

## **POSITION DESCRIPTION**

*Assistant Professor in Medical Anthropology & Global Health in the Department of Anthropology*

### Campus Information

Founded in 1856, University of Maryland, College Park is the flagship institution in the University System of Maryland. Our 1,250-acre College Park campus is just minutes away from Washington, D.C., and the nexus of the nation's legislative, executive, and judicial centers of power. This unique proximity to federal departments and agencies, business and technology leaders, and a myriad of research entities, embassies, think tanks, cultural centers, and non-profit organizations is simply unparalleled. Synergistic opportunities for our faculty and students abound and are virtually limitless in the nation's capital and surrounding metropolitan area. The University is committed to attracting and retaining outstanding and diverse faculty and staff that will enhance our stature of preeminence in our three missions of teaching, scholarship, and full engagement in our community, the state of Maryland, and in the world.

### Department Information

The Department of Anthropology is known for its strong theoretical emphasis and is nationally recognized for its applied methodological focus. Our department and faculty expertise is structured around three main areas of concentration—health, heritage, and the environment. We have a demonstrated commitment to documenting, preserving and transmitting the knowledge of the past, as well as to illuminating and confronting the challenges of the present. We have five degree programs—Bachelor of Arts/Sciences (BA/BS), Master of Applied Anthropology (MAA), Master of Applied Anthropology and Historic Preservation (MAA/MHP), Master of Professional Studies in Cultural and Heritage Resource Management, and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)—and we continue to attract the best and brightest students. Anthropology is unique at the University of Maryland because of our ability to teach smaller-than-average class sizes, which encourages the development of strong student-faculty mentoring relationships.

### Position Description

The Department of Anthropology invites applications from outstanding early-career scholars for the position of tenure-track assistant professor to begin in August 2024. We seek a scholar with a Ph.D. in Anthropology (degree in hand by June 2024) with a specialization in medical anthropology and global health. We desire a colleague whose research is grounded in interdisciplinary research collaborations and publicly engaged, justice-oriented approaches to addressing social and structural inequalities. This position prioritizes scholars whose program of ethnographic research is firmly rooted in decolonial/postcolonial and/or feminist/queer approaches to health research and/or explicitly interrogates health (in)justice within Black, Indigenous, and other communities of color. Of particular interest to us for continuing the rapid growth of the Medical Anthropology and Global Health concentration is a scholar whose work addresses racialized health injustices in relation to one or more of the following areas: chronic and/or mental health, reproductive health, global health governance and policy, emerging infectious disease outbreaks and pandemics, science and technology studies, health and biotechnologies, and environmental health. Successful applicants should show a strong theoretical and methodological focus that complements existing faculty expertise. Candidates

whose interests expand our current expertise and offerings are especially encouraged to apply. Geographic area is open, but we are especially interested in scholars who theorize the global implications of their research.

Applicants should have demonstrated and/or have clear potential to develop an independent and robust research program in the Department of Anthropology. The successful applicant will have a solid track record demonstrated through a variety of pathways, including publications, research funding, awards, teaching and mentorship, community engagement, policy development, knowledge translation, and interdisciplinary collaborations appropriate to the level of the scholar. Candidates are expected to teach both undergraduate and graduate classes that contribute to and teach our department's general education courses, core offerings, and courses appropriate to their expertise. Candidates are also expected to have a commitment to teaching and mentorship at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, including working with students and groups from underrepresented backgrounds. We particularly seek candidates who can concretely discuss how their scholarship, teaching, and public engagement work contribute to principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice (DEIJ).

**Background Checks:** Offers of employment are contingent on completion of a background check. Information reported by the background check will not automatically disqualify you from employment.

Applicants should submit the following information; 1) a cover letter that details how their expertise and experience speaks to job requirements and contributes to our departmental commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice (DEIJ), 2) a current curriculum vitae, 3) a writing sample, and 4) names and contact information for three professional references (who will not be contacted at the initial stage of the search). Materials should be submitted electronically to <https://ejobs.umd.edu>. (Position # 113412). Please address questions to the search coordinator, Ms. Ashley Black, at [anblack@umd.edu](mailto:anblack@umd.edu) or 301-405-9734. Review of applications will begin immediately, and early submissions are strongly encouraged. Priority will be given to applications received by October 15, 2023. The position will remain open until filled.