

Job Description

Assistant/Associate Professor (Requisition 163856 / 163857)

Division of Health Policy and Management

School of Public Health, University of Minnesota

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Minnesota Population Center

University of Minnesota

The Division of Health Policy and Management (HPM), School of Public Health and the Minnesota Population Center (MPC) at the University of Minnesota invite applications for a tenure-track Assistant or tenured Associate Professor with interests in interdisciplinary population and health research. We seek a **health demographer** who can actively contribute to the research and training missions of both HPM and MPC. The tenure home for this position is in the Division of Health Policy and Management in the School of Public Health.

A doctoral degree in health services research, demography or a related discipline such as economics or sociology is required. Suitable candidates will have background and experience in both population studies and health services research, and will engage in scholarship that bridges these areas of inquiry. We are especially interested in candidates who use secondary data to understand issues related to population health and/or access to care. Special consideration will be given to candidates with (1) research experience and publications using data from the U.S. Census Bureau, the National Center for Health Statistics, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and related agencies; (2) expertise in survey methodology and/or formal demographic techniques; and (3) substantive interests in issues related to access to health care for vulnerable populations.

The successful candidate will play an active role in the training of graduate students with interests in population health who may be pursuing degrees in health services research, sociology, public health, public administration, or other fields. Candidates also should be willing to prepare courses on formal demographic techniques and/or survey research methods.

The Division of Health Policy and Management is located in the School of Public Health. Its mission is to improve the public's health by stimulating, coordinating, and conducting high quality research and teaching programs that are focused on improving the organization, financing and delivery of health care services. The Division is home to several vibrant research centers including the State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC), whose faculty conducts research and technical assistance on the collection and use of data related to health insurance coverage and access to care.

The Minnesota Population Center is a University-wide interdisciplinary cooperative for demographic research. With core support from NICHD, the center provides shared infrastructure for demographic research and training and coordinates collaborative research across the University. Although best known for its large-scale demographic data infrastructure projects, MPC houses numerous substantive, interdisciplinary research projects on population, health, the environment, and related issues.

Researchers from MPC and HPM successfully led an effort to establish a new Census Bureau Research Data Center which will open in January 2010. The Minnesota Research Data Center (MnRDC) provides access to confidential (non-public) data for research in a highly secure environment. The MnRDC will provide Minnesota researchers access to restricted datasets from the U.S. Census Bureau, the National Center for Health Statistics, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and other agencies. Minnesota researchers in demography, business, economics, epidemiology, geography, health services, public policy, sociology, and elsewhere will benefit from this important new research infrastructure. We seek someone who will take advantage of the research opportunities afforded by the MnRDC, and who may come to take a leadership role in the new center.

Researchers in MPC and HPM have long had collaborative research relationships. For example, the Integrated Health Interview Series (IHIS) provides integrated data and documentation from the U.S. National Health Interview Surveys (NHIS) from 1969 to the present. Over 1000 integrated variables are now available, and linking keys enable users to include other, not yet integrated variables from the NHIS files facilitating research on health of populations over time. This project is lead by an HPM faculty member and housed at the MPC.

This 12-month, 100% time appointment offers the standard University benefits (see <http://www1.umn.edu/ohr/benefits/bensum/index.html>). Salary and rank are based on experience and qualifications. The position is open until filled. Review of applications begins on December 1, 2009 and continues until filled. Candidates applying at the assistant professor level should go to <http://employment.umn.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=84031>, where they should provide contact and demographic information, and 1) a letter describing their scholarly interests, background, experiences, and accomplishments; 2) a curriculum vitae; and 3) two samples of written scholarship. Candidates applying at the associate professor level should go to <http://employment.umn.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=84032>, and provide the information shown above. Applicants should also be prepared, upon invitation, to have three letters of reference sent on their behalf. Contact Lynn Blewett at blewe001@umn.edu with questions. E-mailed applications are not accepted.

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