

University of Massachusetts – Amherst. The Department of Political Science invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track position as Assistant Professor in the interdisciplinary Legal Studies program to start September 1, 2011. Applicants from all fields of law and society scholarship will be considered. We have particular interest in scholars whose work has transdisciplinary conceptual orientations and is boundary spanning with regard to locales, scales and places of legality, and methodologies. A Ph.D. in the social sciences, humanities, or relevant interdisciplinary field of study is required, and we welcome applicants who hold both Ph.D. and J.D. degrees. The successful candidate should be strongly committed to teaching in an interdisciplinary undergraduate law and society program and demonstrate significant promise in scholarly research and extramural grant activity.

Legal Studies at UMass-Amherst is the oldest, pre-eminent, undergraduate liberal arts program for the study of law and legal systems in the country. It is the center for the campus-wide Law and Society Initiative, home to the National Center for Technology and Dispute Resolution, and hosts the Executive Offices of the Law and Society Association. Building on its established strengths, Legal Studies is in an exciting stage of transition. This involves development of new research and teaching initiatives and greater collaborations with sociolegal scholars across campus and within the Department of Political Science, which is continuing to build a faculty of scholars whose work spans traditional fields of Political Science (see the summary of the department's orientation at http://polsci.umass.edu/graduate/prospective_students/admissions/).

Review of applications will begin on October 1, 2010 and continue until the position is filled. The department strongly prefers that applicants submit their cover letter, curriculum vitae, and writing samples in electronic form through the Academic Jobs Online website at <https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo> and arrange for electronic transmission of three letters of recommendation to the same site. Alternatively, printed versions of the application materials can be sent all paper submissions should be sent to Tracy Tudryn, Dean's Assistant, Dean's Office, 230 Draper Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003. Inquiries about the position can be addressed to legal@polsci.umass.edu.

The University of Massachusetts Amherst is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer. It and the Department are strongly committed to increasing the diversity of faculty, students, and curriculum, and particularly encourage applications from women and minorities.