

# STETSON UNIVERSITY

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

### **POSITION: Brown Visiting Teacher-Scholar Fellow in Religious Studies**

Stetson University seeks a Brown Visiting Teacher-Scholar Fellow in Religious Studies with expertise in Islamic Studies. Brown Visiting Teacher-Scholar Fellows are invited to join the Stetson learning community as non-tenure-track Visiting Assistant Professors for a residency of up to two years. Successful candidates will demonstrate the ability to teach a variety of undergraduate courses and to contribute significantly to the creation of a stimulating learning environment at Stetson.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

Ph.D. in North African Islamic Studies or Middle Eastern Islamic Studies in hand or expected by August 2017, with an active scholarly agenda and demonstrated excellence in teaching undergraduates.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The responsibilities associated with the teacher-scholar fellowship are evenly divided between teaching (2-2 load) and pursuing work that has a measurable impact on interdisciplinary teaching, learning, and scholarship in the Stetson community. Teaching assignments will include introductory and upper-division courses in Islam in the Department of Religious Studies, and possibly a course in Africana Studies focusing on North Africa. We also expect Brown Visiting Teacher-Scholar Fellows to impact our learning community significantly, building excellence in teaching across the disciplines and schools. While the particular form of such impact will vary, depending on the interests and expertise of the Fellow, examples include designing interdisciplinary courses with Stetson faculty, designing and implementing teaching workshops, organizing panels and lecture series, and serving as a resource for faculty who want to include more topics connected to Islam into their teaching.

Candidates should demonstrate a passion for the highest quality of teaching. For more information on our expectations in teaching and scholarship and our support for faculty development, please see the Office of the Provost and Academic Affairs website: [www.stetson.edu/provost](http://www.stetson.edu/provost).

#### **THE DEPARTMENT:**

The Department of Religious Studies ([www.stetson.edu/religion](http://www.stetson.edu/religion)) offers a major and minor in Religious Studies. Focusing exclusively on undergraduate education, the Department defines its mission as helping students explore the role of religion in shaping human cultures through studies of sacred texts, languages, ethics, beliefs, rituals, spiritual methods, and the history of religious traditions. The Department has six full-time faculty.

#### **THE CICI AND HYATT BROWN VISITING TEACHER-SCHOLAR FELLOWS PROGRAM:**

The Brown Visiting Teacher-Scholar Fellows Program is the flagship program of the Brown Center for Faculty Innovation and Excellence at Stetson University, a central resource for promoting faculty vitality and vibrancy to advance learning. The Fellows Program prepares faculty leaders who inspire excellence in learning, teaching, research, and service; in turn, Fellows leave inspired to lead. During their residency, Fellows develop their role as teacher-scholar leaders and bring niche expertise to the Stetson learning community.

#### **THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES:**

Stetson's College of Arts and Sciences ([www.stetson.edu/portal/artsci/](http://www.stetson.edu/portal/artsci/)) is the largest and most diverse of the University's colleges and schools; it includes the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, education, and creative arts. With nineteen academic departments and eight interdisciplinary programs, the College is the liberal arts core of the University. A great strength of the College is its faculty of approximately 140 full-time teacher-scholars. The College offers 31 undergraduate majors and 34 undergraduate minors; six graduate degrees are offered in Education, Counselor Education, and Creative Writing. Every undergraduate major requires a senior research project, allowing students the opportunity to design and carry out independent research under faculty mentorship. Our academic programs are shaped by the values of social justice and civic responsibility. All of our courses and programs of study promote engaged learning, whereby students create connections between the classroom or lab and the local, regional, and global community. The academic programs of the College of Arts and Sciences prepare students to live significant lives, to interact with and positively affect the world around them.

**THE UNIVERSITY:**

Founded in 1883, Stetson University ([www.stetson.edu](http://www.stetson.edu)) is a private, selective university comprised of a rich array of liberal arts and professional academic programs. Collectively, Stetson's faculty works with nearly 4000 students in undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. The University's historic main campus, located in DeLand, enrolls more than 3,000 students in undergraduate programs in the College of Arts & Sciences, the School of Business Administration, and the School of Music. Stetson University College of Law, Florida's first law school, moved from the main campus to Gulfport in 1954, and, with the addition of the Tampa Law Center, serves approximately 1,000 students working full-time or part-time toward J.D. or LL.M. degrees. Graduate programs offered at the main campus and at Stetson University Center in Celebration include Business, Accounting, Elementary Education – Education for Social Justice, Educational Leadership, Counseling, and Creative Writing. Florida's oldest private institution of higher learning, Stetson has regularly been ranked among the best regional universities in the Southeast and was the first private college in Florida to be granted a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Stetson University provides an inspiring education that engages students with rigorous academic and creative study grounded in liberal learning and promotes civic values of personal and social responsibility. Working closely with faculty and with one another, students cultivate abilities to explore issues deeply, think critically, reason empirically, speak persuasively, and connect ideas creatively. Firmly committed to inclusive excellence, our vibrant community of teacher-scholars nurtures the potential of individual students to lead lives of significance and prepares each to meet the challenges of shaping the future—locally, nationally, and globally.

**THE COMMUNITY:**

DeLand is a picturesque residential community of 25,000 located 20 miles west of Daytona Beach and 35 miles northeast of Orlando. The area offers extensive cultural as well as recreational activities.

**SALARY:** Salary is competitive.

**STARTING DATE:** August 15, 2017

**APPLICATION:**

Applicants should supply cover letter, a statement on the applicant's philosophy of teaching and learning in a liberal learning environment, curriculum vita, and three letters of reference. In the cover letter, candidates are encouraged to highlight skills and experiences that demonstrate a commitment to social justice, diversity, and inclusion.

All information may be submitted electronically to Dr. Mitchell Reddish, Search Committee Chair at [mreddish@stetson.edu](mailto:mreddish@stetson.edu). While electronic submissions are preferred, alternatively application materials may be mailed to:

Dr. Mitchell Reddish, Search Committee Chair  
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Stetson University  
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DeLand, FL 32723

Review of applications will begin February 1, 2017, and continue until the position is filled.

*Stetson University is an Equal Opportunity Employer that affirms cultural diversity and inclusion as a core value of academic excellence at Stetson University. We are committed to achieving equal access in education, employment, and participation through the recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty, staff, and students from diverse backgrounds, and to meaningful academic and intellectual transformation in curriculum, research and service. We are dedicated to actions and policies that foster a community in which individuals with various identities, cultures, backgrounds, and viewpoints work together to create opportunities for engagement through rewarding and fulfilling careers and personal experiences in a culturally and racially diverse society and a globalized world. We strongly encourage members of historically under-represented and economically-disadvantaged groups and women to apply for employment. Stetson University is an EEO, ADA, ADEA, and GINA employer.*