Asian American Studies/Social Welfare
Joint position, Assistant Professor Level

With the support of the Institute of American Cultures, Asian American Studies Center, and the Luskin School of Public Affairs, the Departments of Social Welfare and Asian American Studies invite applicants for a full-time, tenure-track Assistant Professor position beginning July 1, 2019. We welcome candidates whose experience in research, teaching, and community service has prepared them to contribute to our commitment to diversity and excellence. We seek a scholar who studies the Asian American and Pacific Islander experience in the United States with interest or background in application to any area of social work. This includes, but is not limited to, the examination of issues concerning human services, poverty and social inequality, immigration and migration, linguistic marginalization, violence and trauma, cultural adaptation and regeneration, intergenerational relations, community development and organizing, and critical refugee studies.

Applicants must hold a Ph.D. in social welfare or in a related social science discipline, have a robust research and research dissemination agenda, and be prepared to teach at the Masters, Ph.D., and undergraduate levels and mentor students in the two departments and their various programs. An MSW degree, and/or experience with social work practice, policy advocacy, or community organizing related to Asian American and/or Pacific Islander communities, is desirable but not required.

Asian American Studies emerged at UCLA a half century ago to serve the demands of diverse constituencies united by a need to link community engagement, innovative scholarship, and principled change. To address those needs, our field has prioritized interdisciplinary approaches to labor, migration, gendered racialization, empire, sexuality, and myriad forms of organizing, resistance, community, and creativity. Through our research, teaching, and service, we have maintained a commitment to social and economic justice by providing a home in the academy for envisioning and implementing those objectives, through both the Asian American Studies Department and the UCLA Asian American Studies Center.

The Department of Social Welfare has a 65-year tradition of research and education to serve diverse urban populations. The Department’s mission is to promote excellence in research and leadership for 21st century social policies and practices, from local to global settings. Social Welfare is in a process of dynamic growth. We have recently introduced three new areas of concentration in our MSW curriculum: Social and Economic Justice, Health and Mental Health Across the Life Span, and Child and Family Well-being. The Luskin School of Public Affairs houses faculty with interdisciplinary research agendas with high public impact and has also launched a school-wide undergraduate major in Public Affairs in which Social Welfare faculty will participate.

Interested persons are strongly encouraged to apply online at https://recruit.apo.ucla.edu/apply/JPF03948 before October 9, 2018. The position will close on November 1, 2018. To apply, submit the following: (1) a 1-2 page cover letter, (2) a complete curriculum vita, (3) a research statement of less than 500 words highlighting scholarly contributions of recent research and plans for the near future, (4) an EDI statement (click here for examples) describing your past, present and future (planned) contributions to equity, diversity and inclusion (5) at least one publication or writing sample, (6) a teaching statement of less than 300 words outlining the content of a class you would like to teach, and (7) names and contact information for three references. For questions related to the position, contact the chair of the Search Committee, Professor Ananya Roy (ananyaucla@ucla.edu).
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