Gerontology Faculty Search
John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies

The Department of Gerontology in the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at the University of Massachusetts Boston seeks to fill one or more positions at the tenure-track advanced assistant or associate professor rank to join our faculty on September 1, 2015. The department is building on its strengths in the broad field of aging and health and will make a number of additional hires over the next several years in this area. All candidates should have competence to teach at the master’s and PhD levels, and have an emerging or established program of research with evidence of external funding.

Applicants must possess an earned doctorate in one of the following fields, gerontology, epidemiology, sociology, psychology, demography, economics, social work, organizational studies, public policy, public administration, nursing, or political science. Applicants with terminal degrees in other fields will also be considered. Preference will be given to applicants with externally funded research experience and peer-reviewed publications focused on aging and health. Research expertise in one or more of the following areas are sought: health policy, health disparities and vulnerable populations (including dual eligible populations), health care services research, long-term care services and supports, and translational research. Applicants with expertise covering other aspects of aging and health will also be given strong consideration. Research experience and expertise in international aging issues is desirable.

The Department of Gerontology provides a rich environment for interdisciplinary, collaborative research. The department houses two graduate degree programs: the PhD in Gerontology and the Master’s Degree in Gerontology. The PhD program is the second oldest in the world, has graduated the most doctoral students of any gerontology program, and boasts a strong record of training doctoral students in the scientific study of aging. The Master’s degree provides students with two track options: the online Management of Aging Services Track and the Research/Policy Track. The award-winning Management of Aging Services Master program has graduated more than 200 students since being formed in 2003.

The department has strong relationships with the Gerontology Institute, also located within the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies. Together, these units house two peer-reviewed research journals: Research on Aging and the Journal of Aging and Social Policy. Support staff provides strong pre- and post-award support for external funding. Faculty collaborations include those with major academic and medical institutions, including the Dana Farber/Harvard Cancer Center, Brown University, UMass Medical School, and the Veterans Health Administration. New and exciting collaborative teaching and research opportunities are being developed with other campus units, including sociology, global governance and human security, nursing, exercise science, and global inclusion and social development.

The McCormack Graduate School houses numerous centers and institutes in applied policy research and public service and also has doctoral and masters programs in two other graduate departments: the Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs and the Department of Conflict Resolution, Global Governance and Human Security.
To apply, submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, three sample publications, and the names and contact information of at least three references online: http://umb.interviewexchange.com/candapply.jsp?JOBID=53983

Questions may be directed to search committee co-chairs Jeff Burr (jeffrey.burr@umb.edu) or Pam Nadash (pamela.nadash@umb.edu). Review of applications begins January 15, 2015 and continues until position is filled.

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