Assistant or Associate Professor – Latino/a Community & Southwest Borderlands #14055
Arizona State University
The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
School of Transborder Studies and School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning

The School of Transborder Studies (STS) and the School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning (SGSUP) at Arizona State University invites applications for one full-time, tenure-eligible position at rank of Assistant or Associate Professor. Rank and tenure status will be commensurate with experience. The appointment will be located on the Tempe Campus with an anticipated start date of August 2020. This position is part of the Southwest Borderland Initiative (SWBI), an ASU long term effort to enhance existing university scholarly and instructional resources with emphasis on the US-Mexico border. The position will be a joint appointment in STS and SGSUP housed within the Social Sciences Division of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

We are looking for a colleague who will build on the efforts of both schools to promote culture competence and awareness in community affairs, urban planning and development policy in the context of transnationalism, globalization, and increasingly Latino/a cities and neighborhoods in the US Southwest. Of particular interest is furthering Latino/a community-focused research and teaching on topics such as gentrification, neighborhood revitalization, public health, community development, urban politics and advocacy, environmental resilience, quality of life, urban economic development, and transnationalism.

The successful candidate will teach undergraduate courses, as well as contribute to the graduate programs of both schools. The successful candidate will be expected to develop an externally-funded research program, generate peer-reviewed publications, engage undergraduate and graduate students through effective teaching, participate in service to the university and profession, and build productive relationships with faculty both within and beyond the two schools.

The School of Transborder Studies is the home to a dynamic and interdisciplinary faculty focused on the theoretical and empirical examination of transborder processes and communities. STS approaches transborder studies in a way that is both grounded in and inspired by the geographical specificity of the U.S.-Mexico border as well as the broad theoretical applications of border studies. This approach is unique among U.S. universities in this emerging field of study globally. The location of STS in the Phoenix metropolitan area, a center of Mexican origin and other Latino/a populations and epicenter of rapid changes in the social and demographic landscape of the United States, makes this unit an ideal place to study these issues. STS houses the Program for Transborder Communities, the Association for Borderland Studies, and the College Assistance Migrant Program, and has a recognized strength in migration studies, border urbanization, language and education, community health, language and identity, Chicano/Latino media studies, and Latino politics and policy. STS offers an undergraduate degree in Transborder Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies with three interdisciplinary concentrations: media and expressive culture, transborder community development and health, and U.S. and Mexican regional immigration policy and economy. A PhD in Transborder Studies allows a broad selection of topics in that area. STS maintains a strong program of collaboration with Latino/a communities in Arizona and also sustains a strong research and exchange program with Mexican academic institutions on the border and beyond.

The School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning (SGSUP) advances geospatial knowledge for a complex world, emphasizing education, research, and applied solutions to urban and environmental problems. SGSUP houses research centers, including The Spatial Analysis Research Center, Center for Global Discovery and Conversation Science, and the Urban Climate Research Center, and has recognized strengths in urban planning and social equity, transportation, earth surface processes, urban systems analysis, and human environmental systems. SGSUP’s personnel includes 40+ faculty (4 members of the National Academy of Science), approximately 150 graduate students, and over 1,000 undergraduate students. SGSUP has an MA and PhD program in Geography, a PhD in Urban Planning, an accredited professional Masters in Urban and Environmental Planning, a Master of Advanced Studies in Geographical Information Systems, and graduate
certificate programs in GIS and Transportation. Undergraduates major in geography, geographical information science, or urban planning, and majors and non-majors alike can obtain a certificate in Geographic Information Science. SGSUP is a major participant in the instructional and research activities of ASU, and have faculty affiliated with many other schools across the university.

ASU is a research-intensive university with outstanding research facilities and infrastructure support. Recently ranked #1 as the nation’s most innovative school, the university’s location within the large and fast-growing Phoenix region provides a rich context for applied research and community engagement around issues of urban renewal, gentrification, residential segregation, socio-environmental vulnerability, employment and poverty, migration and citizenship, health disparities, political engagement, and social equity. We invite you to learn more about the School of Transborder Studies and the School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning and Arizona State University by visiting https://sts.asu.edu; https://sgsup.asu.edu and https://newamericanuniversity.asu.edu/. Learn more about what The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has to offer by visiting https://thecollege.asu.edu/faculty.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Doctorate in Geography, Urban Planning, Urban Studies, Latino Studies or related field by the time of appointment
- Demonstrated potential to establish a strong research program
- Record of or well-articulated commitment to excellence in teaching

Desired Qualifications:

- Demonstrated success meeting the needs of diverse student populations and/or reaching out to diverse communities
- A research focus with the potential to advance the mission of the School of Geographical Sciences and Urban Planning and the School of Transborder Studies
- A strong record of research publication in the peer-reviewed literature
- Experience in the development and writing of successful research proposals
- Experience or interest in teaching in a variety of modalities (e.g., in-person and online)

The initial deadline for accepting applications is November 2, 2019. If not filled, reviews will occur every week thereafter until the search is closed. To apply, candidates must submit the following materials online at http://apply.interfolio.com/68674.

1) a cover letter describing qualifications and interest,
2) a comprehensive curriculum vitae that includes a comprehensive publication record,
3) an outline of future research plans (not to exceed one page),
4) a statement of teaching philosophy and interests (not to exceed one page),
5) a statement addressing how your past and/or potential contributions to diversity and inclusion will advance ASU’s commitment to inclusive excellence (not to exceed one page), and
6) the names and contact information (including email addresses and phone numbers) for three references.

This is a paperless search, and only materials submitted electronically as outlined above will be considered. All application materials will be held in confidence. Questions related to the search may be addressed to Dr. Deborah Salon, Chair, Search Committee at deborah.salon@asu.edu.
The College values our cultural and intellectual diversity, and continually strives to foster a welcoming and inclusive environment. We are especially interested in applicants who can strengthen the diversity of the academic community.

A background check is required for employment.

Arizona State University is a VEVRAA Federal Contractor and an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will be considered without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, protected veteran status, or any other basis protected by law. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Further information on ASU’s policies can be found at [https://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/acd/acd401.html](https://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/acd/acd401.html) and its complete non-discrimination statement at [https://www.asu.edu/titleIX/](https://www.asu.edu/titleIX/).

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