professor of English**

Samford University's Department of English seeks an assistant professor of English, effective August 2012. Samford University is the largest privately supported and fully accredited institution of higher education in Alabama. Located in suburban Birmingham, the university was founded in 1841 and has nearly 300 full time faculty and more than 4,700 students.

**Qualifications:** Ph.D. required. Successful candidate will have a demonstrated record of scholarship and excellence in teaching. Candidates should be supportive of and willing to contribute to the school's mission as a Christian university.

**Area of Expertise:** A specialty in 19<sup>th</sup> century British literature and possible expertise in postcolonial literature, minority/ethnic literature, or fiction writing.

**Duties:** Three course load each semester. Teach undergraduate courses within the individual's area of specialty as well as core and general education courses. Additional responsibilities include advising and service to the department and university.

**Salary:** Competitive, commensurate with qualifications and experience.

**Department of English:** The department has 9 full-time faculty and approximately 90 majors. Outstanding fiction writers and poets regularly give readings as part of the Samford Visiting Writers Series. A fast-growing film track has expanded department offerings and attracted new majors. In addition to the film concentration, the department has recently added a creative writing concentration within the major. English faculty teach regularly at Daniel House, Samford's London Study Center.

**Applications:** Please incorporate into a single pdf a letter of application, curriculum vitae, dissertation abstract, one- to two-page statement of teaching philosophy, and names and contact information for three references to:

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The search committee will begin reviewing applications on November 15, 2011, and continue until the position is filled. Interviews are planned for the MLA meeting in Seattle.

## **The City**

Samford is located in the metropolitan area of Birmingham, Alabama, which has a population of about one million. Birmingham's climate is temperate, with warm, humid summers and mild winters. Many recreational and cultural activities are available in and around Birmingham. Cultural attractions include the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, Alabama Ballet, Opera Birmingham, the Birmingham Museum of Art with its world renowned Wedgwood Collection, several theatre troupes, a science museum, a zoo, and several botanical gardens. The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute chronicles the historic march of Dr. Martin Luther King and the struggle for equal rights for all Americans. Oak Mountain State Park, offering hiking, camping, mountain biking, and canoeing, is located within 20 minutes of Samford. The Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery attracts more than 300,000 visitors each year. Samford participates in a consortium that includes three other Birmingham-area liberal arts institutions and the University of Alabama in Birmingham to provide educational opportunities to students at each campus that are beyond the resources of any single campus.

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