Social Work/Ethnic Studies Joint Faculty Position

The University of Utah Ethnic Studies Program and the College of Social Work invite applications for a fulltime (ongoing 9-month contract) tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor.

The successful candidate will be jointly appointed in the Ethnic Studies Program and the College of Social Work. Ethnic Studies is an interdisciplinary, undergraduate program with current faculty drawn from fields and disciplines in the Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Education. Ethnic Studies focuses on critical examinations of primarily U.S. social categories such as indigeneity, culture, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, class, and nation and engages in empirical and theoretical research, student-centered teaching, and creative collaborations that promote social justice and challenge existing knowledge paradigms. The successful candidate will need to demonstrate the ability to explore these issues with comparative, relational, and/or interdisciplinary frameworks. As the only program to award the BS/BA in Ethnic Studies in the State of Utah, the successful candidate will join a growing and dynamic team of talented scholars.

The College of Social Work was established in 1937 and is the only public institution in the Intermountain West that offers all three degrees in social work—BSW, MSW, and Ph.D. Within the College, the International Program offers opportunities for faculty exchange, student learning experiences, and collaborative research, as well as a certificate in International Social Work. The Social Research Institute within the College helps faculty secure extramural funding and offers research consultation. The Wilford W. and Dorothy P. Goodwill Initiatives on Aging are housed in the College's new Goodwill Humanitarian Building which features two clinical training suites and a technology-enhanced wireless classroom that expands the College's distance education capability.

We invite applications from candidates advanced in doctoral studies or with an earned PhD, with a strong preference given those with a Masters in Social Work who focus their work on Pacific Islander Studies and/or American Indian Studies. The candidate must possess demonstrated success as a scholar with strong methodological skills and be an exceptional teacher and advisor. The successful candidate must be willing and able to teach in the Diversity Scholars first-year retention program which involves community-engaged learning.

As a major research and teaching university—and the flagship of the Utah System of Higher Education—the University of Utah strives to create an academic environment in which the highest standards of scholarship and professional practice are observed and where responsibilities to students are conscientiously met. The University is located in Salt Lake City, at the base of the Wasatch Mountains. The area has received international recognition for its new light rail system, downtown renewal and library system, increasing diversity, and easy access to world class outdoor recreational opportunities.

The University of Utah values candidates who have experience working in settings with students from diverse backgrounds and possess a strong commitment to improving access to higher education for historically underrepresented students. Review of applications will begin September 1, 2014 and continue until the position is filled. Please submit (1) a letter describing the position for which you are applying and your teaching and research interests, (2) a curriculum vitae, (3) samples of scholarly work, (4) the names of three recommendation providers, and (5) copies of teaching evaluations online at: http://www.employment.utah.edu/.

Inquiries regarding the position may be directed to the Faculty Search Committee Co-chairs, Dr. Armando Solórzano (armando.solorzano@fcs.utah.edu) and Dr. Mary Jane Taylor (mjtaylor@socwk.utah.edu).

The University of Utah is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer and educator. Minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. Veteran’s preference. Reasonable accommodations provided. For additional information: http://www.regulations.utah.edu/humanResources/5-106.html.