



## **ASSISTANT PROFESSOR: PUBLIC LAW AND RACE IN AMERICA**

### **Job description**

The Political Science Department at San Diego State University invites applications for a tenure track position in Public Law and Race in America at the rank of Assistant Professor, to begin Fall 2021. Applicants should demonstrate a well-developed research agenda, a promise of sustained scholarship and a record of effective teaching.

The department seeks a scholar who does research on the evolving role of law in both shaping and challenging racist structures and attitudes toward racial minorities, especially African Americans. The scholar should demonstrate a capacity to engage underlying normative issues and debates on such themes. Within the framework of law and race in America, topics of interest may include but are not limited to protest movements, economic justice, gender and sexuality, legal mobilization, the U.S. Constitution, and comparative analyses. The department is open to a diversity of scholarly approaches, including but not limited to Critical Race Theory and Law and Society. The successful candidate will be able to teach a range of courses in public law as well as courses on the intersection of politics and race.

The Political Science Department at San Diego State is dedicated to the ideal of the engaged teacher-scholar. It has over five hundred undergraduate majors and provides course offerings for students with a wide variety of backgrounds and interests. At the graduate level, the department maintains an M.A. program of high quality. The members of the faculty share a strong commitment to collegiality, active participation in the governing of the department, innovative scholarship, methodological pluralism, rigorous teaching, and robust intellectual and normative engagement. Candidates are encouraged to consult the department website: <http://politicalscience.sdsu.edu/>

San Diego State University is the largest university in San Diego and the third largest in California. The highly diverse campus community has a student population of over 36,000 and approximately 5,849 faculty and staff. SDSU is included in the Carnegie Foundation's Doctoral Universities: High Research Activity category. Established in 1897, SDSU offers bachelor degrees in 84 areas, masters in 76 and doctorates in 21. See <http://www.sdsu.edu> for more information. SDSU is a large, diverse, urban university and Hispanic-Serving Institution with a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusive excellence. Our campus community is diverse in many ways, including race, religion, color, sex, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, national origin, pregnancy, medical condition, and covered veteran status. We strive to build and sustain a welcoming environment for all.

Consistent with SDSU's mission, we seek applicants with demonstrated experience in and/or commitment to teaching and working effectively with individuals from diverse backgrounds and

members of underrepresented groups. This search is part of an SDSU cluster initiative to hire “faculty who have a demonstrated history of working with and supporting the African-American community.” For more information, see hires <https://sacd.sdsu.edu/diversity-initiatives/aa-cluster>

. Candidates must satisfy three or more of the eight Building on Inclusive Excellence (BIE) criteria, adjusted according to the cluster initiative of this hire: (a) committed to engaging in service with African American populations; (b) demonstrated knowledge of barriers for African American students and faculty; (c) experience or has demonstrated commitment to teaching and/or mentoring African American students; (d) experience or has demonstrated commitment to integrating understanding of African American populations and communities into research; (e) experience in or has demonstrated commitment to extending knowledge of opportunities and challenges in achieving artistic/scholarly success to African Americans; (f) experience in or has demonstrated commitment to research that engages African American communities; (g) interest in developing expertise in cross-cultural communication and collaboration; (h) research interests that contribute to diversity and equal opportunity in higher education. Indicate in your cover letter how you meet at least three of these criteria.

Applicants must apply via Interfolio at <https://apply.interfolio.com/82445>. A completed file includes a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, graduate transcripts, complete teaching evaluations (quantitative evaluations and complete sets of qualitative evaluations of recent courses), sample syllabi, academic writing samples and three letters of recommendation. To ensure full consideration, submit all materials by February 15, 2021. Screening of applications will begin then. Applicants who will have completed the Ph.D. by the start of the term of appointment will be given priority. Those without a Ph.D. in-hand should include in their letter of interest a statement of progress on the dissertation and reasons to expect completion in a timely fashion.

Further inquiries should be addressed to:

Farid Abdel-Nour, Chair of the Department, at [abdelnou@sdsu.edu](mailto:abdelnou@sdsu.edu).

The person holding this position is considered a “mandated reporter” under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.

A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed before any candidate can be offered a position with the CSU. Failure to satisfactorily complete the background check may affect the application status of applicants or continued employment of current CSU employees who apply for the position.

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## San Diego State University

Since it was founded in 1897, San Diego State University has grown to offer bachelor's degrees in 89 areas, master's degrees in 78 areas and doctorates in 21 areas. SDSU's approximately 32,000 students participate in an academic curriculum distinguished by direct contact with faculty and an increasing international emphasis that prepares them for a global future. SDSU's annual economic impact to the state of California is \$6.5 billion, according to an impact report done by the California State University in 2010.