

Assistant Professor, American Politics/Constitutional Law

The Department of Political Science & International Relations at Valparaiso University invites applications for a tenure-track position with a focus on American Politics. The position will begin in fall of 2015. The applicant must be able to teach Introduction to American Government and Constitutional Law, along with other upper-level American courses such as Judicial Behavior.

Valparaiso University is an independent Lutheran and comprehensive university with 4,500 students located in Northwest Indiana, one hour from Chicago. The Department has five full-time faculty and over 100 majors, thus we will give preference to candidates who are able to teach a broad range of courses. The Department is committed to community-based learning and operates The Community Research and Service Center which involves students in community research projects. Candidates should have a Ph.D.; A.B.D. candidates who have made substantial progress toward the completion of the degree and expect to have it completed by the Fall of 2015 will be considered. In addition to scholarly ability, the University places major emphasis on teaching; preference will be given to persons with teaching experience and evidence of teaching effectiveness. Candidates should be interested in working at a university engaged in issues in Christian higher education in the Lutheran tradition.

Valparaiso University does not unlawfully discriminate and aims to employ persons of various backgrounds and experiences to help constitute a diverse community. Its entire EOE policy can be found at <http://www.valpo.edu/equalopportunity/index.php>. Successful applicants will demonstrate a commitment to cultural diversity and the ability to work with individuals or groups from diverse backgrounds. In addition to strong academic qualifications and excellence in teaching, the University highly values experience in working across cultural and other significant differences. Please send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, a brief statement of teaching and research interests, a writing sample, a graduate transcript, evidence of teaching effectiveness, and three letters of recommendation to: Professor Larry Baas, Chairperson, Department of Political Science & International Relations, 1409 Chapel Drive, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, 46383. Electronic applications are preferred and may be sent by email to Larry.Baas@valpo.edu. To receive full consideration, applications must be received by October 22. Employment at Valparaiso University will require a satisfactory criminal background check.