

OPENING FOR LECTURER - Spring 2021

Due to the short timeframe, interested candidates should communicate interest asap to LA.NsiahJefferson@umb.edu (with a cc to glpp@umb.edu); cover letter and CV can be sent shortly afterwards.

Candidates of color are encouraged to apply.

Overview:

The [Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy](#) at the University of Massachusetts Boston seeks applications for a non-tenure-track lecturer to teach the one-semester course “**Contemporary American Public Policy Issues**” course for spring semester 2021. The course is part of the two-semester **Graduate Certificate Program in Gender, Leadership and Public Policy** (GLPP).

This certificate program, founded in 1969 by Betty Taymor, is designed to advance the leadership of women in the public and nonprofit sectors. It currently has over 800 graduates who are having an impact on civic life and public policy in Massachusetts and beyond, and providing leadership to government at the local, state and national level in both elected and appointed positions.

Job Description:

In this seminar, students will be active participants in exploring the many economic, political and ideological factors that shape public policy in the United States. This course examines the development of public policy from two perspectives: 1) Systemic and institutional factors – both internal to and external to government – that shape the process of making public policy at the national and state levels; and 2) Key current policy issues that directly affect women – and are influenced by women – and how women from different racial/ethnic and class backgrounds are impacted by shifts in public policy. The course will examine the values and political landscape that influence public policy debates in the United States and teach students to actively engage in policy discourse through assignments linked either to specific laws already in effect and/or new policies that are being proposed. Readings and class discussions on the intersection of gender with race/ethnicity and class in public policy making are central to the theoretical perspectives that provide the foundation of this course. **The course is fully online (asynchronous, with periodic optional remote synchronous class meetings).** This is a non-tenure-track, part-time faculty position for the initial period of one semester, **beginning January 25** and ending May 12. The academic home of the program is in the Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs in the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies.

The lecturer will provide instruction at the graduate level in the Gender, Leadership and Public Policy Program. In addition to teaching the class, the instructor serves as a faculty advisor to three to four of students in the GLPP cohort; holds regular office hours each week for all students in the program cohort; and attends monthly program faculty meetings during the semester (four meetings for Spring semester). The

program is administered through the College of Advancing and Professional Studies, and the salary for teaching the course is \$6,500.

Qualifications:

A doctorate in political science, public policy, women/gender studies or relevant social science field is preferred. Doctoral students in these disciplines who are completing their dissertations will also be considered. Prior experience in teaching courses on women in American politics and/or on public policy making in the United States, and on intersectional feminism is highly desirable. A strong track record in educating women who come from backgrounds that are very diverse in terms of race/ethnicity, socio-economic backgrounds, sexual orientation etc. – is key.

Application Instructions:

If this position interests you, please submit your application consisting of a CV with a cover letter that includes a statement about your teaching and work experience. Please provide the names and email addresses and phone numbers of three references at the bottom of your CV. If you have any questions about this position, please contact Dr. Laurie Nsiah-Jefferson, Graduate Program Director: la.nsiahjefferson@umb.edu (please also cc: glpp@umb.edu) Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

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