

Position: Director, Legal Studies

Location: Berkeley, CA

Salary: Commensurate with experience
This is a two year renewable contract position at 100% time.

Start Date: January 1, 2010

Job Description:

The Legal Studies Program at the UC Berkeley School of Law seeks a full time academic coordinator and lecturer for the position of Director of Legal Studies. The Legal Studies program was founded 31 years ago as one of the nation's first interdisciplinary major for undergraduates in law and legal studies. Along with the graduate program in Jurisprudence and Social Policy, the Legal Studies Program is committed to providing a substantive liberal arts curriculum on law and legal institutions, practices, and discourses. The Legal Studies major currently has approximately 250 graduates a year. The faculty consists of 19 scholars from a range of disciplines, including sociology, political science, history, economics, psychology, and law, supplemented by regular lecturers.

The Director of Legal Studies will be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the program as well as working with the Associate Dean for Jurisprudence and Social Policy to evaluate and revise the program. The Director of Legal Studies will be the chief faculty adviser to all Legal Studies majors, organizing and overseeing our honors program and advising students writing honors theses. The Director of Legal Studies will select and hire graduate students to serve as Graduate Student Instructors, resolve student academic problems that arise, and supervise two staff persons who carry out advising and course scheduling for Legal Studies. In addition, the director will work with the Associate Dean for Jurisprudence and Social Policy to carry out curricular planning for the department and to hire and manage staff shared by Legal Studies, Jurisprudence and Social Policy, and the Center for the Study of Law and Society. The Director of Legal Studies will also operate as our liaison to the College of Letters and Sciences, to faculty teaching Legal Studies related curriculum across campus, and at national conferences on Legal Studies. The Director will also teach in the Legal Studies Program. Teaching responsibilities will constitute up to 50% of the position responsibilities and would normally include teaching the Legal Studies Honors Pro-seminar in the fall of each year in addition to courses in the Director's field of expertise.

The University of California Regents have approved a plan to enact system wide furloughs and other cost reduction measures due to the state budget crisis. This position may be subject to any cost cutting measures implemented at UC Berkeley.

Requirements and Qualifications:

Applicants should have a Ph.D. in humanities or social science or a J.D., demonstrated excellence in teaching, demonstrated scholarly ability and attainment, demonstrated potential for administration, and a substantial commitment to enhancing socio-legal

education for undergraduates. The Legal Studies Program at UC Berkeley School of Law is interested in candidates who have demonstrated commitment to excellence by providing leadership in teaching, research or service towards building an equitable and diverse scholarly environment.

Application Procedure:

Applicants should submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and list of references via email (preferable), to:

Sheri Showalter (academicpositions@law.berkeley.edu)

Director, Human Resources

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Applications must be received no later than November 16, 2009.

Inquiries may be addressed to HR Director Showalter at

academicpositions@law.berkeley.edu.

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