ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT
TENURE TRACK

Application review begins October 15, 2012. The position will remain open and applications will be reviewed until filled. Campus interviews are anticipated for late November and early December 2012. Start date: July 2013.

Founded in 1890, Whitworth University has been consistently ranked among the top regional colleges and universities in the West. In its strong liberal arts undergraduate and graduate programs, Whitworth unites a robust commitment to Christian mission and service, academic rigor, and care for students. A community of Christian scholars carries out the university’s mission “to provide its diverse student body an education of the mind and heart” to enable students “to honor God, follow Christ, and serve humanity.” The Sociology Department is situated within the College of Arts and Sciences, which bears primary responsibility for providing an education that is grounded in the great tradition of liberal arts and sciences and committed to the integration of faith and learning.

Whitworth’s Sociology Department consists of four full-time faculty members, a student social research facility, and a strong teaching tradition with emphasis upon diverse cultural perspectives, scholarship, and community service. In addition, the faculty help foster a stimulating and supportive learning community and offer perspectives on social life and social issues from a variety of value frameworks and Christian traditions. We hope to find a candidate who can contribute to the vitality of the program.

For a further description of the Sociology Department and the work of its faculty, please visit http://catalog.whitworth.edu/undergraduate/sociology/#text

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES: Teach seven courses a year that include three in the fall semester, one in the January term, and three in the spring semester. The ideal candidate would have expertise to teach in the areas of sociology of the family/gender and criminology/deviance ranging from the introductory course in sociology to upper-division-level courses. The teaching load also includes the team-taught Core 350 course approximately once every four years on rotation basis. Other areas of specialization may be considered.

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES: Additional responsibilities include participation in departmental activities and governance; student advising; professional and research activities that include state, regional and national professional associations; faculty development days, retreats, and committees.

QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

- Ph.D. in sociology or ABD by August 2013
- Evidence of the potential for teaching excellence at the university level
- Evidence of the potential to make a scholarly contribution to their area of specialization
- The ability and desire to establish a positive relationship with persons regardless of race, gender, national origin, ethnicity, physical limitation or religious belief
- A commitment to equal opportunity; and a commitment to the educational mission of Whitworth University as a Christian liberal arts college affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA)
- Background check and educational verification required
APPLICATION PROCESS:
Please submit the following required application documents:
1. A letter of interest
2. Résumé/curriculum vitae
3. A list of names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of three references
4. Graduate and undergraduate transcripts (may be unofficial)
5. Three recent student course evaluations (if available)

A short personal essay (approximately 300 words) describing your personal Christian faith. This essay about your Christian commitment is intended to be a personal, authentic statement in your own words that will help the committee to determine your interest in joining Whitworth's “community of Christian scholars.” (See HR link on Whitworth website for faculty faith essay guidelines at http://www.whitworth.edu/Administration/HumanResources/FacultyFaithEssay/Index.htm

Human Resource Services, Auld House
Attn: Chair, Sociology Faculty Search Committee
Whitworth University
Spokane, WA 99251

Or by email attachment (preferably in MSWord format) to jobs@whitworth.edu

For more information on this position please contact;
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Whitworth complies with all federal, state, and local nondiscrimination laws that are applicable to religious nonprofit institutions and does not engage in unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. With our commitment to building a diverse community, the university encourages applications from populations underrepresented at Whitworth including members of racial/ethnic communities, women, and persons with disabilities.