

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT: LINGUISTIC ANTHROPOLOGY

The Department of Anthropology seeks to hire a linguistic anthropologist at the rank of Assistant Professor. We seek a colleague with expertise in the rigorous, fine-grained structural analysis of speech at any level from phonetics to discourse, and who is committed to integrating this with anthropological theory in order to speak to larger questions about the nature of language and social life. We prefer a focus on language use in communities that are under-studied and under-represented in traditional areas of the academy; for example, indigenous languages in post-colonial contexts, or minority language varieties within nation-states. Geographic area and sub-topical specialization within linguistic anthropology are open, but preference will be given to candidates whose research and teaching interests complement those of the Department. This new colleague will join with existing linguistic anthropology faculty in maintaining a vibrant subdisciplinary presence within the Anthropology Department while fostering connections with other areas of the University, centrally including (but not limited to) the interdepartmental Linguistics M.A. program and undergraduate major.

Required: Candidates must have an ongoing program of research and publication with a focus on language in its sociocultural context that integrates in-depth analysis of language data with larger theoretical questions. They must also have a commitment to excellence in teaching and be prepared to teach courses that contribute to the interdepartmental Linguistics M.A. program and undergraduate major as well as to the Anthropology graduate and undergraduate programs. The appointment start date is August 25, 2016. Applicants must have defended their PhD dissertation by the time of application and must hold a PhD at the time of appointment.

Preferred: Preference will be given to qualified candidates who have an ability to contribute, through their research, teaching and service, to the diversity of the curriculum and the academic community, and who have the organizational and interpersonal skills to work productively with colleagues in other subfields of Anthropology and in other departments.

Priority will be given to applications received by October 16 in selecting candidates for preliminary interviews in mid-November. However, the search will remain open until filled.

To apply, please submit a Candidate Profile to posting number 0616988 through Jobs@UVA (<https://jobs.virginia.edu>) and attach the following: CV, cover letter describing qualifications and research trajectory, contact information for three references, and two writing samples: (1) an article-length sample of written work that demonstrates integration of linguistic analysis with anthropological theory (attach to “Writing Sample 1” in Jobs@UVA), and (2) the front matter [table of contents, acknowledgments, and introduction] of your dissertation or, if appropriate, book (attach to “Writing Sample 2” in Jobs@UVA).

Questions regarding the application process for Jobs@UVA should be directed to:

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The University will perform background checks on all new faculty hires prior to making a final offer of employment.

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