Michigan State University: Associate Professor in Sociology of Health and Medicine

Job #: 616543

Work Type: Faculty/Academic Staff

Major Administrative Unit/College: College of Social Science

Department: Sociology Social Science 10038784

Start Date: August 16, 2020

Salary: Commensurate with Experience; Competitive start-up support will be provided

Location: East Lansing

Categories: Full-Time (90-100%), Tenure-System Faculty, Education/Training, Research/Scientific, Non-Union

Michigan State University actively promotes a dynamic research and learning environment in which qualified individuals of differing perspectives and cultural backgrounds pursue academic goals with mutual respect and shared inquiry.

Position Summary: The Department of Sociology at Michigan State University (MSU) seeks candidates for a tenure-system Associate Professor position in sociology of health and medicine. As part of an initiative within the College of Social Science, this position will strengthen leadership in the emerging MSU Consortium for Sexual and Gender Minority Health, which is housed in the School of Social Work. The 9-month academic year position begins on August 16, 2020.

We seek candidates with established expertise in investigating issues such as mental health, physical conditions, health disparities, social determinants of health, and health care service among sexual and general minority (SGM) people and communities. Successful candidates will help lead a group of nationally known scholars of SGM health and medicine to promote change in policy, programming, and practice for SGM communities.

Required Degree: Doctorate

Minimum Requirements: Successful candidates must have:

- a PhD in Sociology or closely related field;
- established expertise in sociology of health or social determinants of health with a substantial focus on SGM health and medicine;
- a strong record of scholarly publications in SGM health and medicine research;
• established record of securing extramural research funding;

• strong potential for leading multidisciplinary research teams;

• demonstrated evidence of high-quality instruction and mentoring at the undergraduate and graduate levels; and

• demonstrated evidence of effective service to the institution, leadership in the discipline, and/or engagement with broader publics.

**Desired Qualifications:** Preferred candidates will have:

• a commitment to conduct research that informs practice and policy with diverse and underrepresented groups;

• a strong record of securing extramural funding; and

• scholarly interests that connect with current departmental strengths of environmental sociology and/or sociology of migration.

**Required Application Materials:** Applications must be submitted to the MSU Applicant Page at [https://careers.msu.edu](https://careers.msu.edu). Complete applications must include (1) a cover letter; (2) a curriculum vitae; (3) a 1-page research statement; (4) a 1-page teaching statement; (5) a diversity and inclusion statement (a statement addressing how past and or potential contributions to diversity and inclusion will advance MSU’s commitment to inclusive excellence); and (6) the names and contact information for three professional references.

**Special Instructions:** Review of applications will begin on February 7, 2020 and will continue until the position is filled. Questions regarding this position should be directed to Dr. Hui Liu (Search Committee Chair) at liuhu@msu.edu.

**Website:** [https://sociology.msu.edu](https://sociology.msu.edu)

**Department Statement:** The Department of Sociology has three signature areas of Environment, Health and Medicine, and Migration. Most faculty in the department perform research and teach courses in one or two of these areas. MSU sociologists have a rich history of interdisciplinary collaborations not only with other social scientists but also with humanists, physical scientists, and/or life scientists.

**MSU Statement:** MSU has been advancing the common good with uncommon will for more than 160 years. One of the top research universities in the world, MSU pushes the boundaries of discovery and forges enduring partnerships to solve the most pressing global challenges while providing life-changing opportunities to a diverse and inclusive academic community through more than 200 programs of study in 17 degree-granting colleges.
Michigan State University is located in East Lansing, MI, with easy access to the state capital, Lake Michigan, and award-winning school districts. MSU is also pro-active in exploring opportunities for employment for dual career couples, both inside and outside the University. Information about MSU's dual career support can be found at http://miwin.msu.edu/.

MSU is an affirmative-action, equal-opportunity employer. Persons with disabilities have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodation. MSU is committed to achieving excellence through a diverse workforce and inclusive culture that encourages all people to reach their full potential. MSU actively encourages applications and/or nominations of women, transgender or gender diverse individuals, persons of color, veterans, and persons with disabilities.