Assistant/Associate Professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

The Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, together with The Rock Ethics Institute at Penn State (rockethics.psu.edu), is seeking a new faculty member at the assistant or associate level whose teaching and scholarship are focused on sexuality, violence, and ethics. The appointment begins August 12, 2016. An ideal candidate will use critical and intersectional approaches to sexuality in their scholarship and teaching. We define violence broadly to encompass not only physical or sexual violence, psychological abuse, sexual harassment, discrimination or misconduct, but also structural and systemic forms of violence. This new faculty member will be expected to contribute to campus-wide, interdisciplinary research and teaching on sexualities and sexual violence in ways that expand students' ethical sensitivity, ethical reasoning skills, and moral imaginations. We will also ask this new hire to develop at least one introductory undergraduate course on sexuality, violence, and ethics. We encourage applications from candidates trained in women's, gender and/or sexuality studies, as well as those trained in any cognate fields in the humanities or social sciences. Candidates must have completed all requirements for a PhD by the time of the appointment.

Penn State (www.psu.edu) is embarking on a transformative series of co-funded hires in ethics designed to ensure that Penn State becomes a leader in ethics informed interdisciplinary research and the integration of ethical literacy throughout the Penn State curriculum. This is one of twelve tenure-track appointments funded by the University to augment the Penn State mission in this important area. Co-funded faculty will be hosted as affiliate faculty in the Penn State Rock Ethics Institute. We are seeking candidates who will build on the Rock Ethics Institute's tradition of excellence in collaborative, interdisciplinary ethics research and ethically informed decision support for significant societal issues, as well as their success in integrating ethics into the curriculum. We are looking for individuals who will be effective in working on and leading interdisciplinary teams that embed ethical analysis into research projects including decision support research, and who have experience and interest in integrating ethics in undergraduate and graduate curriculum. Faculty who are hired will receive a one-course release for the first five years designed to enhance collaboration with faculty and students on existing ethics research and curricular initiatives as well as building new initiatives and programs in conjunction with the Institute's mission.

Applicants should upload (as PDFs): 1) A cover letter; 2) a complete curriculum vitae; 3) a statement addressing how the candidate's work is relevant to the University and Rock vision, and how this position is likely to augment their own work; 4) the names and addresses (including emails) of three referees; and 5) one writing sample. Review of applications will begin on October 29, 2015 but applications will be accepted until this position is filled. Apply online at https://psu.jobs/job/59823

Questions about this position should be direct to the search committee chair, Dr. Lise Nelson, Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, The Pennsylvania State University, 122A Willard Building, University Park, PA 16802; Phone (814) 867-4174; Email: lknelson@psu.edu.

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