I am recruiting 1-2 Masters students to start in the Biology Department at Georgia Southern University in Fall of 2017!

I am looking for self-motivated students with an interest in functional morphology, biomechanics, ecology, and evolution of fishes. Current work in the lab is examining the coordination, or integration, between locomotion and feeding during prey capture in fishes. Master's student(s) will participate in a project examining local adaptation and performance in local Centrarchid fishes, including characterizing the habitat of sampling sites. However, I also encourage students to develop their own interests within this scope.

Tuition and stipend support will primarily be in the form of teaching assistantships, but other opportunities are available, including a summer supplement. Partial support for research and travel will also be available. I expect students to apply for external funding to supplement these funds.

I encourage interaction with both scientists and non-scientists through collaboration, conference attendance, publications, online media, and outreach events. I support student creativity in these efforts.

Georgia Southern University is part of the University System of Georgia and is located in Statesboro, about 1 hour west of Savannah. The Biology Department consists of approximately 40 faculty with interests ranging from cell and molecular biology to ecology and evolution. Resources that would be available to graduate students include a new LEED certified research and teaching building, animal housing facilities, microscopes, boats, a museum collection with regional fishes, and collaborations with field stations throughout Georgia.

Interested students should make sure they meet the admission requirements and contact Dr. Emily Kane at <u>ekane@georgiasouthern.edu</u> with a statement of interest and CV.

The application deadline for Fall 2017 admission is March 1, 2017.

More information on the graduate program is available here: http://bit.ly/GSU\_BioGradProgram http://bit.ly/GSU\_MSBiology

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