

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY—TENURE-TRACK POSITION IN PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL WRITING

The Department of English at West Virginia University seeks one tenure-track assistant professor in professional and technical writing, starting August, 2012. We have established writing programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels and we seek scholars and teachers eager to help us expand our programs.

PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL WRITING. The Department of English offers an undergraduate minor and concentration along with an MA in Professional Writing & Editing. We are interested particularly in candidates who can enhance our focus on professional/technical writing, editing, digital media, grant writing, and rhetorical theory. As a research faculty member, this candidate will also contribute to our graduate-level focus on rhetorical theory. The teaching load is 2-2 with teaching opportunities at the graduate and undergraduate levels. We require a doctoral degree in hand by August 15, 2012; strong evidence of a research agenda; demonstrated teaching excellence; substantial experience teaching writing at the college level; and an ability to teach with technology.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. The Professional Writing & Editing (PWE) program is an integral part of the Center for Writing Excellence, which was established in 2001 within the Department of English to coordinate writing instruction, enhance faculty development, promote research related to writing, and emphasize community outreach. If we had to choose one word to characterize the work we do, it would be *collaboration*. The full-time writing faculty meets every month to discuss issues, solve problems, and set future goals. As a result of our combined efforts, we have established a well-articulated writing program that serves over 7,000 students a year, with extensive professional development for our teachers, innovative curricula for our students at the undergraduate and Master's level, computer-based classrooms for the majority of our writing courses, a strong core of research faculty to support doctoral studies, and a growing interdisciplinary network across campus. The English Department consists of 41 full-time faculty members (12 of them in Rhet/Comp), 63 graduate teaching assistants, and 18 part-time faculty members.

West Virginia University (www.wvu.edu) is a land-grant institution and the state's flagship research university. Teaching, research, and outreach are central to its mission. Approximately 29,000 students are enrolled on the Morgantown campus across 185 degree programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

WVU is located in Morgantown, West Virginia, within easy traveling distance of Washington, D.C. to the east, Pittsburgh to the north, Cleveland and Columbus to the west, and Charlotte to the south, making it an ideal place to live and work. Morgantown has been ranked as the Number One Small City in America by *BizJournals* and the 5th Best Small Metro Area by *Forbes*.

DEADLINE. We will begin reviewing applications October 29, 2011, and will accept applications until the position is filled. We will acknowledge all applications and plan to conduct interviews at the MLA Convention (Jan 5-8 in Seattle). West Virginia University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and the recipient of an NSF ADVANCE award for gender equity. Especially encouraged to apply are candidates capable of contributing to the Department's and the University's goal of developing or enhancing our commitment to international, interdisciplinary, and/or multicultural studies.

APPLICATION. Please send a letter of application, c.v., and dossier (at least three letters of reference and graduate transcripts) to PWE Search Committee, Department of English, PO Box 6296, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV 26506-6296. Additional materials may be requested later. For more information, please visit our website: www.english.wvu.edu E-mail applications consisting of a single PDF file can be sent to Catherine.Gouge@mail.wvu.edu.

Nominations of outstanding potential candidates are welcome.