The Department of Communication at the University of Massachusetts Amherst invites applications for two tenure-track Assistant Professor positions to begin September 1, 2014, with responsibilities for teaching and supervision at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The Department offers BA, MA, and PhD programs on a multi-cultural campus. For both positions, the ability to collaborate on and eventually lead interdisciplinary, grant-funded projects is desirable. The newly established Institute for Social Science Research (www.umass.edu/issr/) is available to provide support for the appointed scholars’ research.

POSITION ONE: MEDIA EFFECTS (R41076)

We invite applications from scholars who theorize and conduct research on the ways in which media shape the lives of children, adolescents, families, or other populations. An emphasis on digital media is welcome, as is attention to international contexts. Expertise in quantitative methodology is required, including the ability to instruct and supervise graduate research. The successful applicant’s work will complement current faculty strengths in media influence on identity and stereotypes, violence, and perceptions of social reality.

POSITION TWO: SOCIAL INTERACTION AND CULTURE (R41077)

We invite applications from scholars who theorize and conduct research at the nexus of communication and the environment, health, the family, religion, or related social concerns. Expertise in qualitative methodology is required, including the ability to instruct and supervise graduate research. The successful applicant's work will complement current faculty strengths in the ethnography of communication, social interaction, and intercultural communication.

Review of applications will begin on October 15, 2013 and will continue until the positions are filled. Applications should include a letter of interest, a CV, evidence of teaching effectiveness, one article-length example of research, and three letters of reference. All materials should be submitted through the Academic Jobs Online website at wwwacademicjobsonline.org/ajo. A completed PhD in Communication or closely allied field is required by the start of the appointment. For more information, visit our website at www.umass.edu/communication or contact Debra Madigan, Office Manager, at dmadigan@comm.umass.edu.

The University seeks to increase the diversity of its professoriate, workforce and undergraduate and graduate student populations because broad diversity is critical to achieving the University's mission of excellence in education, research, educational access and service in an increasingly diverse globalized society. Therefore, in holistically assessing many qualifications of each applicant of any race or gender, we would factor favorably an individual’s record of conduct that includes students and colleagues with broadly diverse perspectives, experiences and backgrounds in educational, research or other work activities. Among other qualifications, we would also factor favorably experience overcoming or helping others overcome barriers to an academic career or degree.

The University of Massachusetts Amherst is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and members of minority groups are encouraged to apply.