

Assistant Professor of Sociology University of Georgia

The Department of Sociology at the University of Georgia invites applications for an Assistant Professor in the area of Computational Sociology to begin on August 1, 2024. The successful candidate will join the Social and Behavioral Dynamics of Health, Well-Being, and Security hiring cluster, which is part of a larger Presidential Interdisciplinary Faculty Hiring Initiative in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence at the University of Georgia https://provost.uga.edu/data_science_ai/. Candidates should hold a Ph.D. in Sociology or a related discipline, be well-grounded in sociological theory, and have strong computational and data analytic skills. We welcome scholars employing a variety of methodological approaches – including but not limited to – text analysis, networks, advanced quantitative methods, Bayesian statistics, analysis of large-N data, experiments, machine learning, and computer simulations. Responsibilities of the position entail maintaining a robust research program, including actively seeking external funding, contributing to excellence in graduate and undergraduate teaching and mentoring, and engaging in service to the university and the profession. Scholars who can work collaboratively with a multidisciplinary team are of particular interest, as are those who can engage with other programs and interdisciplinary research centers at the university. We also seek a scholar with strong commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in higher education.

Computational sociologists rely on data-intensive modeling to understand social movements, dynamic social systems, organizational behavior, complex contagions, social solidarity and conflict, migration and immigration, crime, economic development, and dynamics of belief polarization, as well as to identify cultural meanings, reveal stereotypes, and model local and large-scale interactions. The sociologist in this cluster will use computational methods to study social and cultural dynamics related to health, security, and/or well-being as well as be able to teach classes in quantitative methodology that will support the graduate and undergraduate training missions of sociology, psychology, international affairs and political science.

The Department of Sociology on the main Athens campus is an intellectually diverse department specializing in the study of race/ethnicity, criminology, gender, social psychology, health/medical sociology, and Latin American studies. Departmental faculty participate in a number of university centers and institutes such as the Owens Institute for Behavioral Research, the Criminal Justice Studies Program, the Institute for African American Studies, the Center for Family Research, the Institute for Women's Studies, and the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute. For more information about the department, see sociology.uga.edu. For questions about the position, please contact Dr. Dawn T. Robinson, Search Committee Chair (sodawn@uga.edu).

The Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, its many units, and the University of Georgia are committed to increasing the diversity of its faculty and students and to creating a work and learning environment that is inclusive. Women, people from historically excluded groups, and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply. The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ethnicity, age, genetic information, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation or protected veteran status. Persons needing accommodations or assistance with the accessibility of materials related to this search are encouraged to contact Central HR (hrweb@uga.edu).

To apply, visit <https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/316302>. We will begin screening applicants on August 22, 2023 and continue accepting applications until the position is filled. Applicants should submit a CV, cover letter, research statement, teaching statement, writing sample, and contact information for three references. Letters of recommendation will be requested later in the search process. A statement on diversity, equity, and inclusion should be uploaded as “other documents #1.”