

Associate Professor of Criminology

Job no: 510980

Work type: Teaching & Research Faculty

Location: Blacksburg Area

Categories: Instructional / Teaching Faculty

Virginia Tech invites applications for one full-time, nine-month, tenured or tenure-track position in Criminology in the Department of Sociology at the Associate Professor level to start Fall, 2020 at our main campus in Blacksburg, VA. Applicants must have Ph.D. in Sociology or Criminology with a Ph.D. in Sociology preferred. Substantive areas of research within Criminology are open; however, we are preferably seeking a senior scholar who has a research agenda that focuses on corrections, broadly defined. In addition, we are ideally searching for a scholar who will maintain a program of research excellence, has success with extramural funding, and will contribute to the undergraduate and graduate programs. The scholar must also be able to teach undergraduate classes related to the causes and commission of crimes, especially crimes of violence and or juvenile delinquency. This position is intended to meet the increasing demand for our Criminology major within the Sociology Department. The normal teaching load is two courses each semester.

A strong candidate will contribute a social science perspective to a university-wide, interdisciplinary initiative to enhance curriculum and research focused on Integrated Security as a Destination Area (<http://provost.vt.edu/destination-areas.html>), broadly defined to focus on understanding and fostering a world in which individuals, institutions, and nations are secured by technology and social systems that follow ethical principles and promote values of social justice as well as address inequity. In addition, since criminal behavior and the control thereof is intricately related to issues of equity and disparity, this position would logically connect with the Equity and Social Disparity for the Human Condition Strategic Growth Area (https://www.provost.vt.edu/destination_areas/areas_of_focus/da_esdhc.html) as mass incarceration is one of the most pressing social disparities facing the nation. Cover letters should address explicitly how the candidate's expertise addresses such issues, and candidates should be prepared to describe how they will do so in their relevant courses.

The Department of Sociology grants the B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in sociology with available options in Africana Studies and Women's and Gender Studies. We also offer an undergraduate major in criminology. The Department of Sociology is the academic home of programs in Africana Studies, American Indian Studies, and Women's and Gender Studies, and houses the Center for Race and Social Policy Research, the Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention, and the Youth Inequality Justice Lab. We encourage applicants who can contribute to these programs as well.

Virginia Tech recognizes the critical importance of diverse teams of scholars. It seeks to diversify its faculty along multiple dimensions, including those that have been historically marginalized and excluded given the institutional history and legacy of the university. Virginia Tech is a public land-grant university, committed to teaching and learning, research, and outreach to the Commonwealth of Virginia, the nation, and the world. Virginia Tech is located in Blacksburg, VA, with scenic surroundings and ample outdoor recreation, including the Appalachian Trail and Blue Ridge Mountains. Building on its motto of Ut Prosim (that I may serve), Virginia Tech is dedicated to InclusiveVT - serving in the spirit of community, diversity, and excellence. We seek candidates who adopt and practice the Principles of Community, which are fundamental to our on-going efforts to increase access and inclusion and to create a community that nurtures learning and growth for all of its members. Virginia Tech actively seeks a broad spectrum of candidates to join our community in preparing leaders for the world. Virginia Tech does not discriminate against employees, students, or applicants on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, veteran status, or any other basis protected by law: (<http://www.vt.edu/about/equal-opportunity.html>).

The successful Candidate will be required to have a criminal conviction check.

Applications must be submitted online on or before November 1, 2019, position number 510980. The application package should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, a research plan, statement of teaching philosophy, along with a listing of three references that includes names, affiliation, and email addresses. Any additional material that cannot be submitted online should be sent to the Associate Criminology Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Virginia Tech, 560 McBryde Hall (0137), 225 Stanger St., Blacksburg, VA 24061.