Assistant/Associate Professor of Sociology

Department: Sociology  
Position: Full-time (10-month), tenure-track position with complete benefit package  
Salary: Negotiable within the range established in the CBA ($44,000-$54,000)  
Union Affiliation: MFPE  
Posting Date: November 2021  
Start Date: August 1, 2022

Description

The Department of History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences at The University of Montana Western invites applicants for a tenure-track position in Sociology with a focus on Indigenous peoples of North America. The hire would be the sole sociologist at the university and thus would be expected to cover introductory level courses, a methods course, and an advanced course on Montana Indian Sovereignty, among others related to specialty and areas of interest. Experience teaching general education courses in geography or economics is desirable but not required. Duties include teaching, advising, and mentoring of majors as well as scholarly research and service at the department and university levels. The successful candidate will also have the opportunity to revise our current Sociology program into a stand-alone degree. The position carries a 3/3 teaching load on UM Western’s innovative block scheduling model, a competitive salary, and some internal research support.

Required Qualifications

- Ph.D. in Sociology from an accredited university  
- Specialty in Indigenous peoples of North America  
- Active scholarly agenda, including peer-reviewed publications and conference participation  
- Excellence in teaching as demonstrated by student evaluations and/or administrative reviews

Preferred Qualifications

- Ability to teach introductory level Geography or Economics courses  
- Previous experience designing and integrating high-impact practices and experiential learning activities  
- Familiarity with Indigenous peoples of Montana
Application

Application materials should include a letter of interest responding to the position description, a statement of teaching philosophy (≤ 2 pages), a statement of research interests, a curriculum vitae including contact information for at least three professional references, and official or unofficial undergraduate and graduate transcripts. All application materials should be submitted as a SINGLE PDF file. Teaching evaluations may be requested at a later time. Official transcripts will be required at the time of hire. Application materials must be sent to:

Patti Lake  
Personnel Officer  
The University of Montana Western  
710 S. Atlantic Street  
Dillon, MT 59725  
patricia.lake@umwestern.edu

Inquiries may be made to Dr. Brian Elliott at brian.elliott@umwestern.edu. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until position is filled.

The University & Dillon Area

The University of Montana Western is a dynamic, innovative, undergraduate university with over 65 full-time faculty and 1,300 students. It is located in Dillon, Montana in the scenic Rocky Mountains and has been awarded numerous top national rankings for delivering high quality, affordable education.

Montana Western is the only public four-year college in the nation offering Experience One (X1), experiential learning delivered on the block schedule. Class sizes are small and students take a single course at a time, three hours each day for 18 days, before moving on to the next course. Each course is four credits and four blocks are offered each semester. The block schedule facilitates field and lab work, undergraduate research, study travel, and interdisciplinary teaching. Montana Western’s faculty strongly believe in mentoring and inspiring students and assisting them in the transition from university life to professional careers.

The University of Montana Western is an integral part of the Dillon Community. With a population of 5,000 people, Dillon is known for outstanding public schools, safe environments, recreational opportunities, and an excellent quality of life.

*The University of Montana Western is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and encourages applications from qualified women, minorities, veterans and people with disabilities. Qualified candidates may request veterans, or disabilities preference in accordance with state law. Reasonable accommodations are provided in the hiring process for persons with disabilities. Finalists for any position will be subject to a criminal background investigation.*