

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Faculty Position in Women's Studies

The Department of Interdisciplinary Studies (IDST) at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University seeks to fill a tenure-track assistant professor position in Women's Studies (contingent upon administrative approval). We seek applicants with expertise in gender and race/ethnicity. Areas of specialization and disciplinary background are otherwise open. The Women's Studies Program includes six faculty lines located wholly or in part in IDST, plus some forty faculty affiliates from across the university. We offer a graduate certificate and an undergraduate minor, with an M.A. and undergraduate major in active development. Responsibilities include teaching in Women's Studies and one other departmental program (Appalachian Studies, Humanities, Religious Studies, or core interdisciplinary courses), as well as maintaining an active research agenda. Normal teaching load is two courses per semester. Ph.D. or evidence of completion by August 2008 is required, with experience in interdisciplinary research and teaching preferred. Deadline for receipt of completed application materials is December 3, 2007. Please send a letter of application summarizing your scholarly interests and background, along with an article-length writing sample, and have three letters of reference sent to: Karen Moore, IDST Administrative Assistant, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA 24061-0227. Please include your email address and fax number. All applicants must also complete the online application form at www.jobs.vt.edu. Virginia Tech is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. The Women's Studies program actively seeks to diversify its faculty.

INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY CONTEXT

The Women's Studies Program (www.idst.vt.edu/ws) offers faculty a lively and growing intellectual community organized through regular research dinner/discussions, themed conferences (most recently on Feminist Methodologies), colloquia, social events, and other activities. Among the central scholarly strengths of the program are broadly interdisciplinary approaches to: 1) Gender, Race and Communities (including community-based arts and other forms of engaged scholarship, feminism and nationalism, im/migration, citizenship and diasporic identities, gender, globalization and place, and related topics); and 2) Gender, Bodies and Technology (ranging through aesthetics and the politics of representation, "normalizing" surgical interventions, flexible labor regimens, recruitment and retention of women and girls in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and the anti-aging industry, among other issues).

The Department of Interdisciplinary Studies (www.idst.vt.edu) houses a well enrolled interdisciplinary major that includes courses and minors from IDST programs. Racial/ethnic studies programs at Virginia Tech include Africana Studies and the Center for Race and Social Policy, located in the Department of Sociology, and American Indian Studies, located in IDST; a Latino Studies Program is in active development. Women's Studies faculty are encouraged to participate in other units that complement their scholarly interests, including the university's emerging Ph.D. program in the humanities

and social sciences (Alliance for Social, Political, Ethnical and Cultural Thought, or ASPECT, www.aspect.vt.edu).

Virginia Tech is a Carnegie Research I university. Founded in 1872, it is the largest university in Virginia with approximately 25,000 students. It attracts students from all fifty states, many countries, and nearly every county and city in Virginia.

The university is located in Blacksburg, in the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains, forty miles southwest of Roanoke. Predominantly a university town of some 40,000 residents, Blacksburg is a hub for social activism on issues ranging from mountaintop removal coal mining to immigration and refugee resettlement. Blacksburg is within driving range of Charlotte (2 ½ hours), Charlottesville (2 ¼ hours), Richmond (3 ½ hours), and Washington, D.C. (4 ½ hours).