Assistant Professor, Communication Studies  
Department of Mass Communication and Communication Studies  
College of Fine Arts and Communication  
COFAC-N-3131

Position:
The College of Fine Arts and Communication invites applications for a tenure-track, 10-month Assistant Professor position in the Department of Mass Communication and Communication Studies beginning August 2018.

Qualifications:
PhD in the field of communication studies. ABD applicants considered, but appointment will be at the Instructor rank and all degree requirements must be completed by February 1, 2019. Demonstrated success or potential as a classroom teacher, and potential research productivity. Strong level of knowledge in multiple research methods and theory as utilized in the field of communication studies. Interest in interdisciplinary collaborations and experience with innovative classroom technology and/or on-line learning is a plus. Evidence or interest in securing external funding is preferred.

Responsibilities:
Faculty assigned an instructional workload of six (6) course units per academic year for the first year. Beginning the second year the workload reverts back to the standard instructional workload of seven to eight (7-8) course units per academic year. We are seeking a faculty member who has a critical/cultural orientation to the field of communication and strong background in organizational communication with an emphasis engaging issues of difference, with priority given to candidates who focus on race and/or transnationalism. Primary teaching is in organizational communication, leadership communication, communication theory, and research methods with additional expectations to teach honors or seminar courses in the general education core. Candidate may teach courses at the Towson University Northeast (TUNE) campus on a rotating basis, as needed. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to develop and broaden the existing program focus in organizational communication and leadership. Scholarly research productivity and service, including advising, to the department, college and university is expected.

The Department:
The Communication Studies major focuses on theoretical and practical argument development through a close examination of the ways ideas are discussed, advocated, and circulated in public and private life. The department (http://www.towson.edu/mccs) offers a major in Communication Studies and a major in Mass Communication with tracks in Advertising, Strategic Public Relations, Journalism & New Media. A master’s degree in communication management is offered. The department annually enrolls approximately 1,200 majors served by 30 full-time and 40 part-time faculties.

Towson University:
Towson University (www.towson.edu) was founded in 1866, is recognized by U. S. News and World Reports as one of the top public universities in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions, is Baltimore’s largest university, and is the largest public, comprehensive institution in the University of Maryland System. TU enrolls over 19,000 undergraduates and more than 3,000 graduate students across six academic colleges (business, education, fine arts, health professions, liberal arts, science & mathematics), has over 900 full-time faculty, and offers 65 bachelor’s, 42 master’s, and 4 doctoral programs. Our centrally located campus sits on 330 rolling green acres and is 10 miles north of Baltimore, 45 miles north of Washington D.C., and 95 miles south of Philadelphia.

Application Process:
The review of completed applications begins January 31, 2018 and continues until the position is filled. Submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, evidence of teaching effectiveness, three letters of recommendation (sent under separate covers), and an official graduate transcript to:

Communication Studies Search Committee
C/O Donna Warrington
Department of Mass Communication & Communication Studies
Towson University
8000 York Road
Towson, MD 21252-0001

All or part of the application may be submitted via email to commsearch@towson.edu. Please indicate “position number” in the subject line.

A Criminal Background Investigation is required for the hired candidate and the results may impact employment.

Please be sure to visit http://www.towson.edu/inclusionequity/employment/data.html to complete a voluntary on-line applicant data form. The information you provide will inform the university’s affirmative action plan and is for statistical-related purposes only. The information will not be used for any other purpose. Please note that the search number for which you have applied is: COFAC-N-3131.

Towson University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and has a strong institutional commitment to diversity. Women, minorities, persons with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply.