

**University of Vermont
Department of Sociology**

Employment Opportunity

**Professor of Sociology and The Bishop Robert F. Joyce Distinguished University Professor
of Gerontology at the University of Vermont**

The Department of Sociology at the University of Vermont invites nominations or applications for the position of Professor of Sociology and The Bishop Robert F. Joyce Distinguished University Professor of Gerontology. This is an exceptional academic opportunity for a distinguished scholar who seeks appointment (a) in a mid-sized, highly collegial department with a strong research profile and reputation for teaching excellence, (b) in a growing College of Arts and Sciences with plans to mount an interdepartmental doctoral degree in social policy to which the successful candidate would be expected to contribute, (c) at a nationally acclaimed land-grant university with a strong commitment to liberal education and the study of health and environment and with abundant opportunities for multidisciplinary collaboration, and (d) in one of America's most desirable places to live. The successful candidate will succeed Dr. Stephen J. Cutler, who has held the Joyce Professorship and served the University of Vermont with vision, dedication, and brilliance since 1984.

Consistent with a number of current strategic academic initiatives at the University of Vermont, we seek a scholar with a Ph.D. in sociology and with an established reputation and strong record of research and teaching in aging. The area(s) of policy application as well as secondary interests and methodological orientations are open, although a health policy focus or a quantitative methodological approach is desirable. The successful candidate will be expected to continue a substantial and active program of research that leads to publication in peer-reviewed scholarly outlets and to seek extramural funding for that research. Contributions to the department's gerontology minor, concentration, and certificate in gerontology are also expected. An essential university-wide role for the Joyce Professor is to provide leadership in facilitating and enhancing collaborative efforts in research, teaching, and partnerships with the aging network, and resources are available to support the successful candidate in these endeavors as well as for his or her own scholarly activities.

The department is committed to increasing faculty diversity and welcomes nominations of or applications from women and underrepresented ethnic, racial, and cultural groups and from people with disabilities. The College of Arts and Sciences is likewise committed to fostering and affirming an inclusive, multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment for its students, staff and faculty. In the cover letter, applicants are requested to include a description of how they can contribute to the College's goals in this area.

The position will be available in Fall 2009. Review of applications will begin on November 1, 2008 and will continue until the position is filled. The application should include a cover letter discussing the reasons for interest in this position at this point in the candidate's career and a curriculum vitae. Additional information such as reprints, evidence of teaching

effectiveness, and letters of reference may be requested at a later date. Please do not have letters of reference sent at this time.

Candidates may apply by mail or on-line. For on-line applications, go to www.uvmjobs.com. Once there, click on "Search Postings," and then locate the position by scrolling to "Sociology" following "Department." Alternatively, applications or nominations may be sent by mail to: Professor Dale J. Jaffe, Chair, Joyce Professorship Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Vermont, 31 South Prospect St., Burlington, VT 05405. The Search Committee Chair can be reached at 802-656-4276 or Dale.Jaffe@uvm.edu.

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