

Faculty Position in the Sustainability of Rural Landscapes
Associate Professor
Dept of Sociology and W.K. Kellogg Biological Station
Michigan State University

Michigan State University (MSU) seeks to fill an Associate Professor faculty position in the area of Sustainability of Rural Landscapes. This position is in addition to a junior position now being filled. We seek a sociologist with expertise in environmental science and the relationships between ecology, technology, social change and policy. This position will enhance interdepartmental research in the Department of Sociology (SOC) at MSU, with particular focus on strengthening social science research at the Kellogg Biological Station (KBS). This position will be joint between the Department of Sociology and KBS, with the tenure home in the Department of Sociology and will include a research appointment supported by the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES).

The position will be based on the East Lansing campus of MSU with additional research space provided at KBS, a biological field station of Michigan State University (www.kbs.msu.edu). KBS is a year-round research and educational facility of MSU with a resident faculty, located ~65 miles from the East Lansing campus of MSU. KBS hosts an NSF-supported Long-term Ecological Research (LTER) program in agricultural ecology (www.kbs.msu.edu/lter), a Dept. of Energy funded Great Lakes BioEnergy Research Center (GLBRC) (www.glbrc.org) with research at KBS on the sustainability of biofuels, and has recently established a pasture-based dairy with support from the WK Kellogg Foundation. The successful candidate will be expected to establish an externally funded research program contributing to our understanding of sustainability of agriculture and to participate in the LTER research program at KBS.

The scholarly focus of this position is environmental science and relationships between ecology, technology, and social change and policy. Areas of emphasis include, but are not limited to, socio-ecological issues of agricultural landscapes and production systems, policy issues relevant to ecosystem services (biodiversity and introduced species), coupled human and natural systems, and the sustainability of bio-based economies, including alternative energy. This position will complement existing strengths in ecology, environmental, and agricultural science at KBS, the Department of Sociology and social science across the University. The faculty candidate will be expected to contribute to undergraduate and graduate programs in Sociology and KBS and to one of the five focal research areas of the Dept of Sociology (www.sociology.msu.edu). This is an academic year appointment.

Applicants must have a Ph.D., preferably in Sociology, with research and teaching accomplishments appropriate for tenure and rank of Associate Professor of Sociology. Preference will be given to individuals with

interdisciplinary research experience that can strengthen the research programs in agriculture and food systems at KBS and Sociology. International experience or demonstrated interest in international regions is an advantage.

Applications should be sent to Sustainability@kbs.msu.edu, addressed to the Sustainability Search Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, Michigan State University, with <Search Committee, Sustainability of Rural Landscapes> in the subject line. Applications should include a curriculum vita, statements of research and teaching interests (including current and long-term goals), and names and contact information for four references, sent electronically as a single pdf. Signed letters of reference will be solicited from finalists. Review of applications will begin 30 November 2009 and continue until an appropriate candidate is found.

Further information about KBS and the Dept. of Sociology can be found at www.kbs.msu.edu and www.sociology.msu.edu. For further information about the position please contact search co-chairs Dr. Lawrence Busch, Dept. of Sociology (lbusch@msu.edu), or Dr. Philip Robertson, KBS (robertson@kbs.msu.edu).

MSU is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Institution; women and minorities are particularly welcome to apply.