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Chair and Professor of English  
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<b>Job Title</b>	West Point Pepperell /Harry M. Philpott Eminent Scholar Chair and Professor of English
<b>Department</b>	English
<b>Institution</b>	Auburn University Auburn, Alabama
<b>Date Posted</b>	Dec. 3, 2024
<b>Application Deadline</b>	Open until filled
<b>Position Start Date</b>	Available immediately
<b>Job Categories</b>	Professor Department Head/Head/Chair
<b>Academic Field(s)</b>	English
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**Job Description**

**Position:** The Department of English in the College of Liberal Arts at Auburn University seeks applications for the West Point Pepperell /Harry M. Philpott Eminent Scholar Chair and Professor of English. We are accepting applications from senior scholars in the major areas of our department: creative writing, literary studies, rhetoric and composition, and technical and professional communication. This is a tenured position at the rank of Full Professor. The start date is August 16, 2025.

**Responsibilities:** The Eminent Scholar will be expected to take a leading role to further enhance the research profile of the Department. The successful candidate should bring experience, innovation, enthusiasm, and leadership to all research activities in the Department and be prepared to mentor junior faculty, post-docs, and graduate students. The instructional responsibilities of this position will focus primarily on in-person graduate-level courses.

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**About the Department & Programs:** The Department of English comprises 32 tenure-line faculty and 33 full-time lecturers. The Department also routinely employs a number of post-doctoral students and part-time instructors. We offer the B.A., Master's, and Ph.D. in English, and both a Master's and a Graduate Certificate in Technical and Professional Communication. More information about our programs can be found here: <https://cla.auburn.edu/english/programs/>

Our award-winning faculty has diverse research and creative interests. Our scholarly books appear in top university presses such as Cambridge, Colorado, Georgia, Louisiana State, Massachusetts, Northwestern, Ohio State, and Syracuse, and as well as independent presses such as the Arizona Center for Renaissance and Medieval Studies, Brill, and Routledge. Creative books appear in top trade presses such as Penguin Random House and Penguin Riverhead, as well as independent presses such as Tupelo Press. Our faculty members also routinely publish in top journals in their respective fields.

**About the College:** The College of Liberal Arts (CLA) comprises 46 majors in a wide range of fields, including the humanities, the fine and performing arts, the social sciences, communications, health services administration, and aviation. We produce successful business leaders, industry professionals, and researchers who work in the U.S. and around the world. The CLA's cutting-edge facilities provide the opportunity to collaborate with other researchers at the forefront of their respective fields. We value diverse backgrounds, and unique perspectives and experiences.

**About Auburn University:** The Auburn family values tradition while eagerly preparing for the future. Rooted in more than 160 years of history, Auburn University occupies 1,841 acres and is the academic home to more than 30,000 students. Auburn's commitment to active student engagement and professional success, as well as its many public and private partnerships, garners a growing reputation for outreach that delivers broad economic, health, and societal impact. Auburn University is one of the best places to work in the state of Alabama, according to the 2022 America's Best-in-State Employers list released by *Forbes* magazine.

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**Location:** Auburn, AL, is a vibrant, thriving college town and community. *Southern Living* recently recognized the city of Auburn as one of the top small towns in the South, and *Money* magazine named Auburn the best place to live in Alabama. Known as the "Loveliest Village on the Plains," Auburn offers a high quality of life, including a vibrant cultural scene at the new Gogue Performing Arts Center, SEC sports throughout the academic year, award-winning chefs and restaurants, a K-12 school system that is top-ranked in the state, and an exceptional College of Veterinary Medicine for pet care. The Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport is only 90 minutes away with daily shuttle service options to and from Auburn. Birmingham is a similar drive to the north, and Montgomery, the state capital, is only 50 minutes to the southwest.

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