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ANNOUNCES A NATIONAL SEARCH FOR THE

**Associate Professor and Chair of the
Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology**





Columbus State University, a unit of the University System of Georgia, invites applications and nominations for the leadership position of **Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology**. Specializations within the field of sociology, criminology, or criminal justice will be considered. This position is available July 1, 2018.

The Opportunity

Columbus State University (CSU) seeks an academic leader to serve as the next Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology, a tenure-track position with the rank of Associate Professor. Criminal Justice and Sociology is one of the 10 academic departments within the College of Letters and Sciences, the largest college at the University.

The Chair will report to the Dean of the College of Letters and Sciences, Dennis Rome, Ph.D., who joined CSU in 2014. Prior to his current post, Dr. Rome served as Associate Provost and Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Wisconsin – Parkside. The author and co-editor of several books, Dr. Rome currently serves as Director of the Honors Program for the American Sociological Association (ASA).

Along with administrative duties, the Chair will have teaching responsibilities that may include, but not limited to, courses in the areas of race and ethnic

relations, policing, corrections, urban sociology, women studies, family, and/or social welfare. The Chair also will be expected to use active learning strategies that increase student engagement in the learning process.

Candidates committed to encouraging underrepresented minorities to become engaged in the field of social scientific research are strongly encouraged to apply.

Qualifications

Candidates must have an earned doctorate in Criminal Justice, Criminology, Sociology, or related field. A solid record of scholarly achievement and teaching experience commensurate with a tenured faculty appointment at the rank of Associate Professor are required.

Other requirements are:

- A record of strong teaching performance at the undergraduate and graduate level
- A record of publishing in peer-reviewed journals in criminal justice,

sociology, and related disciplines

- A commitment to mentoring students and collaborating with colleagues to enhance research
- A demonstrated track record of initiating and conducting funded research and/or contracts with external constituencies
- The ability and willingness to employ technology in teaching

Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology

The Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology has 9 full-time and 19 part-time faculty. Four programs are offered:

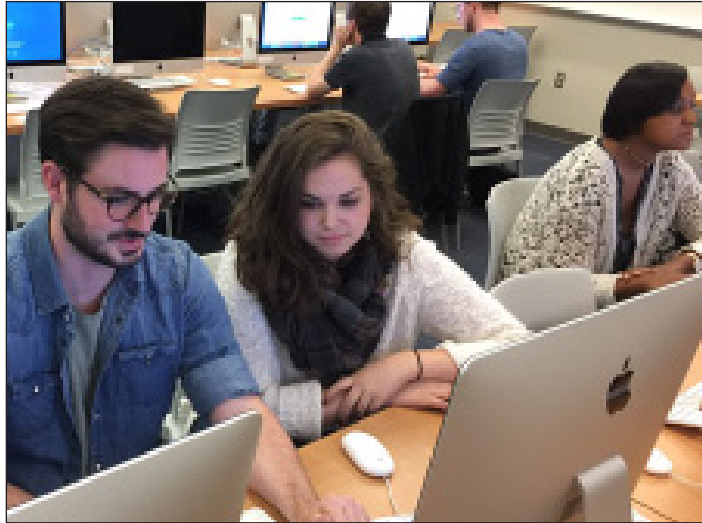
- One-year professional certificate
- Associate of Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology (online and face-to-face)

The Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice degree program is designed for students who are seeking a degree that will meet the minimum educational requirements of various law enforcement agencies for entry and/or promotion. All criminal justice majors are strongly encouraged to take and complete the associate

degree in criminal justice before taking any bachelor degree criminal justice courses.

The Bachelor of Science degree has the largest enrollment in the department, with 235 students as of Fall 2017. The program provides students with a general knowledge of law enforcement, legal research, corrections and criminology. Graduates understand the principles of criminal justice systems, gain knowledge of law enforcement organization and procedures, receive skills of legal research and analysis, learn concepts of punishment and rehabilitation in the context of correctional systems and become knowledgeable of the major theories of criminal behavior.

With 171 students enrolled in Fall 2017, the Sociology program leading to the Bachelor of Science degree is offered completely online as well as face-to-face. The extensive curriculum teaches a broad range of topics in sociology. Using the latest technological teaching innovations, the sociology online courses are easy to navigate, provide multiple opportunities for interaction, and deliver course content in an effective and comprehensive manner.



