



Chair, Department of Native Studies Director, Institute of American Indian Studies

The University of South Dakota seeks an academic leader to serve as Chair of the Department of Native Studies and as Director of the Institute of American Indian Studies. Responsibilities include classroom teaching as well as administrative duties and an active research agenda. In order to promote an educated awareness of Native American cultures and issues in the state, region, and nation, the Chair/Director is expected to develop and maintain productive partnerships with other campus entities as well as with constituencies off campus, including alumni/ae, relevant Native American organizations, and tribal colleges.

USD is the state's flagship liberal arts university. Housed in the College of Arts and Sciences, USD's Native Studies program (established in 1988) achieved departmental status in 2005. It currently offers a major and a minor, with coursework available in both Lakota language and Native Studies. A comprehensive curriculum revision is now in its final stages. The Department hosts the South Dakota Oral History Center, which holds approximately 6000 recordings, as well as the Joseph H. Cash Memorial Library. The Oral History Center is funded in part by the John F. Lindley Endowment of the USD Foundation. The Institute of American Indian Studies was authorized by the South Dakota legislature in 1955 "to provide persons of Indian descent with educational opportunities both on and off the campus of the University of South Dakota and to provide to all persons the opportunity to research and study the history, culture, and language of the Indians of North America and South Dakota" (SDCL 13-57-3.2). More recently, the Institute has focused on programs that support awareness of Native cultures and foster positive and well informed intercultural relationships within and beyond the University community.

A terminal degree in a discipline appropriate for the College of Arts & Sciences is required, as is a strong record of teaching and scholarship consistent with appointment at the rank of associate or full professor. A doctorate in Native Studies (or the equivalent), demonstrated success in an administrative role, and relevant cultural expertise are highly desirable. Preferred qualifications include an ongoing research interest in American Indian cultures of the Northern Plains, experience in archival management, and a history of success in obtaining research and/or program funding.

Appointment begins no later than August 22, 2012. Salary is competitive and commensurate with rank. To apply, provide CV, application letter, graduate transcript, at least three confidential letters of reference, and a representative sample of published scholarship. Materials may be submitted via <https://yourfuture.sdbor.edu> or mailed to: Chair, Native Studies Search Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, University of South Dakota, 414 East Clark Street, Vermillion, SD 57069-2390. For further information, contact Dr. Emily Haddad, Associate Dean, at Emily.Haddad@usd.edu or 605-677-5221. Screening begins November 14, 2011 and continues until a suitable candidate is hired. The University of South Dakota is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution committed to increasing the diversity of its faculty, staff, and students.

