The School of Communication at The Ohio State University invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor position, commencing autumn semester 2017. Successful candidates will contribute to undergraduate and graduate courses on communication issues involved in race, gender and ethnicity, as well as specific courses covering the interaction between communication and health outcome disparities as impacted by race, gender, or ethnicity. The selected candidate will likely contribute to the new communication minor within the School of Communication, focused on health, environment, science, and risk communication. Successful candidates may also contribute to the university-wide Discovery Themes related to health issues (discovery.osu.edu), as best fit the candidate’s research interests and expertise.

This position is part of an effort to increase the diversity of the faculty members at Ohio State and build a community of scholars focused on research and teaching on topics central to race, gender and disparities in modern society initiated by the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences within the College of Arts and Sciences. We are approaching these issues from various perspectives that build on and contribute to the strengths of the units proposing them. We envision the Race, Ethnicity, Gender/Sex and Disparities in Modern Society cluster as a foundation on which we will expand areas of interest and research as faculty are added. The new cluster of faculty will part of a network of many committed professors already at home in the College of Arts and Sciences in the Diversity & Identity Studies Collective, the Department of Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies, and the Department of African American and African Studies. Graduate certificates in this area of inquiry and undergraduate bridge programs are also being built to support this initiative.

The School of Communication (http://www.comm.osu.edu/) is committed to original and substantively important social scientific research, and is regularly ranked among the top communication research programs in the country. The School has a strong reputation for graduate training in communication technology and society; health communication and social influence; mass communication uses and effects; and political communication and public opinion. We seek colleagues who will help us continue this tradition and can envision research projects and courses that will be attractive to graduate and undergraduate students from within the major, and speak to the interests and needs of non-majors. We have recently renovated a number of research labs and teaching facilities to support quality research and teaching (http://www.comm.ohio-state.edu/graduate-soc/research/research-space.html). All of our tenure-track positions involve research, teaching, and a service component.

Qualifications:

Candidates must be in communication or a closely related social science field. Successful candidates will have a Ph.D. or be on schedule to earn the Ph.D. prior to August 2017. Applicants should have a demonstrated record of publication in top-tier journals as well as evidence of effective teaching. Faculty members typically teach a variety of courses; complementary research and teaching interests is not essential. Appointment is contingent on the university’s verification of credentials and other information required by law and/or university policies, including but not limited to a criminal background check.

About Columbus:
The Ohio State University campus is located in Columbus, the capital city of Ohio. Columbus is the center of a rapidly growing and diverse metropolitan area with a population of over 1.5 million. The area offers a wide range of affordable housing, many cultural and recreational opportunities, excellent schools, and a strong economy based on government as well as service, transportation and technology industries (see http://liveworkplaycolumbus.com/). Columbus has consistently been rated as one of the Top U.S. cities for quality of life, and was selected as one of the Top 10 cities for African Americans to live, work, and play by Black Enterprise magazine. Additional information about the Columbus area is available at http://www.columbus.org.

Application Instructions:

The review process will begin October 15, 2016 and we will continue to accept applications until January 15, 2017 or until the position is filled. Applications received prior to October 15, 2016 will receive priority consideration. Apply to Academic Jobs Online at: https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/7878. A complete application consists of a cover letter, curriculum vitae, research and teaching statements, and three or more letters of recommendation. In lieu of letters of recommendation, applicants currently holding a tenure track or tenured position may submit the names of 3 references who will be contacted only prior to an interview. Please be aware that we are conducting multiple searches in 2016-2017. Be certain to select the specific position(s) in which you are interested. Inquiries may be directed to the search chair, Dr. Osei Appiah (Appiah.2@osu.edu). Additional information about the School and the University is available at http://www.comm.osu.edu.

The Ohio State University is committed to establishing a culturally and intellectually diverse environment, encouraging all members of our learning community to reach their full potential. We are responsive to dual-career families and strongly promote work-life balance to support our community members through a suite of institutionalized policies. We are an NSF Advance Institution and a member of the Ohio/Western Pennsylvania/West Virginia Higher Education Recruitment Consortium (HERC).

*The Ohio State University is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation or identity, national origin, disability status, or protected veteran status.*