Position: Assistant Professor of Communication and Media Studies
Stetson University seeks an Assistant Professor of Communication and Media Studies. Candidates with specialization in Rhetoric and Culture will be given preference. This full-time, nine-month, tenure-track appointment, beginning August 2020, 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 as well as contributing to interdisciplinary programs across the University.

Qualifications:
This position requires a Ph.D. in Communication (awarded by August 2020); an active scholarly agenda; and demonstrated excellence in teaching undergraduates in both general and specialized areas of communication with a variety of effective teaching methodologies. We seek a colleague who is actively engaged in communication research that allows for the inclusion of undergraduate student collaborators, enthusiastic about interdisciplinary approaches, and eager to contribute to a liberal arts-based program and a broader community of undergraduates. We also seek faculty who wish to explore the relationships among disciplines with shared interests in public discourse, human interaction, and modes of cultural production.

Responsibilities:
The teacher-scholar model at Stetson requires that tenure-track faculty teach three courses each semester complemented with quality scholarship and service. Courses will include (1) rhetorical theory and criticism, (2) rhetoric, culture, and identity, and other courses based on program needs. In addition to supporting our major and minors, teaching assignments may include courses for the University’s General Education Curriculum, including First-Year Seminars and Junior Seminars. Other responsibilities include participation in directing Senior Projects (required of all majors) and student advising. Candidates should demonstrate a passion for the highest quality of teaching, combined with the ability to produce rigorous peer-reviewed academic scholarship. Scholarly activity leading to publication in peer-reviewed journals and service to the Department, the College of Arts and Sciences, the University, and the profession are required.

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/provost.

The Department:
The Department of Communication and Media Studies (https://www.stetson.edu/other/academics/programs/communication-and-media-studies.php) is a thriving department within the Humanities Division of the College of Arts and Sciences with more than 120 majors. 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 the framework of a liberal arts education. Our students learn through dynamic, discussion-rich classes as well as through internships, field experiences, and a year-long Senior Project sequence.
**College of Arts and Sciences:**
Stetson’s College of Arts and Sciences ([http://www.stetson.edu/portal/artsci/](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, giving 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](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 4,000 students in undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. The University’s historic main campus, located in DeLand, enrolls more than 3,000 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, 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 32,000 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:** August 10, 2020

**Application:**
Applicants should supply the following materials for initial consideration: 1) cover letter detailing how the applicant’s professional accomplishments and experiences meet the requirements of the position; 2) curriculum vitae; 3) transcripts (copies acceptable for screening); 4) evidence of teaching effectiveness (e.g., student evaluations of teaching, peer observation letters); 5) samples of scholarly writing, 6) and confidential letters of recommendation from three professional references (at least one of which should be able to address teaching ability). In the cover letter, candidates are encouraged to highlight skills and experiences that demonstrate a commitment to social justice, diversity, and inclusion.
All information may be submitted electronically to Dr. Schuwerk, Search Committee Chair, at communicationstudies@stetson.edu. While electronic submissions are preferred, alternatively application materials may be mailed to

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Review of applications will begin on November 22nd and continue until the position is filled.

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.