

**DEPARTMENT OF LEADERSHIP AND TEACHER EDUCATION**  
**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION – TENURE TRACK**  
**POSITION AVAILABLE AUGUST 15, 2025**

**THE DEPARTMENT OF LEADERSHIP AND TEACHER EDUCATION** in the College of Education and Professional Studies at the University of South Alabama invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track faculty position in secondary Social Studies Education at the rank of Assistant Professor. This appointment is a nine (9) month position beginning August 15, 2025.

**RESPONSIBILITIES** include engaging in scholarly research and publication related to Social Studies Education; teaching secondary Social Studies Education undergraduate and graduate courses in on-campus and online formats; teaching an elementary Social Studies Education course; being the primary contact for the secondary Social Studies Education program; supervising students completing practicum and internships in K-12 schools; advising secondary Social Studies Education majors at the undergraduate and graduate levels; seeking external funding to further research; engaging in professional and community service through cooperative work in schools and university partnerships; and working collaboratively with departmental faculty to promote, develop, and grow the Social Studies Education program.

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS** include:

1. an earned doctorate in Social Studies Education or a closely related discipline with clear concentration in Social Studies Education (e.g., history, sociology, psychology, anthropology, political science, geography, economics). ABDs will be considered;
2. at least three years of secondary (i.e., Grades 6-12) social studies teaching experience in the United States, and the ability to meet state teacher educator code requirements;
3. evidence of or potential for scholarly productivity in peer-reviewed academic journals;
4. emerging evidence of a cohesive research agenda;
5. evidence of or plan to seek external funding for research and training grants;
6. experience providing undergraduate or graduate level instruction and/or supervision;
7. ability to provide instruction in face-to-face, hybrid, or fully online formats;
8. evidence of or plan for advising undergraduate and graduate students;
9. plan to build collaborative partnerships with local K-12 schools; and
10. evidence of collaboration with faculty peers across disciplines.

**DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS** include:

1. scholarship focused on delivery of social studies education content;
2. expertise in history, sociology, psychology, anthropology, political science, geography, economics, or other related field with knowledge of informal education;
3. expertise in quantitative research methods and/or mixed methods research;
4. grant-related experiences (e.g., submissions, grant management).

**THE DEPARTMENT OF LEADERSHIP AND TEACHER EDUCATION** currently has 15 full-time tenure track faculty, four non-tenure track instructional faculty members, and two staff members providing instruction and training for undergraduate and graduate students who are seeking certification to prepare them for professional responsibilities in P-16 schools. The Department offers certification and non-certification programs in Educational Leadership at the master's, specialist, and doctoral levels. Undergraduate programs include specialization in Early Childhood, Elementary,

Secondary, and Special Education. The Department also offers graduate programs in Elementary, Early Childhood, Reading, Secondary, Special Education, and English for Speakers of Other Languages.

**THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES** is one of nine colleges and schools of the University of South Alabama. Founded on February 1, 1967, the college serves approximately 1,700 graduate and undergraduate students. The College offers undergraduate and graduate education certification programs, as well as programs that are outside of the public-school arena. These areas include health, kinesiology, sport and recreation, mental health, instructional design, hospitality and tourism, and interdisciplinary studies.

The College is nationally accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, with programs accredited by the Alabama State Department of Education, the American Psychological Association, and the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs. Across all program areas, the College of Education and Professional Studies is committed to preparing exemplary professionals committed to life-long learning who are leaders in contributing to the betterment of our diverse and dynamic world.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA** is a diverse and vibrant public university that is making a difference in the lives of the people of Alabama and the nation through teaching, research, service, and health care. The University offers a wide range of high-quality undergraduate and graduate academic programs to 14,000 students. Located in the city of Mobile, the University of South Alabama is a major public institution of higher learning on the upper Gulf Coast. The university is located within the largest school district in the state of Alabama, which serves over 50,000 PK-12 students, and has a satellite campus in one of the fastest growing counties in the country. Additionally, the Mobile area has rich historical and cultural significance that would be appealing to interested faculty.

**INTERESTED APPLICANTS** should email (1) a letter of interest to include a description of research, teaching, and service experiences, and a description of how the applicant would contribute to the development of a diverse and inclusive learning community at the University of South Alabama; (2) a current curriculum vitae; (3) a statement of research; (4) the names, affiliation, and contact information for three references, and (5) copies of unofficial undergraduate and graduate transcripts to Ms. Charlotte Rogers, Assistant to the Dean, College of Education and Professional Studies at [applyceps@southalabama.edu](mailto:applyceps@southalabama.edu). Please include “Social Studies Education Faculty Search” in the subject line.

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For full consideration, applicants must submit materials by **September 30, 2024**. Inquiries about the position should be directed to Dr. Katie McCarrison, Search Committee Chair at (251) 380-2883 or email at [skguffey@southalabama.edu](mailto:skguffey@southalabama.edu).

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