

Assistant Professor of Sociology  
Department of Sociology & Anthropology  
West Virginia University

Job No. XXXXX

The [Department of Sociology and Anthropology](#) at West Virginia University invites applications for an Assistant Professor of Sociology with a specialization in critical criminology starting August 11, 2023. This is a nine-month, full-time, tenure-track position with full benefits. The successful candidate will complement and extend current faculty research and teaching expertise in criminology, inequality, social psychology, the sociology of religion, and cultural and archaeological anthropology. The department seeks an outstanding scholar whose research and/or teaching engages with (or has the potential to engage with) issues related to equity, social inequality and/or social justice.

The successful candidate must have 1) a Ph.D. in Sociology, or a related field by August 2023; 2) demonstrated research and/or teaching interest in critical criminology; 3) demonstrated ability or potential to produce high-quality scholarship for publication; 4) demonstrated ability or potential to develop a robust and externally funded research program; 5) strong potential for outstanding contribution to the department's undergraduate and graduate teaching and research missions; 6) strong methodological skills (qualitative and/or quantitative); 7) research and/or teaching that engages (has the potential to engage) issues related to equity, social inequality, and/or social justice. The teaching load is two courses or course equivalents per semester.

The WVU Department of Sociology and Anthropology offers B.A. programs in sociology, criminology, and anthropology and has over 600 majors. The Department also offers a [PhD in sociology](#). The Department of Sociology and Anthropology is home to many scholars who contribute broadly to the area of social justice in research, teaching, public engagement, and activism. The Department recently established an Anti-racism Committee, which initiated an anti-racism undergraduate course and is developing a broad array of programs to diversify the department and curriculum. The Department also houses the [Research Center on Violence](#), the [Survey Research Center](#), the [Religion and Society Research Group](#), the [West Virginia Environment and Society Lab](#), and the [Archaeology Lab](#).

WVU is an R1 research land grant university located within 90 minutes of Pittsburgh and 3.5 hours from the Washington/Baltimore metropolitan area. Morgantown has been recognized as one of the most livable small cities in the U.S. There are extensive recreational opportunities, excellent public schools, and a supportive University environment in which to develop a visible and productive career. The WVU Dual Career Program is available to assist candidates with suitable employment opportunities for spouses or partners.

To apply, please visit <https://careers.wvu.edu>. Review of applications will begin November 17, 2022 and continue until the position is filled. Applicants should upload (1) a cover letter; (2) a curriculum vitae; (3) a one-page research statement; (4) a one-page teaching statement; (5) complete contact information for three professional references. For more information, please visit our website <https://soca.wvu.edu/>. Questions regarding this position may be directed to the chair of the search committee, Dr. Walter S. DeKeseredy ([walter.dekeseredy@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:walter.dekeseredy@mail.wvu.edu)).

WVU is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and the recipient of an NSF ADVANCE award for gender equity. The university values diversity among its faculty, staff, and students, and invites applications from all qualified individuals, including minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, and veterans.