University of Maryland Baltimore County Department of Geography and Environmental Systems Assistant Professor of Human Geography <u>http://ges.umbc.edu</u> Baltimore, Maryland, 21250

The Department of Geography and Environmental Systems at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) invites applications from scholars for a position as tenure-track Assistant Professor in **human geography or related disciplines** pursuing a research agenda in **environmental health, social justice, and/or urban political economy**. While we welcome candidates from a broad range of areas of specialization, we especially encourage candidates whose scholarly work critically engages with topics such as inequalities in health and well-being; race, gender, and other dimensions of identity and difference; migration and mobility; social movements and urban change; or environmental justice. The successful candidate is expected to develop an externally-funded research program while teaching a combination of introductory human geography courses and advanced courses (at the undergraduate and graduate levels) in their area of specialty. Preference will be given to candidates who add to the intellectual diversity of the department and have the potential to build new collaborations with current faculty. We also encourage applications from candidates with experience or interest in engaging communities beyond the university in research or courses. The position will begin in August 2019.

UMBC is proud to rank in the top 15% of national universities in the diversity of its student body and to emphasize an inclusive workplace for faculty and staff. We seek to attract an equally diverse pool for this position and encourage applications from women, under-represented group members, veterans, and individuals with disabilities. Candidates should include a statement documenting a commitment to diversity and inclusion and/or experience advancing members of under-represented groups, and describe how their scholarship will foster an inclusive and equitable educational environment.

At minimum, candidates will hold a PhD at the time of appointment and demonstrate experience teaching courses in human geography or related areas. Evaluation of applications will be based on: research productivity commensurate with time as a professional; teaching experience; demonstrated commitment to diversity and inclusion in scholarship, teaching, and service; recommendation letters; and potential for future success in research and teaching, including potential as a mentor for undergraduate and graduate students.

UMBC is listed in the most recent Carnegie ranking as a Research University-High Research Activity. The Department has grown to more than 300 majors in recent years, with more than 60 graduate students in M.S., M.P.S., and Ph.D. programs. Faculty and graduate student interests span topics from urban geography to environmental science and management, and the department provides a rich and collegial environment for cross-disciplinary collaboration. The department is particularly strong in areas including urban geography, urban environments, environmental policy and management, water resources, ecology and conservation, and geospatial techniques. Several faculty and students explicitly incorporate issues of justice, inclusion, and diversity in their research and teaching. UMBC encourages faculty and students to engage with communities in research and teaching, and the Department has a strong record of such engagement both locally and abroad. Collaborative opportunities across departments include faculty in Sociology, Anthropology, Health Administration & Policy; Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies; Public Policy; Biological Sciences; Chemical, Biochemical & Environmental Engineering; Computer Science & Electrical Engineering; Global Studies; Interdisciplinary Studies; and the multi-campus Marine, Estuarine & Environmental Sciences program.

Other opportunities for research collaboration at UMBC include the Baltimore Ecosystem Study (BES), an NSF-funded Urban Long-Term Ecological Research site at UMBC incorporating science, social science, education, and justice/diversity; the Joint Center for Earth Systems Technology (JCET) a research consortia formed by UMBC and NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center; the Center for Urban Environmental Research and Education (CUERE), a research center focused on the environmental, social and economic impacts of urban and suburban landscape transformation; and the U.S. Geological Survey Water Science Center for the MD-DE-DC region. UMBC is located in close proximity to Washington D.C. and a broad array of federal, state, and local agencies as well as to other research institutions along the Washington-Baltimore-Philadelphia corridor. Interested candidates may visit the web site <u>http://www.umbc.edu/ges</u> for additional information.

All application materials must be submitted via <u>apply.interfolio.com/52372</u>. For a complete application to receive full consideration, please include:

- cover letter with description of qualifications and fit with the department and university
- a statement of commitment to inclusion and diversity in research, teaching, and service

- a statement of teaching
- a statement of research
- up to three reprints of research publications
- Curriculum vitae
- three letters of recommendation.

Questions can be directed to Dr. Dawn Biehler at <u>HGsearch@umbc.edu</u>. Formal review of applications will begin on October 7, 2018 and will continue until the position is filled. UMBC is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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