

University of Massachusetts Amherst  
Department of Anthropology

## JOB OPENING

**Position:** Lecturer in Linguistic Anthropology

### **Position Description**

The Department of Anthropology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst invites applications for a full-time non-tenure track position in linguistic anthropology. The initial appointment is for one academic year beginning Fall 2016 with the potential for reappointment contingent upon funding, and carries a teaching load of 3 courses per semester as well as duties for advising undergraduate and graduate student research projects. We seek a candidate who can engage students with high quality teaching and has a demonstrable commitment to promoting and enhancing diversity.

The successful candidate will have a strong record of research in the material and semiotic life of discourse, power, and inequality and the ability to teach a range of undergraduate and graduate courses. In addition to "Introduction to Language, Culture and Society", we seek candidates who can teach courses relating to language and racism, theory and methods in linguistic anthropology, the role of language in the constitution of race, gender and sexuality, bilingual and translanguaging phenomena, and language as it relates to processes of commodification, neoliberalism, diaspora or migration. A focus on Latino Studies, Latin America, or the Caribbean is preferred. PhD in Anthropology or a closely related field required at the time of appointment.

Please submit a cover letter discussing qualifications, a CV, and the names of three referees, who will be solicited upon the submission of your application for their letters of recommendation, to <https://umass.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=69011>. Inquiries about the position can be addressed to Amanda Walker Johnson, Chair Search Committee @ [awjohnson@anthro.umass.edu](mailto:awjohnson@anthro.umass.edu). Review of applications will begin on April 4, 2016 and continues until the position is filled. Letters and additional materials from selected candidates will be due within 2 weeks of receiving such a request.

The University of Massachusetts Amherst is the flagship campus of the 5-campus publicly funded UMass system. It is located in the Connecticut River Valley, 90 miles west of Boston and 180 miles northeast of New York City. UMass Amherst hosts nearly 20,000 undergraduate students and 4,200 graduate students, and nearly 1200 tenure system faculty. The Department of Anthropology has 18 faculty, 139 majors in the BA program and 82 graduate students working on MA and/or PhD programs.

The University of Massachusetts is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer of women, minorities, veterans and individuals with disabilities and encourages applications from these and other protected groups. The University of Massachusetts Amherst prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and other protected categories.

The University seeks to increase the diversity of its professorate, workforce and undergraduate and graduate student populations because broad diversity is critical to achieving the University's mission of excellence in education, research, educational access and service in an increasingly diverse globalized society. Therefore, in holistically assessing many qualifications of each applicant of any race or gender we would factor favorably an individual's record of conduct that includes students and colleagues with broadly diverse perspectives, experiences and backgrounds

in educational, research or other work activities. Among other qualifications, we would also factor favorably experience overcoming or helping other overcome barriers to an academic career or degree.