

Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Relations

The Department of Political Science and International Relations at Valparaiso University invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Relations, with a focus on Political Theory. Contingent upon university approval, the position will begin in Fall of 2016. The applicant must be able to teach not only Political Theory, but also be able to offer courses in American Political Behavior, and able to teach in the Valpo Core (a two-semester, interdisciplinary program called “The Human Experience”). Training in the teaching of writing and experience in community-based research are considered advantageous. The ideal candidate will also contribute as a pre-law advisor.

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 2016 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 develop and support 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. Employment at Valparaiso University will require a satisfactory criminal background check.

Please upload 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 via Interfolio at <http://apply.interfolio.com/32132>. If you have questions, please contact the Chair of the Department of Political Science and International Relations, Gregg B. Johnson, at gregg.johnson@valpo.edu. To receive full consideration, applications must be received by November 1, 2015.
