

Assistant Professor in Media History and/or Media Law
School of Journalism and Mass Communication
University of Wisconsin-Madison

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The University of Wisconsin-Madison's School of Journalism and Mass Communication seeks one or more full-time assistant professors with a demonstrated commitment to excellence in journalism and mass communication research and teaching, with an emphasis in media law and/or media history. In addition to developing and maintaining a robust research portfolio, the successful applicant will advise and mentor highly motivated master and doctoral students. The standard teaching load is four courses per academic year, typically including one graduate-level course per year. The appointment begins August 28, 2017.

The SJMC is a methodologically diverse department, and seeks to complement existing strengths in quantitative, qualitative, and computational/data analytic methods. We invite scholars from all disciplines who are committed to journalism and mass communication. Successful applicants will have the ability to contribute to instruction in at least one of the following areas related to media law and/or media history: journalism, First Amendment, new communication technologies, privacy, advertising, public relations, law and society. Those who specialize in other areas relevant to media law and/or media history are also encouraged to apply. We actively seek a diverse faculty.

Successful candidates will also be expected to contribute to teaching some of the School's introductory courses such as Introduction to Mass Communication (201); Mass Communication Practices (202), a new course, Information for Communication (303), Principles and Practice of Reporting (J335), or Principles and Practice of Strategic Communication (J345).

Required: Ph.D. in communications or related field completed or expected by August 2017; a record of high-quality research and teaching commensurate with experience.

About us: This faculty member 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 and science communication; law, history and ethics of mass media; journalism/press theory; international communication; 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. The School houses the Center for Journalism Ethics, the Mass Communication Research Center, the Center for Communication and Democracy, and the Center for Investigative Journalism and encourages the applicant to seek affiliation with these centers, as appropriate. UW-Madison is known for its interdisciplinary character, something that is evidenced in the school through the many affiliations that our faculty maintain with other units on campus.

Madison, the state capital, consistently ranks among the top American cities for its quality of life. University employees enjoy a thriving entertainment, cultural and intellectual environment.

Contact: Telephone and e-mail inquiries to discuss this position are welcome. Contact Prof. Michael Wagner (michael.wagner@wisc.edu, 608-263-3392).

To apply, send a cover letter detailing research interests, teaching qualifications, and professional experience; curriculum vitae; names and contact information of three references; and two samples of scholarly work to lawandhistorysearch@journalism.wisc.edu.

For full details about the job description, click here for the formal vacancy listing: http://www.ohr.wisc.edu/Weblisting/External/PVLSummary.aspx?pvl_num=88251

Materials be submitted no later than December 1. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Unless confidentiality is requested in writing, information regarding the applications must be released upon request. Finalists cannot be guaranteed confidentiality. Employment will require a criminal background check. The University of Wisconsin-Madison is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer and we encourage women, minorities, veterans, and people with disabilities to apply.