



**Assistant Professor**

College of Information Studies, University of Maryland

**Best Consideration Date:** 11/21/2018

**Position Summary/Purpose of Position:**

The College of Information Studies at the University of Maryland, College Park (Maryland's iSchool), invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor with a focus on youth digital practices and emerging literacies. We seek a candidate whose work complements and extends the College's theoretical and methodological traditions in informal learning contexts. Though not required, we especially encourage candidates who study informal contexts with younger populations (i.e., children from birth to 13) to apply. The successful candidate will teach at the undergraduate and graduate level, engage in an active program of high-impact research, provide research advising to students at all levels, and engage in service to the profession and shared governance within the university.

The successful candidate will conduct research and teaching at the intersection of two or more of these disciplines: library science, learning sciences, Human-Computer Interaction, or information science. Examples of topics of interest for this position include youth digital practices, design of learning experiences, design of technology, assessment of informal learning, youth development, family learning, play-based learning, early digital literacy development, equity and justice; candidates with interests in other related topics are also encouraged to apply. Similarly, we encourage applicants who leverage a range of disciplinary methodologies and theories in their work, including, but not limited to critical race theory, large-scale data analytics, and ethnographic approaches.

**Position Duties/Responsibilities:**

This is a tenure-track appointment. Tenure-track faculty are on a 9-month appointment, with possible opportunities for summer teaching and research and collaboration with other faculty in the College. Tenure-track assistant professors are hired for 3 years, with potential renewal for three more years and tenure. Salary and benefits are competitive based upon qualifications and experience.

For this position, the successful candidate will be involved in:

- Developing and implementing research projects as well as disseminating research results and impacts
- Designing and developing curricula related to youth-related courses and programs
- Crafting exceptional research and educational experiences for students
- Taking leadership roles in the College and relevant professional communities, particularly related to program and curriculum development
- Participating fully in faculty governance of the College and the University
- Contributing to a vibrant community of scholars and teachers at a top-ranked iSchools through research, consulting, and/or outreach effort.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- A Ph.D degree earned at the time of appointment
- Peer-reviewed research relevant to youth digital practices and emerging literacies, or related areas.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Recognized for notable research projects, peer-reviewed publications, or other scholarly contributions related to youth digital practices and emerging literacies, or related topics
- Teaching experience in courses related to library science, learning sciences, Human-Computer Interaction,



- information science, education, or a related field
- A record or vision for securing external funding
- Demonstrated dedication and service in academia, professional organizations, and research communities.

**Campus/College Information:**

Founded in 1856, University of Maryland, College Park is the flagship institution in the University System of Maryland. Our 1,250-acre campus is just minutes away from Washington, D.C. This unique proximity to business and technology leaders, federal departments and agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and a myriad of research entities is simply unparalleled. Synergistic opportunities for our faculty and students abound in the nation's capital and surrounding areas. The University is committed to attracting and retaining outstanding and diverse faculty and staff that will enhance our stature of preeminence in our three missions of teaching, scholarship, and full engagement in our community, the state of Maryland, and the world. The university's College of Information Studies is one of the largest and fastest growing Information Schools in the world, with a highly dynamic undergraduate program, recognized excellence in three Masters programs (in Library and Information Science, Information Management, and Human-Computer Interaction), and a large and diverse doctoral program. The Youth eXperience (YX) Lab at the College brings together researchers from various disciplinary traditions to create digital learning experiences and promote positive orientation toward STEAM learning for underserved youth, and develop research-practice partnerships with champions in communities that support and empower youth to be engaged participants in their communities. The College is also the home to Kidsteam, an inter-generational design team that brings together children, researchers, and technologists to design technologies that support children's learning and play. Faculty in the College conduct research on a broad range of important areas at the intersection of people, information and technology, including, for example, youth and school librarianship, life-relevant learning, emerging digital literacies, information seeking behavior, policy and ethics, social justice, and archives and records management.

**Diversity Statement:**

The University of Maryland, College Park, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, complies with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations regarding nondiscrimination and affirmative action; all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment. The University is committed to a policy of equal opportunity for all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental disability, protected veteran status, age, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, creed, marital status, political affiliation, personal appearance, or on the basis of rights secured by the First Amendment, in all aspects of employment, educational programs and activities, as well as admissions.

Hiring and appointment is subject to College and University approval.

**To apply you will need to provide:**

- A letter of interest that clearly describes your background and expertise in the area, and the specific contributions you would make to the iSchool and the University of Maryland
- Your CV
- A list of 3 professional references. For each reference include the person's title, institution, contact information (including phone number and e-mail address), the capacity in which you know (or have known) this person, and how long you have known this person
- A statement of your teaching philosophy
- A statement of your research philosophy

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