



ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

New Faculty Positions in Policy Informatics

Job #8862

ASU is seeking to build capacity in policy informatics. We are interested in recruiting two core tenure-track positions (rank open) faculty members, particularly at the assistant professor level, beginning in the fall semester 2007 who are versed in techniques, methods, and theories related to the storage, retrieval, sharing, and optimal use of policy data, information, and knowledge for problem solving and decision making. We are particularly interested in information choice, use, and effectiveness in policy decisions. Faculty will be housed in either the School for Computing and Informatics or the School of Public Affairs, or both, and will work with senior faculty colleagues at ASU to establish a Center for Policy Informatics. In time, we expect to build a curriculum in policy informatics as a core area of study in the School of Public Affairs and the School of Computing and Informatics AND as a joint degree, with dual concentrations in business, nursing, planning, political science, economics, and other fields.

Participating units include:

The School of Computing and Informatics (<http://sci.asu.edu>) is housed on the Tempe campus in the Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering. SCI encompasses the Computer Science and Engineering department, a new Biomedical Informatics department and a variety of informatics programs. SCI has 40 faculty, 900 undergraduate students, 350 graduate students (including 160 Ph.D. students). Six faculty members are jointly appointed between SCI and a variety of disciplines and institutes inside and outside ASU (arts and media, psychology, anthropology, The Biodesign Institute @ ASU and the Translational Genomics Institute in Phoenix.). The School has strong research and academic programs and is a major player in ASU's New American University vision.

The School of Public Affairs in the College of Public Programs (<http://spa.asu.edu>) located at the Downtown Phoenix campus contributes to the development of multiple, useful, and realistic models of governance with accompanying processes for extended civic engagement and the training of a new generation of urban leaders capable of addressing questions raised by the rapid growth of urban citistates. The new demands on public leadership in the context of global urban governance are unprecedented in complexity and scope, and demand new approaches in research, teaching and practice. The School ranks in the top twenty-five public administration schools nationally, and offers the only program in the region accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). It offers MPA, MPP, and Ph.D. programs, as well as a new undergraduate major in Urban and Metropolitan Studies.

Another major unit relevant to the Center for Policy Informatics is the Decision Theater (<http://dt.asu.edu>). The Decision Theater at Arizona State University is one of the first research centers in the nation to focus on immersive, collaborative policy decision making. The Decision Theater provides a 260 degree, 3D visualization environment coupled with advanced simulation and collaborative decision making tools. It is staffed by an interdisciplinary team of undergraduate and graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and dedicated professional personnel. Sponsored projects are supported by state and local government, Federal agencies, international organizations, and private companies. The director is R.F. Shangraw whose faculty appointment is in the School of Public Affairs.

Applications must include the following: letter of interest, Curriculum Vitae, and the names, addresses and phone numbers of three professional references. Review of applications will begin on March 1, 2007; if not filled, weekly thereafter until the search is closed.

Please send the requested items to:

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