

The Department of Sociology at Virginia Commonwealth University invites applications for a tenure-eligible assistant professor position to begin August 2018. We are seeking a sociologist specializing in LGBTQ studies with a focus on sexuality, race, and inequality. A secondary specialization in digital cultural production, digital labor or technologies (broadly defined) and/or digital identities/bodies is preferred. This position is one of three tenure-eligible searches in LGBTQ Studies taking place in a range of disciplinary settings during the academic year 2017-18 as a major hiring initiative in the College of Humanities and Sciences to strengthen LGBTQ scholarship and course offerings at VCU. These three new hires will work alongside other faculty with expertise in LGBTQ topics across the College and the University to expand VCU's LGBTQ-related curriculum, research profile, and community engagement efforts.

The successful candidate will be required to have an established research agenda and a clear potential for external funding, as appropriate, and potential for scholarship or creative expression to complement and expand existing expertise in the department. Teaching responsibilities will include courses at both the graduate and undergraduate level in their area of research specialization, along with providing support to the program's core curriculum and general education requirements. Candidates with the interest and ability to teach in our online Master's program focused on Digital Sociology will be preferred.

Required qualifications include a PhD in Sociology in hand by August 1, 2018 and a record of or demonstrable potential for excellence in scholarship. Experience with innovative digital pedagogies, online instruction, website development and/or digital data analysis/visualization is of particular interest. Demonstrated experience working in and fostering a diverse faculty, staff, and student environment or commitment to do so as a faculty member at VCU is required.

Virginia Commonwealth University is a large urban university located in the center of Richmond, Virginia. The Department of Sociology at VCU offers both a Bachelors and Masters program. Currently, we have 300+ undergraduate majors and 30+ graduate students. The M.S. program has two options-thesis and applied. The thesis option is taught on campus; the applied option includes both on-campus and online modes. Existing faculty areas of research include gender, sexuality, race, health, labor, digital sociology, and environmental sociology with expertise in multiple research methodologies including social network analysis, quantitative and qualitative methods. Both the graduate and undergraduate programs are grounded in a strong theoretical foundation in the structural bases and processes of social inequality around social class, race, and gender. Our goal is to continue to develop expertise in the general areas of inequality and sexuality. For more information, visit sociology.vcu.edu.

Only electronic applications will be accepted. Please apply online at www.vcujobs.com. Submit a letter of application, CV, and a writing sample in PDF format with your online application (please submit the writing sample under the website's category for "Other Document"). Three letters of reference are required. Reference providers will be notified by email that they have been asked to provide a reference, with instructions how to do so. The deadline for applications is October 1, 2017. Start date will be August 16, 2018. Questions about the position should be directed to Dr. Richard Godbeer, chair of the search committee, at rgodbeer@vcu.edu.

Virginia Commonwealth University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Women, minorities, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.