



Assistant Professor of Media Studies

Olivet College, a liberal arts college in southern mid-Michigan, seeks an **Assistant Professor of Media Studies** to instruct and mentor undergraduate students in the disciplinary areas of journalism and media studies.

College Overview

Olivet College was founded in 1844 on the principle that the future of humanity rests in the hands, hearts and minds of those who will take responsibility for themselves and others in an increasingly diverse society. Open since its founding to all regardless of race, gender or ability to pay, Olivet is one of the most diverse private liberal arts institutions in the state with 26% under-represented minority students and actively seeks diversity in its students and employees. The student body is composed of a strong mixture of students from all socioeconomic backgrounds, including first-generation students from both urban and rural backgrounds, with 50 percent qualifying annually for Federal Pell Grants. As part of the academic vision of Education for Individual and Social Responsibility, faculty, staff and students commit themselves to the Olivet College Compact, a series of statements that define the tenets of what it means to live and learn as a responsible member of the Olivet College community and the larger world. Olivet College faculty and staff are committed to providing personalized, individualized attention for students who seek academic and personal success.

Departmental Overview

The Journalism and Mass Communication (JMC) program at Olivet College strives to provide students with a broad principles-based education with outcomes tailored to the career-focused opportunities desired by students and the employment markets. Journalism and Mass Communication practitioners, as well as the educators who teach them, must embrace the highest possible level of integrity, fairness, understanding, and skill because of communication's impact on society. Our JMC mission aligns perfectly with the mission of the college, Education for Individual and Social Responsibility. Our JMC mission is to dedicate ourselves to the theories and practice of journalism and mass communication so that those skills are second nature to us. Sound intellectual training and competence are essential for those who become gatekeepers in a democratic society, and are what we stress in our classes and external academic opportunities at Olivet College.

Position Responsibilities

The Assistant Professor of Media Studies must be able to teach a variety of undergraduate courses in broadcast journalism, both radio and video, as well as social media. A commitment to the study and practice of convergent media is key, as well as the ability to adapt to a broad range of courses and student learning styles. Fluency with broadcast media technology is required, including the incorporation of mobile devices. Desire to be versatile, inclusive and involved in a small, liberal arts college media program is a must. The successful candidate will also help lead a

revision of the current curriculum to reflect future trends in media and journalism. This position includes student advising and engagement with the college community.

Position Requirements

Applicants should have a Ph.D. in media studies; applicants with doctoral degrees in closely related fields will be considered. A doctorate in media-related discipline is preferred; a master's degree in some aspect of media studies, as well as work experience, is required in lieu of terminal degree. Demonstrated success in teaching college-level media courses is also required. Practical knowledge of media production is required.

Starting Date: August 1, 2017

Application Process

Review of applications will begin on Dec. 7, 2016, and will continue until the position is filled.

Applicants should submit the following materials:

- 1) Letter of application
- 2) Resume or curriculum vitae including references
- 3) Statement of teaching philosophy and approach to the assessment of student learning
- 4) Transcript from the highest degree-granting institution demonstrating coursework in this area (unofficial transcripts accepted; official transcripts required if selected to continue as a candidate in the hiring process)
- 5) Sample of professional work

Materials should be forwarded in PDF format to the Office of Academic Affairs in care of Mary Anne McMullen, executive assistant to the provost, at mmcmullen@olivetcollege.edu with "Assistant Professor of Media Studies" as the subject line.

For questions about the position, please contact Karen Chaney, Dean of Faculty, kchaney@olivetcollege.edu.

Olivet College is an equal opportunity employer and does take affirmative steps to employ women and minorities. Founded in 1844, Olivet College was the first college by charter in Michigan to admit women and people of color. As part of its commitment to a values-based mission of Education for Individual and Social Responsibility, the College actively seeks diversity in its students, faculty and staff. Women and members of historically underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply.