

# Assistant Professor Environment and Society Helga Otto Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources University of Wyoming

The University of Wyoming (UW) invites applications for Assistant Professor in the Helga Otto Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) focusing on the cultural and social dimensions of environment and natural resources issues. We seek an accomplished and creative individual to provide teaching, research/creative activity, and service consistent with the educational mission of the University of Wyoming. This position will serve students across multiple academic programs, including BS degrees in Environment and Natural Resources, Environmental Systems Science, and Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Management; a JD/MA in ENR, and a graduate major in ENR.

The position is broadly conceived as focusing on environment/society and nature/culture relations. Candidates with backgrounds in environmental studies, social-ecological systems, environmental ethics, environmental justice, sustainability studies, environmental humanities and other relevant fields are invited to apply.

This position is a 9-month tenure-track Assistant Professor appointment. The Assistant Professor will teach a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses; perform research, scholarship and/or creative activity in related fields; and serve the University, State of Wyoming, and the candidate's broader field(s). We seek colleagues who can demonstrate 1) excellence in interdisciplinary teaching and scholarship, 2) outstanding communication skills, and 3) capacity to advance the Haub School's reputation and vision. We are interested in candidates whose pedagogical and scholarly/creative work engages with themes including community-engaged practices, public-facing humanities, and/or nodes within nature-culture networks. We welcome candidates whose work engages with historically underrepresented communities.

We seek candidates who can demonstrate evidence of innovative, engaged pedagogy; inter- or transdisciplinary excellence; and clear commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

# Required Qualifications

- A terminal degree in relevant field;
- Demonstrated experience teaching at the undergraduate and/or graduate level;
- Demonstrated commitment to interdisciplinary pedagogy and/or scholarship;
- Demonstrated experience in and capacity to develop a robust program of research, scholarship and/or creative activity

#### **Desired Qualifications**

- Experience delivering undergraduate and graduate courses in environmental studies-relevant fields;
- Experience working in interdisciplinary teams or projects and production of interdisciplinary products;
- Demonstrated skill in qualitative and/or interpretive methods;
- Experience in pedagogies that develop skills in written/oral/digital communication, teamwork, and critical and creative thinking;
- Experience in place-based and/or field experience pedagogies.

## Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources

The Haub School is a growing academic unit that includes six undergraduate and graduate degree programs that serve ~250 students, the Ruckelshaus Institute that conducts innovative outreach, and nineteen core faculty and staff. The Haub School partners with programs, faculty, staff, and students throughout the UW campus, as well as a broad network of statewide, regional, national, and international partners, to promote excellence in environmental and natural resources education, research, and outreach. Since 1993, the Haub School has been a nexus for interdisciplinary environmental and natural resources education and inquiry. The school's curricula emphasize collaborative and interdisciplinary approaches that prepare students to become thoughtful future leaders and problem solvers in environmental and natural resources fields. Students learn in the classroom, in the outstanding natural outdoor laboratory that is Wyoming, and overseas via the Haub School's international field courses. The Ruckelshaus Institute, a division of the Haub School, supports stakeholder-driven solutions to environmental and natural resources challenges throughout the state and region through compelling science communication and by promoting collaborative decision making. The Haub School's faculty maintain active research or creative programs that address environmental and natural resources questions from both disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives.

#### University of Wyoming and Surroundings

Established in 1886, UW is a land-grant institution providing undergraduate and graduate programs to 13,800 students from all 50 states and 94 countries. The university is located in Laramie, a city of approximately 30,000 on a high plain between the Laramie and Snowy Range mountains, 145 miles north of Denver. The community's distinctive cultural, aesthetic, and natural resources include a vibrant visual and performing arts scene, beautiful mountain views, and close proximity to year-round outdoor recreation such as hiking, climbing, skiing, mountain biking, fishing, and hunting.

### **Application Instructions**

Candidates should submit an online application at <u>Assistant Professor Environment & Society Haub School</u> containing:

- 1) a letter of interest that includes:
  - a) statement of teaching philosophy;
  - b) description of demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion; and
  - c) narrative description of the candidate's research and scholarship trajectory, *or* a portfolio of creative activity.
- 2) a detailed CV, and
- 3) contact information for four references (to be contacted only for finalists).

Address applications to the search chair, Dr. Doug Wachob, Academic Programs Director. Applications and expressions of interest will be held in confidence until on-campus interviews are conducted. Application process questions can be addressed to Kim Messersmith at Kbois@uwyo.edu.

Members of under-represented groups are encouraged to apply. The University's policy has been, and will continue to be, one of nondiscrimination, offering equal opportunity to all employees and applicants for employment on the basis of their color, religion, national origin, disability, age veteran status, sexual orientation, genetic information, political belief, or other status protected by state and federal statutes or University Regulations.

The University of Wyoming is committed to providing a safe and productive learning and living community. To achieve that goal, we conduct background investigations for all final candidates being considered for employment. Background checks may include but are not limited to, criminal history, national sex offender search, employment and motor vehicle history. Offers of employment are contingent upon the completion of the background check.

Review of applications begins on February 1, 2019 and will continue until the position is filled. The anticipated start date is August 1, 2019 but is negotiable.