



**The University of Texas at El Paso
College of Liberal Arts
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Assistant Professor in Sociology**

Position Description: The UTEP Dept of Sociology & Anthropology invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor to begin fall 2024. We seek a quantitative sociologist who studies health, Latinx/ethnic health disparities, immigration, and/ or the environment. Regional focus on U.S.-Mexico border is desirable though not exclusive. We are a PhD granting department in one of the top Hispanic Serving Institutions in the country. Our PhD in Sociology has tracks in Health & Culture, Environmental Justice and Borders and Mobility. We are looking for scholars with innovative research, skills, experience in pursuing external funding, and interest working with underserved student populations. We place extra value on scholars who include comprehensive and culturally relevant course readings and assignments. Applicants who can teach statistics and/or quantitative methods at the graduate level will be given particular consideration. Responsibilities include conducting research, teaching courses at the graduate and undergraduate levels, mentoring students who are primarily first-generation college students, participating in outreach and contributing to departmental, college, and university service, and expanding collaborations with community partners.

Required Qualifications: A Ph.D. in Sociology is required at the time of appointment. The search committee is especially interested in candidates who through their research, teaching, and service, will contribute to UTEP's mission.

Application Instructions and Contact Information: Applicants must electronically submit: (1) letter of interest that summarizes qualifications and how your experience would benefit or add value to the department, (2) curriculum vita, (3) one scholarly publication or dissertation chapter, (4) names and contact information of three references that we may contact. Applicants are encouraged to submit their application by November 15, 2023. Review of applications will begin shortly thereafter and will continue until the position is filled.

If you have questions about the position, please contact the Search Committee Chair, Dr. Ophra Leyser-Whalen: oleyserwhalen@utep.edu.

To apply, please visit <https://www.utep.edu/employment>.

About UTEP: The University of Texas at El Paso is a Carnegie R1 and Community Engaged research university at the heart of the U.S.-Mexico border region that is increasing **access** to **excellent** higher education. We advance discovery of public value and positively **impact** the health, culture, education, and economy of the community we serve. UTEP enrolls 24,000 students—eight-four percent of whom are Hispanic, and half of whom are the first in their families to attend college. Deeply woven into the University's character are the distinctive strengths of the people whom we serve. At UTEP, our 24,000 students have access to 169 bachelor's, master's and

doctoral degree programs. Located in the second-most educated city in Texas, UTEP is recognized as one of the best research universities in the country for connecting students with the community around them. We are deeply connected to our neighbors in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua and have growing ties to Mexican institutions of higher education that will continue to enrich this vibrant region and our institution as the leading Hispanic Serving Institution in the nation.

About El Paso: The city's border location makes it an ideal venue for academic programs and research studies on topics of national interest such as bilingual education/language acquisition, border environment and immigration, environmental sustainability and infrastructure, health disparities, and international trade and commerce.

The Paso del Norte region's center for intellectual capital, UTEP is one of the major economic engines in the region, adding more than \$1.4 billion to the local economy annually.

El Paso's active arts and culture community features the state's longest-running symphony orchestra, a nationally recognized chamber music festival, art galleries, museums, and a full schedule of seasonal events and festivals. UTEP adds to the arts and entertainment scene with an award-winning dinner theater, music and dance productions, contemporary and student art galleries, and a natural history museum.

For sports fans, the UTEP Miners offer exciting Division I college athletics at several campus venues including Sun Bowl Stadium, the Don Haskins Center, Kidd Field, University Field and the Helen of Troy Softball Complex. Southwest University Park, located a mile away in lively downtown El Paso, is home to the El Paso Chihuahuas, the Triple-A affiliate of the San Diego Padres, and the El Paso Locomotive, a professional soccer team founded in 2019.

About The Department: The UTEP Department of Sociology & Anthropology is the historical home of the field of U.S.-Mexico Border Studies and had a major role in the growth of border studies as a global academic field. The department has 12 tenured and tenure-track faculty members in the fields of Sociology, Anthropology, and Geography. We have an active M.A. program and a vibrant research agenda especially concerned with Latinx Studies, U.S.-Mexico Border Studies, immigration, criminalization, environmental justice, social inequality (i.e. race/ethnicity, class, gender, and citizenship), health issues, and the U.S. Southwest. Our new PhD in Sociology admitted its first cohort in the Fall 2023.

Hiring decisions are subject to budgetary approval.

In keeping with its access, excellence, and impact mission, The University of Texas at El Paso is committed to an open, diverse, and inclusive learning and working environment that honors the talents, respects the differences, and nurtures the growth and development of all. We seek to attract faculty and staff who share our commitment.

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