

University of Arkansas at Monticello
School of Forest Resources
Assistant Professor – Natural Resources Communications

The University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM) (www.uamont.edu/jobs) School of Forest Resources and the Arkansas Forest Resources Center, University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, are seeking an individual to contribute to and lead the development of a natural resources communications program for the next generation of natural resource managers.

The School of Forest Resources (<http://www.afrc.uamont.edu/sfr/>) is home to an undergraduate program in forest resources with concentrations in forestry, wildlife management, and spatial information systems. The School offers a M.S. level graduate program with emphasis areas in forest science, geospatial science, natural resource management and wildlife ecology and management. The Arkansas Forest Resources Center (<http://www.afrc.uamont.edu/>), a statewide Center of Excellence of the University of Arkansas System, is the focus of the State's vision in forest-based research and extension activities.

Responsibilities: The successful candidate will be expected to establish an innovative, dynamic research program in natural resources communications; develop grant proposals and secure funding; and publish in peer-reviewed, nationally-recognized scientific journals. Additional responsibilities include recruiting and mentoring graduate students, advising undergraduate students, and contributing to cooperative research efforts by faculty and other stakeholders in the region. Teaching duties include courses in communications in natural resources, contemporary issues, social sciences in natural resources, and related courses in support of the program. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to lead in the development and implementation of an undergraduate degree option in natural resource communications. The tenure-track, 12 month position will carry the rank of assistant professor with an appointment of 60% teaching and 40% research.

Qualifications: Applicants should have a Ph.D. in a natural resource-related field with extensive experience in communications, or in a communications-related field with extensive experience in natural resources. The successful applicant must value rigorous, high-quality teaching, have strong written and oral communication skills, demonstrate knowledge of and familiarity with a variety of communication tools, and have expertise in measurement and data analytics in the scientific study of the process of communication. Applicants should also have a proven track record of successfully distilling and communicating issues related to natural resources to subject-area specialists, natural resource managers, and the general public. The ability to secure research funding and publish in respected scientific journals is expected. Applicants must be authorized to work in the United States and have a valid driver's license. The position is available as early as January 2015.

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications/Excellent fringe benefits.

Application: Send a letter of application, vita, a statement of research interest and teaching philosophies, copy of unofficial transcripts, and names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of three professional references (off-list references may be checked) to: Rhonda Parris, parris@uamont.edu. All applications must be submitted electronically. Inquiries: Phone (870) 460-1052; email: parris@uamont.edu.

Review of applicants will begin October 24, 2014 and continue until the position is filled.

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