

Assistant Professor in Mass Communication

School of Journalism and Mass Communication

University of Wisconsin-Madison

The University of Wisconsin-Madison's School of Journalism and Mass Communication seeks a full-time assistant professor beginning August 19, 2019 with a demonstrated commitment to excellence in mass communication research and teaching and an emphasis on data science and computational social science methods. A Ph.D. in communication or related field is required or expected by the start of the appointment. Successful candidate must engage in high-quality research and teaching commensurate with experience.

We invite applications from scholars committed to advancing computational approaches to media research from communication and allied fields. We seek innovative researchers in the areas of computer content analysis, natural language processing, machine learning, predictive analytics, social network dynamics, online community detection, and analysis of digital trace data. Applicants who research and/or teach with a focus on communities of color or otherwise marginalized groups are strongly encouraged to apply, as are those who focus on regions outside the US. We are a methodologically diverse department and seek to complement existing strengths in quantitative, qualitative, and computational approaches to communication research.

The selected candidate will teach a range of undergraduate and graduate courses in mass communication, which includes joining the rotation of faculty covering Introduction to Mass Communication (J201), Information for Communication (J203), Principles and Practice of Strategic Communication (J345), and/or Data Analysis and Visualization (J677). In addition to developing and maintaining a robust research portfolio, the successful applicant will advise and mentor highly motivated master's and doctoral students. The standard teaching load is four courses per academic year, typically including one graduate seminar per year. University and professional service is required appropriate to career stage.

The successful candidate will join a community of productive scholars who value a wide variety of conceptual, methodological, and analytical perspectives. Our current faculty members' interests include media psychology and sociology; political communication; health communication; law, history and ethics of mass media; media ecologies and journalism studies; international communication; communication and neuroscience; computational communication science; media studies of race and gender; and new media technologies. These faculty members are also involved in teaching an innovative undergraduate curriculum and oversee one of the nation's top graduate programs.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison is home to one of the oldest schools of journalism and mass communication in the United States. The School, as a department within the College of Letters and Science, is part of one of the nation's finest public universities and enjoys outstanding intellectual resources, teaching and research laboratories, and various sources of research support. From 2015-2018, UW-Madison has ranked fifth in the world for communication and media studies, and top three in the U.S. The School of Journalism and Mass Communication offers leading doctoral, master's, and undergraduate programs. The School houses the Center for Communication and Democracy, the Center for Journalism Ethics, the Mass Communication Research Center, and the Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism. SJMC faculty run several working research labs, including the Physiology and Communication Effects lab and the Video Game Research Lab. UW-Madison is known for its interdisciplinary, international character, something that is evident through the many affiliations our faculty maintain with other units on campus as well as collaborations around the world.

Located at the nexus of four beautiful lakes, Madison, the state capital, consistently ranks among the top American cities for its quality of life. University employees enjoy a thriving entertainment, cultural, sports, and "foodie" environment.

Telephone and email inquiries to discuss this position are welcome. Contact Professor Dhavan Shah (608-513-4224 / dshah@wisc.edu). To apply, candidates should visit jobs.wisc.edu, search for position [96032](#) and click on "Apply Now." Candidates will be required to submit a cover letter detailing research interests, teaching qualifications, and any relevant professional experience; a curriculum vitae; names and contact information for three references; teaching evaluations or other evidence of teaching effectiveness, and two samples of scholarly work. References will be contacted upon application submission and asked to upload a signed letter of reference. To ensure full consideration, applications must be received by October 22, 2018; applications will be accepted until position is filled.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer; we promote diversity and inclusion for all faculty, staff, and students and encourage all qualified candidates to apply. Unless confidentiality is requested in writing, information regarding applications for this position must be released upon request. Finalists cannot be guaranteed confidentiality. Employment will require a criminal background check.