Assistant Professor of Sociology

The University of Maine’s Department of Sociology seeks a dynamic, innovative scholar and teacher to join our small, collegial, undergraduate-only department at Maine’s flagship land and sea grant institution. This is a tenure-track, academic-year position at the assistant professor level starting September 1, 2016.

The candidate will play a key role in the department’s Crime, Law, and Justice concentration. Consistent with the department’s value of public sociology and the university’s vision as a community engaged campus, the candidate will be a publicly engaged sociologist. Quantitative expertise is also sought.

While it is expected that the candidate’s primary expertise will be in the area of Crime/Law/Justice, secondary areas sought include a focus on the environment and environmental crime/law, aging and elder law/abuse, or health and illness. The candidate must demonstrate an interest in, and preferably successful experience in, collaborative interdisciplinary research, teaching, and grantsmanship.

Required Qualifications:
- Ph.D. in Sociology preferred (Ph.D. in Criminology/Criminal Justice with strong background in sociology also encouraged to apply)
- Demonstrated or potential excellence as an instructor of undergraduate sociology students
- Demonstrated or potential strength in published scholarship
- Strong potential for extramural funding
- Demonstrated commitment to public/engaged sociology
- Clear potential to work both independently and in collaboration with students, colleagues, administrators, community members, and other stakeholders

Preferred Qualifications:
- Demonstrated success in obtaining extramural funding for research
- Experience collaborating on research projects with undergraduate students

Housed in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Department of Sociology has 75 undergraduate majors. The Department offers the B.A. degree in Sociology with an optional concentration in Crime, Law, and Justice. The Department’s vision is guided by the values of public sociology and a commitment to quality of life for all. Faculty focus on understanding and improving the quality of life in Maine and beyond and they regularly contribute to the public conversation via op-eds and other outlets on topics such as the experiences of Maine workers, family diversity, the prison boom, and racial prejudice. Our alumni contribute to Maine’s common good through work with a wide variety of state agencies and organizations.

Located in beautiful Central Maine, the University of Maine, Orono is the flagship campus of the University of Maine system. Our faculty report that a primary reason for staying at UMaine is quality of life. Numerous cultural activities, excellent public schools in neighborhoods where children can walk to school, high quality medical care, little traffic, and a reasonable cost of living make the greater Bangor/Orono area a wonderful place to live. The University of Maine is just 60 miles from the Bar Harbor area and Acadia National Park and 2 hours from Portland, offering access to a wealth of outdoor activities and thriving restaurant and music scenes. As an NSF ADVANCE institution, UMaine is committed to diversity in our workforce and to dual-career couples.
To Apply: Please go to https://umaine.hiretouch.com/job-details?jobID=29849&job=assistant-professor-of-sociology to submit your application. A complete application consists of an application letter describing the applicant’s experience, interests and suitability for the position, CV, samples of scholarly work, and letters from three professional references. Candidate-submitted materials must be submitted via the HireTouch website; letters of reference should be sent via email to Professor Steve Barkan, Search Committee Chair, Steven_Barkan@umit.maine.edu. Incomplete applications cannot be considered. Review of applications will begin on December 11, 2015 and continue until the position is filled. (REPOSTED 11/6/2015. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE BEGINNING DATE ON WHICH REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS WILL COMMENCE.) For questions about the position, you may contact Professor Steve Barkan, Search Committee Chair, Steven_Barkan@umit.maine.edu, 207-581-2380.

Appropriate background checks are required. All UMS employees are required to comply with applicable policies and procedures, as well as to complete applicable workplace-related screenings and required employee trainings.

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