South Asian Studies Librarian

Department: International Area Studies Team in the Research, Engagement, and Scholarly Communications Division

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience

Position Availability: Immediately

The Emory Libraries seek a dynamic professional to join the International Areas Studies team as South Asian Studies Librarian. The ideal candidate will have a commitment to serving Emory’s faculty and students through the lifecycle of their research by serving as a liaison for South Asian Studies, providing consultations and instruction, and building and cataloging collections. The successful candidate will report to the International Area Studies Team Leader and will join a team of seven in the International Area Studies team.

Position Summary

The South Asian Studies Librarian will be focused primarily on South Asian Studies within the Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies (MESAS) department, as well as areas within the Religion and History departments, to provide a full range of subject specific library services to include collection development, consultation, instruction, cataloging, and assessment. The librarian will collaborate with and support faculty in course-specific ways, including providing point of need instruction sessions and assignments, research guides and/or tutorials. The librarian will also work closely with other librarians and units to understand and integrate area research and curricular needs with the Libraries’ collections and services. Partnering with fellow subject librarians, other Library units, and campus organizations, the South Asian Studies Librarian will work to create and sustain strong relationships with Emory’s Center for Digital Scholarship, the Access and Resource Services division, and Academic Technology Services to engage in evolving campus initiatives.

Essential Responsibilities & Duties

As South Asian Studies Librarian you will engage with users and develop and catalog collections.

- Serve as primary liaison to, and actively develops professional relationships with, faculty, students and staff in South Asian Studies. May include other areas within the International Area Studies Team if needed.
- Plan and deliver innovative outreach and instruction services; teaches research tools and skills relevant to the discipline.
• Collaborate with faculty to achieve information and digital literacies and archival pedagogy learning outcomes in course-specific ways.
• Provide in-depth, specialized consultation in support of the entire research lifecycle.
• Develop content for subject-based web pages.
• Partner with other librarians who acquire and catalog related materials.
• Assist faculty engaged in digital scholarship projects and teach and learning with technology initiatives; collaborates as needed with Emory’s Center for Digital Scholarship (ECDS) and Academic Technology Services.
• Contribute to University efforts to assess and promote institutional scholarship.
• Develop and manage excellent electronic, multimedia, and print collections in South Asian Studies to support the research and teaching needs of the Emory University community.
• Promote resources using current tools and technologies.
• Collaborate with colleagues in related fields to acquire materials.
• Catalog related materials OR partners with Access and Resource Services Division to catalog materials.
• Provide marketing and assessment of library services.

Professional Responsibilities

• Participates in professional and scholarly associations and organizations including maintaining membership and/or accreditation; attending meetings, conferences, and workshops; and serving in appointed or elected positions.
• Maintains up-to-date professional knowledge and skills in areas related to primary job assignment as well as maintains general knowledge of current trends in higher education, academic libraries, and information and educational technology.
• Adheres to guidelines outlined in the Handbook Governing the Librarian series for Faculty-Equivalent Librarians to ensure appointment, appointment renewal and promotion-in-rank
• Participates in library and campus committees as appropriate for service purposes.

Required Qualifications

• ALA-accredited master’s degree in Library and Information Science or equivalent education and library experience.
• Reading knowledge of Devanagari based languages, such as Sanskrit and/or Hindi.
• Demonstrated knowledge and experience with instruction, information literacy, and assessment of library services and resources.
• Ability to collect and catalog relevant materials.
• Familiarity with new technologies, such as text-mining, network analysis, data-visualization, and other relevant digital applications.
• Commitment to user-centered library services.
• Strong interest in technology and tools for research and teaching.
• Strong understanding of the key issues and trends in instruction, collection development, and research, in the subject area of South Asian Studies.
• Knowledge of digital humanities and scholarly communication issues and trends within relevant disciplines.
• Evidence of excellent communication, public speaking, teaching, writing and analytical skills.
• Commitment to fostering a diverse educational environment and workplace and an ability to work effectively with a diverse faculty, staff, and student population.
• Demonstrated willingness to respond to new opportunities with initiative, creative energy, and leadership.
• Evidence of active participation, involvement, or leadership in local, state, regional, national, or international professional or scholarly associations.

