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Assistant or Associate Professor of Environmental or Natural Resource Sociology

Overview: The Department of Sociology & Anthropology at Utah State University (USU) invites applications for a tenure-track position of **Assistant or Associate Professor of Sociology. We seek an environmental or natural resource sociologist with expertise in environmental justice or governance of natural resources.** We especially welcome applications from scholars whose research focuses on rural, indigenous, and/or marginalized populations, in the US or globally. Along with research and teaching skills that complement our graduate and undergraduate curriculum in the area of Environment & Community, the successful candidate would also ideally contribute to the program's other areas of specialization, Social Inequality, Demography, and/or Criminal Justice.

This position is part of a department, college, and university-wide cluster hire designed to foster interdisciplinary scholarship in social justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. USU actively pursues social justice and empowerment for all, and especially historically marginalized groups and individuals, through teaching, research, and service. Our program is committed to supporting interdisciplinary scholarship, creative work, and pedagogy on social justice issues in local to global contexts within historic to contemporary timeframes. We aim to attract a pool of applicants working on diverse issues with diverse populations.

Position: This is a full-time (nine-month) academic year appointment with USU's Sociology program beginning August 2022. The balance among teaching, research, and service will be consistent with a faculty position in a Carnegie Doctoral Extensive research institution.

Responsibilities: The successful candidate will be expected to:

- Develop a robust, externally funded research program in environmental or natural resource sociology.
- Teach undergraduate and graduate courses.
- Advise and mentor students.
- Provide service to the department, university, and profession.
- Contribute to the diversity, inclusion, and retention priorities of the department, university, and profession.

Qualifications:

Minimum Qualifications Assistant or Associate Professor Ranks:

- Ph.D. in Sociology or a closely related field (e.g., rural sociology; anthropology; human dimensions of natural resources; environmental social science; environment and society) on employment date.
- Evidence of ability to develop and conduct an active and focused program of research and scholarship in environmental or natural resource sociology.
- Demonstrated interest in teaching effectively at the undergraduate and graduate level, including a willingness to learn, or experience with, distance-education course delivery.

Additional Minimum Qualifications for Associate Professor Rank:

- Established record of excellence in teaching and mentoring.
- Established record of effectiveness in research and service related to Sociology of the Environment or Natural Resources.
- Record of successful grant writing.

- Promoted with tenure to the rank of Associate Professor.

Preferred Qualifications Assistant or Associate Professor Ranks:

- Scholarship that focuses on rural, indigenous, and/or marginalized populations.
- Demonstrated interest and ability to contribute to diversity and inclusion of groups that are underrepresented in the department through education, applied research, or service.
- Evidence of ability to develop and conduct an externally funded program of research and scholarship.
- Experience or interest in working with landscapes and communities of the U.S. West.
- Experience with distance-education course delivery.
- An ability to contribute to our existing expertise areas, Social Inequality, Demography, and/or Criminal Justice.

Review of applications begins **November 15, 2021**. For further information contact Dr. Jessica Schad, Search Committee Chair at jessica.schad@usu.edu. Applicants must submit all application materials electronically via the [Utah State University Human Resources website](#).

Required Documents: Applicants must provide:

1. Cover letter (maximum two pages)
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Statement of research experience and interests (maximum two pages)
4. Statement of teaching experience and philosophy (maximum two pages)
5. A statement outlining your commitment and/or potential contributions to the campus-wide cluster in social justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (maximum one page)
6. Names and contact details for three people who can provide letters of reference (we will request letters for those making a shorter applicant list)

University and Community Highlights: Utah State University is a land-grant university and a Carnegie Doctoral Extensive research institution with approximately 29,000 students from all 50 states and 80 foreign countries. USU houses the Center for Intersectional Gender Studies & Research, the Latinx Cultural Center, the Inclusion Center as well as a range of interdisciplinary programs including Native American Studies, Sexuality Studies, Global Peacebuilding, and Latin American Studies. The main campus is located in Logan, Utah, a picturesque mountain valley about 80 miles north of Salt Lake City. The Sociology Program is housed within the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. The department serves approximately 150 undergraduate majors, supports both MS and PhD programs in Sociology, and provides face-to-face, online, and broadcast instruction to students on the Logan campus as well as several statewide campuses. Please visit <https://sociology.usu.edu/> for more information.

ADA: Utah State University will adhere to all federal and state laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal employment opportunity to qualified individuals with disabilities. The university will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with a disability who are employees or applicants for employment. The purpose of such accommodation is to allow a faculty member with a disability to perform the essential functions of a job or to access benefits and privileges of employment and to allow an applicant to have an equal opportunity to compete for a job.

Salary: Salary is negotiable and commensurate with qualifications and experience. USU offers competitive salaries and outstanding medical, retirement, and professional benefits (<http://usu.edu/hr>).