Assistant Professor in Health of African American Communities-Department of Psychology, University of South Carolina

The Department of Psychology (http://www.psych.sc.edu/) invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor to begin August 16, 2020. We seek a faculty member with a research program that addresses promoting health and well-being in African American communities. We seek a scholar with expertise in theoretical frameworks and empirical methods for understanding barriers to well-being and how cultural strengths can guide health promotion. We will focus on finding the best scholar in this area regardless of specific discipline within Psychology. Qualifications include a promising record in original research, preparation to provide doctoral level instruction in one’s area of expertise, and a commitment to quality teaching. Eligible candidates must have a Ph.D. (ABD will be considered) from a doctoral program in Psychology or a closely related discipline. We strongly encourage candidates interested in a joint position with our African American Studies Program to apply. Our college has a track record of successful joint appointments that benefit faculty. Successful candidates will (a) be competitive for external research funding and (b) contribute to USC’s priorities on health-focused research.

All applicants must fill out an online application at USC Jobs: https://uscjobs.sc.edu/ . Candidates should be prepared to upload a CV, letter of application, personal statement, names, phone numbers, and email addresses of letter writers, and any additional materials that demonstrate educational, academic and work experience. (letters will be requested for short-listed candidates). In their optional application materials candidates are encouraged to include a statement about their past and/or potential contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion in their research, teaching, and/or service. The search committee will begin reviewing application materials October 21, 2019 and continue until the position is filled. For further information about this position, please contact the Search Committee Chair, Jeff Schatz, Ph.D. (schatz@sc.edu).
The Department of Psychology has 35 tenured/tenure-track faculty, PhD programs in Clinical-Community, Experimental, and School Psychology, and a certificate program in in quantitative psychology. Psychology is one of the top departments in the College of Arts and Sciences, with one endowed chair, five named professors, four AAAS fellows, six APA fellows and five current or past presidents of national and international scholarly societies. The faculty averages more than $7,200,000 annually in external awards while mentoring and teaching 1100+ undergraduate majors and 80+ Ph.D. students across three graduate programs. The Department of Psychology has research foci that include: child and family well-being, health psychology, and sociocultural factors in health.

The African American Studies Program is a well-established interdisciplinary unit in the College of Arts & Sciences with undergraduate majors, minors, and a supportive group of 11 core faculty in strengths across the humanities and social sciences. The program’s mission champions academic excellence, student engagement, and community outreach. Faculty who are jointly appointed with African American Studies have the opportunity to build their areas of specialization into the curriculum, along with gaining access to additional resources (including travel funds) without doubling their service commitments to the College.

The University of South Carolina has a focus on community-engaged scholarship with a range of centers, institutes, and consortia to connect faculty across campus interested in areas of work such as: child and family well-being, rural health, cancer prevention, HIV prevention, obesity prevention, and related topics. Columbia is the largest city in South Carolina, located in the geographic center of the state. It is close to mountains and the ocean, and has an affordable cost of living. For additional information, the department web site is http://www.psych.sc.edu.

Columbia, SC enjoys more than 300 days of sunshine annually and has ready access to pristine beaches, lakes, rivers and mountains. The city hosts historical and cultural attractions, festivals, performing arts and sporting events, parks and outdoor recreation including Congaree National Park and 50,000-acre Lake Murray.

The University of South Carolina is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply. The University of South Carolina does not discriminate in educational or employment opportunities on the basis of race, sex, gender, age, color, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, genetics, veteran status, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions.

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