Wayne State University: Department Chair, 
Department of Sociology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

The Department of Sociology at Wayne State University invites applications for a Professor and Department Chair to begin fall 2013. We are seeking an active scholar who has the experience, vision and energy to take the department to a new level. Area of expertise is open, but preference will be given to candidates whose research agenda fits within one of the department’s current concentrations in the areas of medical sociology and urban sociology. In addition to administrative experience, we seek candidates with a strong research record, a record of external funding, and demonstrated excellence in teaching.

The Chair is designated as the chief academic officer of the department and should have credentials which demonstrate a distinguished record of scholarly achievement, broad appreciation of programmatic research and a strong commitment toward graduate and undergraduate education. Moreover, this individual will be responsible for recruiting, evaluating and directing faculty; coordinating and supervising departmental programs and activities; acting as a liaison to other units within the university; forging external and internal ties for research; actively pursuing external funding; and teaching and providing a supportive teaching environment.

The Department of Sociology offers BA, MA and Ph.D degrees with concentrations in medical sociology, urban/labor sociology, and race and gender inequalities. The department is committed to offering a broad learning experience that enables an understanding of how social institutions and patterns of social interaction shape individual lives and prepares students for careers inside and outside of academia. The department is currently composed of 12 tenured and tenure-track faculty, and serves nearly 200 undergraduate majors and 100 graduate students.

Wayne State University is dedicated to preparing students to excel by combining the academic excellence of a major research university with the practical experience of an institution that by its history, location and diversity represents a microcosm of the world in which we live. Founded in 1868, Wayne State is a Carnegie RU/VH institution offering more than 400 academic programs through 13 schools and colleges to nearly 32,000 students. Wayne State’s main campus in Midtown Detroit comprises 100 buildings over nearly 200 acres; its five extension centers offer higher education to people throughout Southeast Michigan. Wayne State boasts the most diverse student body among Michigan’s public universities. Its students represent 49 U. S. states and more than 60 countries.

Additional information about Wayne State University and the Department of Sociology can be obtained from the following websites: www.wayne.edu and http://clasweb.clas.wayne.edu/Sociology. Applicants should submit a letter of interest, current CV, and the names and contact information of three professional references (letters of reference will be requested at a later date) to Douglas Whitman, Ph.D, Chair, Search Committee, Sociology, 2228 F/AB, 656 W. Kirby St., Detroit, MI 48202. PDF versions may be submitted to sociologychair@wayne.edu. Review of applications will begin November 15, 2012 and continue until the position is filled. Applicants will also be required to officially apply on-line and instructions for that process will be sent to all applicants.

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