DIRECTOR OF CENSUS DATA CENTER AND OPEN RANK PROFESSOR
Department of Sociology and Rural Studies
South Dakota State University

The Department of Sociology and Rural Studies at South Dakota State University seeks an experienced demographer to serve as a faculty member and Director of the department’s Rural Life and Census Data Center. As director, she or he shall set the research and outreach trajectory of South Dakota’s official state Census Data Center, oversee the work of Data Center staff and graduate students, coordinate publication schedules, and manage relationships between the Data Center and external networks across the state and region.

The Director will also serve as a nine-month, tenured or tenure-track faculty member in the department of Sociology and Rural Studies. Due to the administrative duties associated with this position, the Director will have reduced teaching, research, and graduate student advising responsibilities in the department.

Applications will be accepted at all rank levels; however we seek individuals with the demonstrated organizational and leadership skills required for this position. The position will be tenured or tenure-track, depending on rank.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Oversee the work of Data Center staff and graduate students, manage publication schedules, administer grants and contracts, and perform teaching, research, and graduate student advising duties in areas of expertise.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Successful applicants must have a PhD in Sociology, Demography, Population Studies, or a closely-related field; a record of successful publications in peer-reviewed journals; and experience in quantitative demographic analysis. Applicants must be able to teach graduate demography classes; demonstrate successful grant and contract activity; and have effective written, verbal, and communication skills.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Successful applicants should have previously demonstrated the leadership, managerial, and organizational skills necessary to develop and grow the Data Center though effective personnel management, grant development, and successful research programs. Experience with community outreach and managing stakeholder priorities as well as successful collaboration with interdisciplinary programs is preferred. Knowledge of upper Great Plains demography and sociology as well as interest or experience in the areas of community development, environmental sociology and/or rural diversity is strongly desired, though the research programs of the Director and Data Center need not be limited to this area.

SALARY: Commensurate with qualifications.

UNIVERSITY/COMMUNITY: The Department of Sociology and Rural Studies is a growing and dynamic department in the college of Arts and Sciences offering MS and PhD degrees in Sociology and a MS degree in Community Development. Departmental faculty have identified robust research activity, grant development, and applied learning as key components of their strategic plan. Our diverse graduate student scholars perform research activity locally, nationally, and abroad.
SDSU is a land grant institution and the state's largest institution of higher education with an enrollment of approximately 13,000 students. SDSU is located in Brookings, South Dakota, a vibrant community of approximately 22,100 near the east central border of South Dakota on Interstate 29. The city has an excellent K-12 education system, is accessible to major medical facilities, has an active cultural and social environment, and has numerous lakes and parks within driving distance. It is 50 miles north of Sioux Falls, a city of close to 150,000.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:  Position is open until filled, with full consideration given to applications received by January 15th, 2014.

APPLICATION PROCESS:  
SDSU accepts applications through an on-line employment site. To apply, visit the job posting at http://tinyurl.com/n5hv3d8 and click on “apply for this posting.” Or visit https://yourfuture.sdbor.edu and search for job posting by title. This system will guide you through the electronic application form. This employment site will also require the attachment of a cover letter, which should specifically address how the candidate meets the qualifications as outlined in the advertisement, curriculum vitae, and a reference page with the contact information for three professional references. Please contact SDSU Human Resources at (605) 688-4128 if you require assistance with the electronic application process. E-mail or paper applications will not be accepted.

Any offer of employment is contingent on the university's verification of credentials and other information required by law and/or university policies, including but not limited to a criminal background check.

SDSU actively seeks to increase social and intellectual diversity among its faculty. Women and persons underrepresented in higher education are especially encouraged to apply.

For questions on the position, contact the search committee chair, Diane Kayongo-Male. 210 Scobey Hall, Box 504 Brookings, SD 57007. tel. 605-688-4896. Diane.Kayongo-Male@sdstate.edu

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