DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
PEARCE CHAIR IN PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

Clemson University's English Department seeks an eminent scholar in Technical or Professional Communication for an endowed professorship. The Roy Pearce Professor of Professional Communication provides leadership for research, teaching, and outreach initiatives that inform Clemson's interdisciplinary doctorate in Rhetorics, Communication, and Information Design (RCID), Master of Arts in Professional Communication (MAPC), and undergraduate specialization in Writing and Publication Studies (WPS). The Pearce Professor attracts the highest quality students to Clemson's programs; mentors junior faculty by sharing enthusiasm and experience in developing a Professional Communication research and teaching agenda; extends the impact of the Pearce Center for Professional Communication and its affiliated programs; and collaborates with the Campbell Chair of Technical Communication on Clemson's communication across the curriculum initiatives.

The successful candidate must have a nationally, or preferably internationally, recognized research agenda in any area of technical or professional communication and will therefore receive an appointment as full professor in the English Department. In addition to scholarly success, the successful candidate should have a demonstrated commitment to successful mentorship of junior faculty and graduate students, a demonstrated appreciation for interdisciplinary collaboration, and excellent teaching reviews. The Pearce Professor receives a salary supplement to seed promising research, teaching, or service activities related to technical and professional communication and a reduced teaching load to provide time for departmental citizenship activities as well as national and international leadership roles.

Candidates should send a letter of application that outlines their experiences and vision, specifically addressing how their research program complements and expands the scope of Clemson's professional communication programs; that states how successful faculty mentorship and departmental citizenship will establish Clemson as one of the premiere institutions for Professional Communication; and that discusses the role of interdisciplinary collaboration and outreach at a land-grant institution.

Applications will be accepted from 15 September 2005 until 15 November 2005, or until the position is filled. Applicants should submit an application letter and vision statement as outlined above, a current vita, and the names and addresses of at least three references. Materials should be submitted to

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