Faculty Position

Environmental Justice and Community Resilience
Department of Political Science, Purdue University

As part of a university-wide cluster hire in the area of “building sustainable communities,” the Department of Political Science is seeking applications for a tenure track, assistant professor position focused on the politics of environmental justice and community resilience. Potential areas of interest include how gender, race, class, ethnicity, geographical region, or identities affect the unequal distribution of environmental benefits and burdens and/or community resilience in the face of environmental change. We are also interested in research on efforts to address environmental and social inequalities through international, cross-national, and/or domestic political action, including but not limited to work on norms and norm change, protest and resistance movements, and community-based conservation and resilience efforts. The primary field of specialization within political science is open. The successful candidate will add to the political science department’s identified strengths in environmental politics as well as the politics of race, ethnicity, gender, and class. The successful candidate will be expected to teach graduate and undergraduate courses in the area of environmental politics as well as other appropriate courses in his or her subfield. A Ph.D. in Political Science, Environmental Studies, or a related discipline is required. Joint appointments are possible in other academic units participating in the cluster hire, including Anthropology, Communication, Philosophy, and Engineering.

The successful candidate will have a demonstrated potential to play a vital role in Purdue’s new “building sustainable communities” initiative dedicated to finding new approaches to addressing major environmental and sustainability challenges. Purdue’s Center for the Environment will serve as the interdisciplinary hub for this research community. Purdue also hosts several interdisciplinary undergraduate and graduate programs focused on sustainability, including undergraduate degrees in environmental & ecological engineering and natural resources and environmental science, as well as a graduate program in Ecological Sciences and Engineering. The successful candidate will be expected to participate in and contribute to these programs as well.

Application materials should be submitted electronically as .pdf attachments to acheever@purdue.edu. Applications should include curriculum vitae, graduate transcript, three letters of reference, samples of written work, instructional materials such as syllabi and course evaluations, and a cover letter discussing the applicant’s commitment to and experience with interdisciplinary research and teaching relevant to the cluster. Review of applications will begin October 7, 2016, and continue until the position is filled. Questions should be addressed to search committee chair Dr. Leigh Raymond (lraymond@purdue.edu). A background check will be required for employment in this position. Purdue University is an EOE/AA employer. All individuals, including minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply.