

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AT AMHERST

The Department of Communication of the University of Massachusetts Amherst invites applications for two tenure-track Assistant Professors:

Position One: Performance Studies. We seek a scholar whose teaching and research focus on the role of performance in the study of communication. Specific areas might include: performativity of race, class, gender, sexuality, and disability; creative aspects of communicative action; the intersection of expressive behavior and political life; and the analysis of oppressive and resistant discourses of power and social change. The Department approaches the study of performance broadly, as encompassing: (1) embodied communicative and social practices; (2) reflexive dimensions of social life; and (3) aesthetic forms and display events.

Position Two: News and Society. We seek a scholar who teaches and conducts empirical research on the nature, role, and impacts of news on various audiences or society at large. Specific focus could include news and public opinion, agenda setting and related processes, including coverage of politics, current affairs, entertainment, and sports. Emphasis on new media and/or international implications is desirable. Expertise in quantitative research is preferred.

For each position duties will include maintaining an active research program and supervising students at B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. levels. Completed Ph.D. by September 1, 2008 required. Salary is competitive, and each position is contingent upon funding. Review of applications will begin on November 1, 2007, and will continue until each position is filled.

Applicants should send a letter specifying research and teaching interests, a curriculum vitae, an article-length example of research, and arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent to:

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Search Committee Chair
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The University of Massachusetts Amherst is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer; women and members of minority groups are encouraged to apply. The department is committed to developing a more diverse faculty, student body, and curriculum. For more information, visit www.umass.edu/communication.