

ADVANCED QUALITATIVE METHODOLOGIES CLUSTER HIRE CLA POSITION  
ANNOUNCEMENT 2016

The Departments of Anthropology, Political Science, Sociology, and the Brian Lamb School of Communication in the College of Liberal Arts at Purdue University (<http://www.cla.purdue.edu/>) are conducting a cluster hire for an advanced qualitative methodologist at the Assistant or Associate Professor ranks, starting in the fall of 2017. This search is concurrent with a search for two advanced quantitative methodologists as part of a larger hiring initiative with departments in the College of Health and Human Sciences (<http://www.purdue.edu/hhs/>), seeking a total of six tenure-track or tenured faculty members (three in each College) to expand campus-wide expertise in social, behavioral, and health science statistics and research methodology. For information about the cluster see: <https://www.cla.purdue.edu/research/clusterhire/index.html>.

The successful candidates for these positions will be expected to contribute to the research and teaching programs of the departments in which they affiliate, and to collaborate with others within the cluster and across the university in interdisciplinary and extramurally funded research. Candidates will also be expected to contribute to an anticipated multi-college, shared graduate training platform to prepare students to address 21<sup>st</sup> century problems, and including an interdisciplinary graduate certification program in advanced quantitative and qualitative methodologies.

The College of Liberal Arts at Purdue includes ten academic units across the social sciences, humanities and arts and is home to or closely affiliated with a wide range of interdisciplinary programs and research centers, many of these programs focus on addressing global grand challenges, including: Center on Aging and the Life Course, Center for Research on Diversity and Inclusion, Center for the Environment, Center on Religion and Chinese Society, Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering, Purdue Policy Research Institute and the C-SPANN archives. Successful candidates should have a Ph.D. in one of the social science disciplines participating in the cluster hiring initiative, a strong publication record (for Associate-level applicants) or the promise of a strong publication record (for Assistant Professors), a research program with high likelihood of external funding, and the potential for teaching and mentoring excellence. Faculty responsibilities will include maintaining a productive research program, directing graduate student research, and teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in methodology in their home department as well as cross-listed courses.

For our qualitative methodologist position in the Cluster, we seek applicants who use innovative approaches to social and cultural research methods for the contemporary global context. They will use leading-edge methods to help understand changes in societies and cultures and to collaborate with others in building more sustainable communities; combining information, problem-solving and answering research questions in innovative ways. They will demonstrate how they use innovative methodologies and methods to work across cultural groups, disciplinary lines, organizational and political contexts, to address human problems or for policy or

advocacy work. Expertise may be in one or more of the following: Research Design, textual, discourse, computer assisted or GIS analyses, multi-sited work, mixed-methods, team-based, ethnographic, participatory, comparative historical, visual and digital methods, archival, surveys, mapping, interviews, critical case studies, Evaluation or Assessment, Digital data curation and management.

**A background check will be required for employment in this position. Reviewing of applications will begin on October 1, 2016, and continue until the positions are filled. Please send a cover letter outlining qualifications, vita, research and teaching statements, a writing sample, and the names of three academic references via email in PDF format to: [cla-adr@purdue.edu](mailto:cla-adr@purdue.edu). Questions regarding the position may be directed to Professor Melissa Remis, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education, College of Liberal Arts Cluster Hire Search Chair, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, 47907 ([remis@purdue.edu](mailto:remis@purdue.edu)).**

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