ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN JOURNALISM
COMMUNICATION STUDIES DEPARTMENT
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
TENURE TRACK
CONTRACT START DATE: JULY 1, 2015

Application review will begin September 15, 2014. The position remains open and applications will be reviewed until filled. We anticipate conducting interviews at the annual meeting of the Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication in Montreal in August. Campus interviews will follow in the fall.

Founded in 1890, Whitworth 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 Communication Studies department, a seven-member department with a strong teaching tradition that is also highly supportive of research, combines speech and journalism/media faculty. Of the approximately 100 majors in the department, around 70 students take a majority of their communication studies classes from journalism and mass communication faculty. The department provides advising support to the yearbook, online campus radio station, and the newspaper, The Whitworthian. The Society of Professional Journalists selected The Whitworthian as the nation’s best non-daily student publication in 2010. For a further description of the department and the work of its faculty, please see http://www.whitworth.edu/Academic/Department/CommunicationStudies/Index.aspx.

Primary Responsibilities
This person will teach a standard course load of seven 3-credit courses: Typically three in the fall semester, one in January Term, and three in spring semester. The ideal candidate will have expertise equipping him or her to teach in these primary areas: digital media (web/social), news writing, and media ethics. Knowledge in any of the following areas would also be helpful: broadcasting, intercultural communication, photojournalism, visual communication, and editing and design. In addition, this person would have the opportunity to serve on one of the university’s team-taught Core courses, teaching a topic of his or her interest that relates to public policy and ethics.

Other Responsibilities: The faculty member will establish and maintain viable research and professional activities including state, regional and national professional associations. Participation in departmental and university-wide governance, faculty development activities, and advising also is expected.
Required Qualifications:

- A doctorate in journalism, mass communication or closely related field is required, although candidates who are ABD will be considered.
- At least three years’ full-time experience in journalism, mass communication, strategic communication (advertising/PR) or a closely related field, preferred.
- Excellent potential as a teacher, possessing strong relational skills with students and colleagues.
- A personal commitment to the Christian faith and to the integration of faith and learning.
- Demonstrated potential for research and scholarship.
- Demonstrated awareness and commitment to effectively establishing relationships and positive communications across multiple dimensions of diversity including, but not limited to race, gender, physical limitations, class or religious perspectives.
- Must meet eligibility requirements to work in the United States by the time the appointment is scheduled to begin and continue to work legally for the proposed term of employment. (Including OPT).
- A commitment to the educational mission of Whitworth as a Christian liberal arts university affiliated with the Presbyterian church.
- Background check and education verification required.

Application Process:
The following documents are required to complete the online application form at www.whitworth.edu/jobs:

1. A letter of interest relating your education and experience to the required qualifications.
2. Your résumé/curriculum vita.
3. An essay of 300-400 words describing your philosophy of teaching.
4. The names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of three references.
5. Your graduate and undergraduate transcripts (may be unofficial at this time. Official transcripts will be required when an offer to interview is extended)
6. Three recent student course evaluations or a note explaining why they are not available
7. A short personal essay characterizing your Christian faith. For expanded guidelines, please see www.whitworth.edu/facultyfaithessay

For more information please contact Jim McPherson, (jmcpherson@whitworth.edu)

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.