Faculty Position: Director, New Media Institute
Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication
The University of Georgia

The Grady College of The University of Georgia invites applications for a full-time Director of the New Media Institute, to begin July 2016.

**Academic Rank/Salary**
Associate Professor or Professor, tenure track.

All candidates should possess evidence of sustained commitment to classroom instruction and sustained effectiveness as a contributor to the intellectual development of students.

A candidate hired at the rank of Associate should also have a body of original research or creative work sufficient in quality and quantity to have led at least to the beginning of a national reputation in the candidate’s field. There must also be strong indications of a commitment to original research or creative work that will lead to sustained contributions over time and to the judgment that growth in stature will continue.

A candidate hired at the rank of Professor requires unmistakable evidence of achieving a national and/or international reputation for the quality and quantity of his or her research or creative work.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

**Responsibilities**
The individual hired for this position will have administrative responsibilities as Director of the New Media Institute. Celebrating its 15th anniversary this past spring, the New Media Institute has grown to be one of the most dynamic interdisciplinary units on UGA’s campus. It is an interdisciplinary teaching and research unit exploring the critical, creative, and commercial facets of digital media technology. The NMI offers the New Media Interdisciplinary Certificate, a credential certifying the student’s understanding of and proficiency in new media. Students earn the certificate while completing degrees in their chosen fields of study. Students who have earned the New Media Certificate have gone on to successful careers in many diverse fields including advertising, public relations, software development, startups, user experience, and graphic design.
The Director oversees daily operations of the New Media Institute including but not limited to instruction, facilities, technology, funding and budgets, recruitment, reviews, advisement and personnel. The Director identifies and secures external funding for projects and research.

This person also teaches two courses per semester in the Institute curriculum (for course descriptions and other information see http://mynmi.net/).

The individual hired for this position also holds a faculty appointment in the Department of Entertainment and Media Studies, and should have an established record of research of international stature in the study of culture and digital media. Areas of interest include entertainment and new media (highly preferred) or other areas that contribute to department and college strengths and priorities.

As with all faculty in the department and college, the hired individual will also have service responsibilities.

**Qualifications**
Ph.D. required, preferably in Mass Communication or closely aligned field. Demonstrated ability to attract grant funding for research is highly desirable, as is demonstrated effectiveness as a skilled academic administrator. At least three years of significant non-academic professional experience in the digital media industries is also highly desirable.

**Application Deadline**
Screening of applications will begin November 2, 2015, and will continue until the position is filled.

**To Apply**
Submit a cover letter, names and contact information for three references, and a curriculum vitae. Package these into a single PDF document with a file name that starts with your last name, and attach to an email message sent to the search committee at emstdept@uga.edu. You’ll receive an email confirmation that your materials have been received.

If you have questions, please email Prof. Andy Kavoori, NMI Director Search Committee Chair, Department of Entertainment and Media Studies, Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-3018; email akavoori@uga.edu, (706) 542-4971.

**More about the NMI and the Department of Entertainment and Media Studies**
The Department of Entertainment and Media Studies (EMST) is a new department in the Grady College, accompanying the Department of Advertising and Public Relations, and the Department of Journalism. This department administers the undergraduate major in Entertainment & Media Studies (formerly the major in Mass Media Arts), which teaches visual storytelling focused on entertainment. Augmenting the department program is the presence of the Peabody Awards, the oldest and most prestigious awards program that recognizes excellence in broadcast and electronic media. This past year the New Media Institute has been
incorporated into EMST. The new director is expected to further develop and strengthen this relationship.

**More about the Grady College and the University of Georgia**
Learn more about the Grady College at [www.grady.uga.edu](http://www.grady.uga.edu). Georgia is well known for its quality of life both outdoors and urban activities ([www.georgia.gov](http://www.georgia.gov)). The University of Georgia ([www.uga.edu](http://www.uga.edu)) is a land/sea grant institution located in Athens 70 miles northeast of Atlanta ([www.visitathensga.com](http://www.visitathensga.com)). Athens is consistently named one of the best college towns in the United States and is known for its many recreational and cultural opportunities, its music scene and college athletics ([www.visitathensga.com](http://www.visitathensga.com)).

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