Preferred Qualifications
• Advanced degree in South Asian Studies or related discipline.
• Knowledge of religious studies discipline.
• Knowledge of an additional South Asian language, preferably Telugu or Tibetan.
• Experience cataloging monographs in an academic library.
• Practical knowledge of ACRL’s Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education.
• Experience working with Aleph, ALMA, vendor sites, like YBP’s GOBI, LibGuides, LibAnswers, and other assessment tools.

Application Procedures
Interested candidates should review the applications requirements and apply online at

https://faculty-emory.icims.com/jobs/29205/job

Requisition/Job Posting # 29205

Applications may be submitted as Word or PDF attachments and must include:

1) Cover letter of application describing qualifications and experience;
2) Current resume/vita detailing education and relevant experience; and
3) On a separate document list the names, email addresses, and telephone numbers of 3 professional references including a current or previous supervisor.

Candidates applying by Friday, January 11, 2019 will receive priority consideration.

Review of applications will continue until position is successfully filled. Emory is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer that welcomes and encourages diversity and seeks applications and nominations from women, minorities, people with disabilities and veterans.

General Information
Professional librarians at Emory Libraries are 12-month faculty-equivalent positions evaluated annually with assigned ranks renewable for 3 or 5 years based on experience and background. Appropriate professional leave and funding is provided. Depending on educational credentials and position, librarians may be considered for a shared/dual appointment between the library and academic department as a faculty member.

Librarian appointees at Emory generally have educational credentials and professional backgrounds with academic library experience and/or disciplinary knowledge and demonstrate a commitment to continuous learning, professional engagement and involvement, research and scholarship, creativity,
innovation, and flexibility. Such backgrounds will normally include a graduate degree from an ALA- accredited library and information science program AND/OR a discipline-specific master’s OR doctoral degree. In addition to professional competence and service within the library in the primary job assignment, advancement and/or appointment renewal requires professional involvement and contributions outside of the library and scholarly activities. Candidates must show evidence or promise of such contributions.

Emory provides an extremely competitive fringe benefit plan that includes personal leave, holiday pay, medical and dental plans, life insurance, courtesy scholarships, and tuition reimbursement just to name a few. For a full list of benefit programs, please go to [http://www.hr.emory.edu/eu/benefits/](http://www.hr.emory.edu/eu/benefits/).

**Description of Institution and Library**

Emory University is internationally recognized for its outstanding liberal arts college, superb professional schools, and one of the South’s leading health care systems. Emory’s beautiful, leafy main campus is located in Atlanta’s historic Druid Hills suburb and is home to 7,839 undergraduates and 7,216 graduate and professional students. As the second largest private employer in Atlanta, Emory University and Emory Healthcare have a combined workforce of approximately, 29,931 and an annual operating budget of $4.8 billion. Emory University received $574.6 million in research funding in 2016.

Ranked among the top 20 Association of Research Libraries (ARL) in North America, Emory University Libraries in Atlanta and Oxford, Georgia are an intellectual commons for Emory University. Comprised of 10 libraries, Emory’s collections include more than 4.4 million volumes, 156,766 plus electronic journals, 943,697 electronic books, and internationally renowned special collections. The Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Books Library is home to more than 250,000 rare books and over 17,000 linear feet of manuscript material. Rose Library’s collections span more than 800 years of history, with particular depth in modern literature, African-American history and culture, and the history of Georgia and the South.

Emory Libraries staff, including student workers, number approximately 349 with an overall library budget of approximately $45 million. Emory University Libraries is a member of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), the Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education (ARCHE), the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI), the Center for Research Libraries (CRL), the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR), the Digital Library Federation (DLF), the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), and the Scholarly Publishing & Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) as well as regional associations including the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL), Georgia Library Learning Online (GALILEO), and the GETSM Consortium (a consortium of the University of Georgia, Emory, Georgia Tech, Georgia State University, and Georgia Regents University).

The Emory University Libraries include the Robert W. Woodruff Library, which is also home to the Goizueta Business Library, the Heilbrun Music and Media Library, and the Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library. Other campus libraries, include the Science Commons, the Library Service Center operated in collaboration with the Georgia Institute of Technology, the Woodruff Health Sciences Library, the Pitts Theology Library, the Hugh F.
MacMillan Law Library, and the Oxford College Library located on the Oxford Campus approximately 30 miles from Atlanta.

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