GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY,
J. MACK ROBINSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS &
ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES

POSITIONS IN RISK MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMICS: The Department of Risk Management and Insurance and the Department of Economics at Georgia State University are recruiting three senior faculty positions at the Associate or Full Professor Level to support an initiative to study the Atlanta urban poor. There will be two positions in the RMI Department, located in the Robinson College of Business, and one position in the Economics Department, located in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.

The positions are permanent positions funded under University’s Second Century Initiative. The goals of the Initiative are to build internationally recognized scholarly strength and critical mass around common research themes in order to enhance Georgia State University's overall quality, interdisciplinary richness, and competitiveness.

The focus of this initiative, known as Portfolios of the Atlanta Poor, will be to understand how households make economic decisions in financial and non-financial matters. We note that current trends in public and business policies suggest a shift in the risk of future consumption onto families. This trend can be seen, for example, in the move from defined benefit pension plans to defined contribution plans. The family as a risk-bearing unit therefore merits research treatment. In particular, income constrained households provide an opportunity to examine a much broader array of risk management and financial intermediation strategies than has heretofore been studied with publicly-available data. In conjunction with our new colleagues, we propose an initial foray into the economics of household risk to develop a three pronged approach which uses longitudinal field experiments to identify behavioral traits of individuals and households, such as risk attitudes, time preferences, risk perceptions and subjective beliefs. Second, we propose to use high-frequency diaries in the data gathering process. Finally, we desire to evaluate the welfare implications of new financial products. In addition to support from the Provost Office the initiative has substantial support from the Center for the Economic Analysis of Risk (www.cear.gsu.edu).

JOB DESCRIPTION/QUALIFICATIONS: The successful candidate should have a Ph.D. in economics or a related area, and a current publication record that is consistent with both a substantial research profile in the leading scholarly journals and rank. We are particularly interested in those with an interest in the economics of households and individuals, with an emphasis on issues related to risk and uncertainty. Research on low income households would be an advantage, as would success in receiving major federal research grants. Theorists, experimenters, econometricians, and applied researchers are encouraged to apply. Researchers with non-financial areas of focus, such as the economics of the family, crime, or health, are also encouraged to apply. Senior scholars for these positions will be expected to play leadership roles in the Second Century Initiative and the related research.
FURTHER INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Information about J. Mack Robinson College of Business and the Department of Risk Management and Insurance is online at robinson.gsu.edu and at www.rmi.gsu.edu, respectively. Information about the Andrew Young School of Policy Sciences and the Department of Economics can be found at aysps.gsu.edu and at aysps.gsu.edu/econ respectively. If you desire to apply for the position in economics, please state so in your letter. If you desire to apply for the positions in the Risk Management Department please say so. If you have no preference, please say so. Preference may be given to applications received by January 15, 2013; applications may be reviewed until the position is filled.

Salary, teaching load, and other support are highly competitive and consistent with qualifications. The appointment is expected to start Fall 2013. Please submit letters of application and a c.v. to academicjobsonline.org.

We will be available for meetings at the ASSA meetings in San Diego in January 2013.

This position is subject to availability of funds.

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