Department of Social Work and Family Studies

Appointment Type: Full time, tenure-track, at assistant or associate level

Qualifications: Required: MSW from a CSWE accredited institution, a minimum of 2 years post-master’s practice experience, and a doctorate in social work, family social science, or related field. Advanced ABD will be considered; doctorate should be completed by August 15, 2014. The successful candidate must be prepared to teach undergraduate generalist courses in social work and family studies (e.g. family relationships, research methods, human sexuality) and have, or be eligible to obtain, a Minnesota social work license.

Preferred: A candidate with teaching, practice, and/or research experience with diverse populations, particularly families. We value someone with knowledge of the liberal arts tradition. These will enable us to broaden our department capacity to better prepare students for the cross-cultural and global environment in which they will live and work.

Responsibilities: We welcome faculty with varied scholarly and professional interests. The college and the department offer significant opportunities and support for faculty to engage in scholarly activity, including research with undergraduates. A full-time teaching load is six courses per academic year; faculty members also carry formal advising and committee responsibilities after the first year. It is expected that faculty at some point will provide leadership for the social work department and the family studies concentration.

Application: Applicants must submit application materials online at https://jobs.stolaf.edu. A complete application includes a cover letter, curriculum vitae, statement of teaching philosophy and scholarly interests, and the names/contact information for three references (letters will be required at the semi-finalist stage). We plan to interview at CSWE’s APM in Dallas in October.

Screening: Begins September 3, 2013 and will continue until an outstanding candidate has been hired.

Contact: Mary S. Carlsen, Search Committee Chair, carlsen@stolaf.edu.

Other Information: The Department of Social Work and Family Studies offers both a Bachelor of Arts degree in social work and a concentration in family studies; the social work program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education through 2015. We seek an outstanding teacher, scholar, and practitioner to complement our close-knit faculty and embrace our mission to prepare liberally educated students to serve diverse populations and promote a just global community. Our students come from a wide range of backgrounds, are academically talented, and demonstrate a deep ethic of service, both locally and globally. The department benefits by its proximity to Minneapolis/St. Paul, a vibrant and culturally rich metropolitan area. Faculty have strong and deep connections in the regional practice, education, and policy communities, including NASW-Minnesota Chapter, The Minnesota Council on Family Relations, Social Work in a Latin American Context (a consortium program), and the Minnesota Conference on Social Work Education. We also have strong alliances with many programs on campus, including TRIO programs, the Piper Center for Vocation and Career, and the Multicultural Affairs office.

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and 800 faculty and staff employees. St. Olaf College is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and actively seeks diversity in its students, faculty and staff. The college is especially interested in qualified candidates who can contribute to the diversity of our community through their teaching, research, and/or service. For more information about the college and the department, please visit: http://www.stolaf.edu.