

Assistant Professor in Sociology of Health and Wellness

The Department of Sociology at Virginia Tech, in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences invites applications for a tenure track position at the Assistant Professor level to begin August 10, 2024. We are seeking candidates who specialize in **Sociology of Health and Wellness**. We are particularly interested in research that emphasizes the study of social inequalities, health disparities, food/environmental justice, healthcare technology, mental health, reproductive health and sexualities, advancement of evidence based practices to reduce inequities, social media/digital spaces, and/or social movements. Proven grant potential is preferred.

Teaching will include courses at the graduate and undergraduate level and providing mentorship and research opportunities to MS and PhD graduate students. We are especially interested in community engaged teaching and research. The successful candidate will have experience in providing an equity-minded and inclusive educational environment that supports the learning of a diverse student body and that is consistent with the Virginia Tech [Principles of Community](#). Specific examples of experiences, activities, and plans will help us identify candidates who can strengthen the University's commitment to inclusive excellence.

Applicants should have a Ph.D. in Sociology in hand by August 2024 with a record of excellence in scholarship and teaching commensurate with the level of appointment. Applicants must demonstrate a willingness and ability to contribute to the mentoring of undergraduate and graduate students, and to the Department's collegial and collaborative intellectual community. We welcome a colleague whose research, teaching, and outreach or engagement advances [InclusiveVT](#) priorities related to equity, diversity, and inclusion. The Department of Sociology is recognized for excellence in interdisciplinary research, and we encourage scholars with interest in working with interdisciplinary teams. We are seeking a candidate who can build relationships with numerous health research groups across the university, such as Community Health, Racial Equity in Food Systems, Environmental Health, Healthcare Technologies, and Public Policy.

The department offers a Bachelors, Masters, and PhD in Sociology. Graduate students can concentrate in Women's and Gender Studies or Africana Studies. A graduate certificate in Women's and Gender Studies and African Studies are also offered. Foundational to all

scholarship and teaching is a focus on *power and inequalities* across age, gender, race, social class, and geographical location. We specialize in:

- Crime, Law, & Deviance
- Culture, Knowledge & Identity
- Data, Technology, & Digital Sociology
- Environment, Organizations, & Social Movements
- Health, Socialization, & Social Welfare

Applications must be submitted online on or before October 30, 2023 at

<http://listings.jobs.vt.edu> (posting #527113). The application package should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and a list of three references with email addresses. Questions should be directed to Dr. Stacy Vogt Yuan (avy@vt.edu), Search Committee Chair.

About Virginia Tech

Dedicated to its motto, *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve), Virginia Tech pushes the boundaries of knowledge by taking a hands-on, transdisciplinary approach to preparing scholars to be leaders and problem-solvers. A comprehensive land-grant institution that enhances the quality of life in Virginia and throughout the world, Virginia Tech is an **inclusive community** dedicated to knowledge, discovery, and creativity. The university offers more than 280 majors to a diverse enrollment of more than 36,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students in eight **undergraduate colleges**, a **school of medicine**, a **veterinary medicine** college, **Graduate School**, and **Honors College**. The university has a significant presence across Virginia, including the **Innovation Campus** in Northern Virginia; the Health Sciences and Technology Campus in Roanoke; sites in Newport News and Richmond; and numerous **Extension offices** and **research centers**. A leading global research institution, Virginia Tech conducts more than \$500 million in research annually.

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