



Position Title: Assistant Professor of Sociology

Campus: Orono

Department: Sociology

Bargaining Unit: AFUM

Statement of the Job:

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 for a faculty member who will offer courses for the department's new Criminal Justice major (approval of new major expected Spring 2020). The position is expected to start August 31, 2020.

We invite applicants with expertise in criminal justice/criminology. Expected course assignments include, but are not limited to: (1) Survey of Criminal Justice and/or Introduction to Criminology; (2) Police and Society and Introduction to Corrections; and (3) Gender and Crime and/or Race and Crime. Preference will be given to candidates able to teach Introduction to Sociology and other courses that would contribute to the department's majors in criminal justice and sociology. Quantitative expertise is preferred but not required. Faculty in the department typically teach 5 courses per year.

Consistent with the department's emphasis on public sociology and the university's vision as a community engaged campus, the candidate will be a publicly engaged scholar. The candidate must demonstrate an interest in, and preferably successful experience in, collaborative interdisciplinary research, teaching, and grantsmanship.

About the University:

The University of Maine is a community of more than 11,200 undergraduate and graduate students, and 2,500 employees located on the Orono campus and throughout the state. UMaine is the state land and sea grant university and maintains a leadership role as the System's flagship university. As a result, it is dedicated to providing excellent teaching, research, and service at the university, state, and national levels.

Further information about UMaine can be found at <https://umaine.edu/>

The University of Maine offers a [wide range of benefits](#) for employees including, but not limited to, tuition benefits (employee and dependent), comprehensive insurance coverage including medical, dental, vision, life insurance, and short and long term disability as well as retirement plan options. As a former NSF ADVANCE institution, the University of Maine is committed to diversity in our workforce and to dual-career couples.

UMaine is located in beautiful Central Maine. Many employees report that a primary reason for choosing to come to UMaine is quality of life. Numerous cultural activities, excellent public schools, safe neighborhoods, high quality medical care, little traffic, and a reasonable cost of living make the greater Bangor area a wonderful place to live.

Learn more about what the Bangor region has to offer [here](#).

Qualifications

Required:

- Ph.D. in Criminal Justice, Criminology, Sociology, or a closely related field required by date of hire
- Specialization in criminal justice/criminology
- Demonstrated ability to deliver successful courses at the undergraduate level
- Evidence of ability to develop and pursue a research agenda in the candidate's area of expertise
- Demonstrated commitment to public/engaged scholarship
- Evidence of ability to work both independently and collaboratively

Preferred:

- Ph.D. in Criminal Justice/Criminology preferred (Ph.D. in Sociology with strong background in criminal justice/criminology also encouraged to apply)
- Demonstrated ability to seek and/or obtain extramural funding for research
- Evidence of teaching and/or research interest in gender and/or race
- Evidence of quantitative expertise
- Experience collaborating on research projects with undergraduate students
- Experience and interest in interdisciplinary pedagogy that would support both the sociology and criminal justice/criminology majors

Other Information:

Housed in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Department of Sociology has 100+ undergraduate majors. The Department offers B.A. degrees in Sociology and Criminal 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 families, victimology, immigration, social change, terrorism, food studies, and environmental sociology.

Materials must be submitted via "Apply For Position" below. You will need to create a profile and application; upload:

- 1.) a cover letter which describes your experience, interests, and suitability for the position|
- 2.) a resume/curriculum vitae
- 3.) 2-3 samples of scholarly work such as published articles and/or public sociology pieces
- 4.) contact information for three professional references

You will also need to submit the affirmative action survey, the self-identification of disability form, and the self-identification of veteran status forms. Incomplete application materials cannot be considered. Materials received after the initial review date will be reviewed at the discretion of the University.

Search Timeline is as follows:

Review of applications to begin: February 17, 2020 Applications completed after review has begun will be reviewed at the discretion of the University.

Tentative start date: August 31, 2020

For questions about the search, please contact search committee chair Karyn Sporer at karyn.sporer@maine.edu.

Appropriate background checks are required.

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