

Open Rank Faculty Positions in Language and Literacy

The Department of Teacher Education at Michigan State University (MSU), a national leader in teacher preparation and research on teaching, teacher learning, curriculum, policy, and international education, is seeking several open-rank tenure-stream professors in Language and Literacy. Of particular interest are scholars with demonstrated leadership at their institutions and nationally in language and literacy education, as well as scholars specializing in language and literacy. These are academic year positions with a negotiable starting date of Fall 2009.

A broad range of scholars in literacy education are invited to apply, and all applicants will be reviewed for potential fit with programs within the department, college, and institutional needs and opportunities, including work with MSU's Literacy Achievement Research Center (LARC; http://www.msularc.org) and Language & Literacy graduate programs (http://ed-web3.educ.msu.edu/phdliteracy/default.htm; http://ed-web3.educ.msu.edu/literacy/). Successful candidates will have opportunities to engage in research and teaching related to language and literacy, as well as to collaborate with nationally recognized faculty in research and program development.

Major responsibilities could include: (1) teaching undergraduate, master's, and doctoral courses; (2) conducting innovative, rigorous research; (3) advising graduate students; (4) leading or supporting program development; (5) contributing to intra-university or school-university partnerships; or (6) collaborating with or mentoring other faculty.

Qualifications. Applicants should have an earned relevant doctoral degree. They should provide evidence of accomplishment (including grantsmanship), teaching, advisory mentorship (especially of graduate students and untenured faculty), and collaborative success in research, teaching, and service and/or program development. Applicants should provide relevant information about (a) experience working with prospective and practicing teachers in culturally diverse settings; (b) specialty in language and literacy; (c) demonstrated leadership at their institutions and nationally in language and literacy education; (d) interest in educational research training and the development of literacy scholars; (e) a strong record of research, publication and involvement in language and literacy research and practice; (f) an established record of obtaining and leading funded research projects; and (g) ability to contribute to existing strengths and initiatives in areas such as teacher preparation and induction, urban education and diversity, and/or educational applications of technology.

Interested candidates should send a letter of application, curriculum vita, and names and contact information for three references. All application materials must be sent in electronic form to the search administrative assistant at burtkara@msu.edu (indicate "Language and Literacy Search" in the subject line).

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Please see the College web site (http://www.educ.msu.edu/) for information about the College and this position. We invite inquiries to any of the search committee members: Laura Apol (apol@msu.edu), Samantha Caughlan (caughlan@msu.edu), Danine Certo (certo@msu.edu), Nell Duke (nkduke@msu.edu), Carol Sue Englert (carolsue@msu.edu), Or Mary Juzwik (mmjuzwik@msu.edu). Review of applications will begin November 1, 2008 and will continue until the position is filled. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. MSU is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.