The Criminal Justice program also offers advanced professional training and graduate degrees through the Georgia Law Enforcement Command College and the Columbus State Graduate School respectively.

Columbus State University

Columbus State University is a comprehensive regional university located 100 miles southwest of Atlanta. A flourishing institution, CSU is known for its quality, affordability, and unparalleled local support.

The University has a diverse student population. While serving students primarily from the Southeast, it also attracts international students, with 20 nations represented within the student body.

CSU provides a creative, personal, and relevant college experience, which values diversity and inclusion in all forms. The University aspires to have faculty and staff reflect the rich diversity of its student body and the Columbus region.

The University offers undergraduate and graduate degrees, including a doctorate in education. The University also provides a variety of online offerings, including full-degree programs, and an extensive continuing education program.

U.S. News & World Report most recently ranked Columbus State No. 45 in its "Best Colleges" rankings among public regional universities in the South. *Affordable Colleges Online* ranked the University No. 1 among the "Best Online Colleges in Georgia" for providing the best opportunities and value for students seeking online training and educational programs. Three of the institution's online programs - business, graduate education and bachelor's in nursing - have been recognized as being among the best in the nation.

The University occupies two campuses. One is in suburban Columbus and houses programs in the

Quick Facts about CSU

- **Established:** 1958
- **Enrollment:** 8,400 students, including 1,200 graduate students
- **Degree Programs:** 87 undergraduate, 53 graduate
- **Faculty:** 331 (full-time), 238 (part-time)
- **Staff:** 511 (full-time), 137 (part-time)
- **Alumni:** More than 35,000
- **Economic Impact:** \$247 million (2012)
- **CSU Foundation Endowment:** \$51 million
- **Colleges and Schools**
 - College of the Arts - Schwob School of Music
 - D. Abbott Turner College of Business - TSYS School of Computer Science
 - College of Education and Health Professions - School of Nursing
 - College of Letters and Sciences
 - The Graduate School
 - Honors College

sciences, business, and humanities. The other, called the RiverPark campus, is in the city's historic downtown on the banks of the Chattahoochee River and includes some of the country's most sophisticated teaching and fine and performing arts spaces.

The University also offers courses at Fort Benning, the U.S. Army's Maneuver Center of Excellence headquarters.

Columbus State University has a nationally recognized track record of partnership and outreach through efforts such as the Cunningham Center for Leadership Development, Coca-Cola Space Science Center, Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center, and its own residence – the Spencer House – in Oxford, England.

CSU is a Division II member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The Cougars field 14 intercollegiate teams.

Additional information on the University and the College of Letters and Sciences are available at www.columbusstate.edu.

Columbus, Georgia

Columbus is one of the South's most cosmopolitan cities with endless dining, entertainment, and family adventures to explore. It also is home to world-class enterprises, such as Aflac, Synovus, W.C. Bradley Company, TSYS, and Fort Benning, the U.S. Army's Maneuver Center of Excellence headquarters.

The Columbus region has more than 350,000 residents and is located within two hours of the capitals of Georgia and Alabama. The city is known for its cultural arts, largely due to the RiverPark campus. The extensive offerings of visual and performing arts programs and special performers at CSU attract thousands of visitors annually. The city also has the longest urban whitewater course in the world.



Application and Nomination Process

Confidential inquiries are welcomed and **nominations** are invited.

1. To Apply - Application packet **must include**:

- a) A letter of Interest (Including a description of how your teaching and/or scholarship will contribute to the understanding of diversity and enhance the intercultural competence of all students is encouraged)
- b) Current curriculum vitae
- c) Statement of Teaching Philosophy
- d) Statement of Interest Delineating Relevant Credentials/Experiences
- e) At least three references with full contact information, including e-mail addresses (References will not be contacted without consent from applicants.)

2. Submit application packet to **CSU@myersmcræ.com** by **May 10, 2018**, for best consideration. Applications are accepted until position is filled.

Submit nominations to **CSU-Nominate@myersmcræ.com** with complete contact and e-mail information for the person being nominated.

Emily Parker Myers, CEO, and **Jennifer Barfield**, Senior Vice President, of **Myers McRæ Executive Search and Consulting**, are assisting Columbus State University with this search.



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Columbus State University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer committed to diversity in hiring.