The Department of Communication Studies at Northwestern University seeks to hire an Assistant Professor in the area of media studies with an appointment beginning September 1, 2023. The successful candidate will be expected to publish innovative research, contribute directly to undergraduate and graduate instruction in the department, and perform some professional service. We are interested in applicants researching communication from a broad range of potential disciplinary backgrounds. Candidates with a Ph.D. or equivalent in Communication, Media Studies or related fields are encouraged to apply. Applicants must show exceptional promise as researchers, scholars, teachers, and mentors. A Ph.D. or equivalent is required by date of hire.

We are seeking candidates with expertise in the qualitative study of media that includes, but is not limited to, the application of humanistic, rhetorical, cultural, and visual analytic methods; issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion; gender and sexuality; disability; intersectionality; media history, theory, aesthetics, rhetoric, technologies, systems, and institutions; power, political representation, identity, advocacy, and activism; a focus on the Global South; and an interest in public scholarship and social impact. We encourage candidates to demonstrate how their research contributes toward social justice and equity, diversity, and inclusion, understanding global or marginalized populations, environmental sustainability, or ethical access to information.

Preferred Start Date: September 1, 2023

Salary: Competitive, depending on qualifications and experience.

Application procedure: Applications and supporting documents will be accepted only by online submission here. Candidate application materials must include a cover letter that speaks to your research and teaching philosophies, evidence of teaching effectiveness (teaching portfolio), CV, publication samples, and three letters of recommendation. Applicants are invited to submit an additional statement addressing their past and/or potential contributions to enhancing diversity, equity, and/or inclusion through research, teaching, and/or service. Inquiries about the search may be sent to the Search Chair, Pablo J. Boczkowski at pjb9@northwestern.edu.

Application Deadline: December 10, 2022. For full consideration, applications should be submitted by the deadline, but review of applications may continue until the position is filled.

The Department:
The Department of Communication Studies has a highly collaborative, lab-based culture. It offers a popular undergraduate major and multiple professional master's and cross-school PhD programs that are joint with the McCormick School of Engineering, the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, and the Medill School of Journalism. Through special resources for research support and scholarly event programming, the department offers rich opportunities for scholarly development. The Department of Communication Studies hosts several leading research centers and faculty labs with a full list available at https://communication.northwestern.edu/research. School of Communication faculty also can have opportunities during their career at Northwestern to teach and conduct research at the Northwestern University campus in Doha, Qatar.

The School: The School of Communication has five departments and offers a suite of interdisciplinary undergraduate, professional, and graduate programs. The departments span the communication arts and sciences including the Department of Radio-Television-Film, the Roxelyn and Richard Pepper
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, the Department of Communication Studies, the Department of Performance Studies, and the Department of Theatre (which includes music theatre and dance). The faculty of over 180 includes 99 tenure-eligible faculty. The school offers instruction to roughly 1000 undergraduate majors and 650 graduate and professional students. Founded over 144 years ago, the School has been a leader in developing the communication disciplines and professions, and continues to be a center of excellence in the communication arts and sciences. Our current Dean is E. Patrick Johnson.

**The University:** Northwestern University is one of the nation’s largest private research universities. Located on the shore of Lake Michigan, the main campus is in Evanston and the medical campus is 12 miles south in downtown Chicago. There is continuing expansion of University facilities and programs, particularly in the sciences and medicine. Diverse cultural, social, and recreational activities abound on and near each campus.

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