Position: Visiting Assistant Professor of Communication and Media Studies

Stetson University seeks a Visiting Assistant Professor of Communication and Media Studies. This full-time, one-semester sabbatical replacement appointment, beginning January 2017, is for a dynamic teacher and active scholar with enthusiasm for teaching a variety of undergraduate classes within the rhetorical, interpretive, and/or critical traditions of the communication discipline.

Qualifications:
This position requires a minimum of the M.A. in Communication; ABD status or a completed Ph.D. is preferred; an active scholarly agenda; and demonstrated excellence in teaching undergraduates in both general and specialized areas of communication. We seek a colleague who is eager to contribute to a liberal arts-based program and a broader community of undergraduates and faculty who wish to explore the relationships among disciplines with shared interests in public discourse, human interaction, and modes of cultural production.

Responsibilities:
The teaching load is four courses per semester. Courses will be based on the candidate’s expertise and on program needs, which in addition to supporting our major and minors also may include courses for the University’s General Education Curriculum. Other responsibilities include participation as a second reader for Senior Projects, which are required of all Communication and Media Studies majors. For more information on our expectations in teaching and scholarship, and our support for faculty development, please see the Office of the Provost and Academic Affairs website: http://www.stetson.edu/administration/provost/index.php

The Department:
Communication and Media Studies (http://www.stetson.edu/artsci/communication-and-media-studies/) is a growing department within the Humanities Division of the College of Arts and Sciences. Central to the mission of our program is encouraging students to better understand culture, meaning, and symbolic activity, especially as they relate to our key concerns of democracy and equality. Through the study of communication, we seek to prepare enlightened graduates who are adept at interpreting the world and ready to offer energetic and innovative leadership as citizens and in their professions.

We offer a major and minor in Communication and Media Studies as well as an interdisciplinary minor in Journalism. Our focus is exclusively on undergraduate students who desire rigorous training in becoming creators and critics of communication in mediated, public, and relational contexts within a liberal arts education experience. Our students learn through dynamic, discussion-rich classes as well as through internships, field experiences, and a year-long Senior Project sequence.

The College of Arts and Sciences:
Stetson’s College of Arts and Sciences (http://www.stetson.edu/portal/artsci/) is the largest and most diverse of the University's colleges and schools; it includes the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, education, and creative arts. With nineteen academic departments and eight interdisciplinary programs, the College is the liberal arts core of the University. A great strength of the College is its faculty of approximately 140 full-time teacher-scholars. The College offers 31 undergraduate majors and 34 undergraduate minors; six graduate degrees are offered in Education, Counselor Education, and Creative Writing. Every undergraduate major requires a senior research project, allowing students the opportunity to design and carry out independent research under faculty mentorship. Our academic programs are shaped by the values of social justice and civic responsibility. All of our courses and programs of study promote engaged learning, whereby students create connections between the classroom or lab and the local, regional, and global community. The academic programs of the College of Arts and Sciences prepare students to live significant lives, to interact with and positively affect the world around them.

The University:
Founded in 1883, Stetson University (http://www.stetson.edu) is a private, selective university comprised of a rich array of liberal arts and professional academic programs. Collectively, Stetson’s faculty works with
nearly 4000 students in undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. The University’s historic main campus, located in DeLand, enrolls more than 2,800 students in undergraduate programs in the College of Arts & Sciences, the School of Business Administration, and the School of Music. Stetson University College of Law, Florida’s first law school, moved from the main campus to Gulfport in 1954, and, with the addition of the Tampa Law Center, serves approximately 1,000 students working full-time or part-time toward J.D. or LL.M. degrees. Graduate programs offered at the main campus and at Stetson University Center in Celebration include Business, Accounting, Elementary Education – Education for Social Justice, Educational Leadership, Counseling, and Creative Writing. Florida’s oldest private institution of higher learning, Stetson has regularly been ranked among the best regional universities in the Southeast and was the first private college in Florida to be granted a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Stetson University provides an inspiring education that engages students with rigorous academic and creative study grounded in liberal learning and promotes civic values of personal and social responsibility. Working closely with faculty and with one another, students cultivate abilities to explore issues deeply, think critically, reason empirically, speak persuasively, and connect ideas creatively. Firmly committed to inclusive excellence, our vibrant community of teacher-scholars nurtures the potential of individual students to lead lives of significance and prepares each to meet the challenges of shaping the future—locally, nationally, and globally.

**THE COMMUNITY:**
DeLand is a picturesque residential community of 25,000 located 20 miles west of Daytona Beach and 35 miles northeast of Orlando. The area offers extensive cultural as well as recreational activities.

**SALARY:** Salary is competitive.

**STARTING DATE:** January 3, 2017

**APPLICATION:**
Applicants must send the following materials for consideration: cover letter, curriculum vitae, writing sample or publication, contact information for three academic/professional references, unofficial transcripts, and statement of teaching philosophy specific to a liberal arts context. In the cover letter, candidates are encouraged to highlight skills and experiences that demonstrate a commitment to social justice, diversity, and inclusion. (Official transcripts will be required later in the process.) Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

All materials may be submitted electronically to Dr. Rebecca Watts, search committee chair, at rwatts@stetson.edu. While electronic submissions are preferred, alternatively application materials may be mailed to:

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Stetson University is an Equal Opportunity Employer that affirms cultural diversity and inclusion as a core value of academic excellence at Stetson University. We are committed to achieving equal access in education, employment, and participation through the recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty, staff, and students from diverse backgrounds, and to meaningful academic and intellectual transformation in curriculum, research and service. We are dedicated to actions and policies that foster a community in which individuals with various identities, cultures, backgrounds, and viewpoints work together to create opportunities for engagement through rewarding and fulfilling careers and personal experiences in a culturally and racially diverse society and a globalized world. We strongly encourage members of historically under-represented and economically-disadvantaged groups and women to apply for employment. Stetson University is an EEO, ADA, ADEA, and GINA employer.