

**FACULTY POSITION**  
**DIGITAL COMMUNICATION**  
**Job # COMM20 (JPF01647)**

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA**

The Department of Communication invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor position in the area of digital communication. Candidates must complete all requirements for a Ph.D (or equivalent) in communication or related social science field except the dissertation by the time of application. A Ph.D (or equivalent) is required by the time of appointment, July 1, 2020. Candidates should have strong methodological skills and a record of publishing theoretically-oriented, rigorous empirical research.

The department is interested in candidates whose research illuminates basic communicative processes that are transformed through contemporary communication technologies. The successful candidate will complement one or more of the Department's core areas in interpersonal/intergroup, media and technology, and organizational communication, as well as any of our cross-cutting emphases in health, family, or global approaches to communication. Research specializations pertaining to digital communication may include its intersections with institutions, health communication, political processes, computational social science, relationships and well-being, groups and teams, novel social phenomena enabled by communication technology, media neuroscience, and various other innovative foci.

Candidates are expected to teach courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels and be active in professional and campus service.

UCSB is ranked in the top 10 public universities in the United States, and the Department of Communication is ranked 5th in worldwide comparisons. It places great value on interdisciplinary research collaboration across campus, as well as diversity, equity, and inclusion. UCSB is a designated Hispanic-Serving Institution and an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution. The University offers several programs to support incoming faculty, including housing assistance (<http://www.housing.ucsb.edu/faculty-housing>) and various grant support mechanisms.

With abundant laboratory facilities and digital capabilities, faculty participate in a number of campus-wide programs such as the Data Science Initiative and the Center for Information Technology and Society.

Applicants must submit a cover letter that highlights their qualifications, research agenda, and teaching capabilities. In addition, applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, evidence of teaching effectiveness, three samples of published or completed research, and arrange for 3 references to submit letters of recommendation on your behalf via the appropriate sections of the job search website: <https://recruit.ap.ucsb.edu/apply/JPF01647>.

The department also strongly encourages applicants to submit an optional Statement of Contributions to Diversity, addressing past and/or potential contributions to diversity through research, teaching, and service. This statement, if submitted, will be reviewed for evidence of, or potential for, teaching, research, professional and/or public service contributions that promote diversity and equal opportunity, such as effective strategies used for the educational advancement of students in various under-represented groups; demonstrated contributions to the advancement of equitable access and diversity in education; and contributions furthering diversity and equal

opportunity in higher education through participation in such activities as recruitment, retention, and mentoring of scholars and students.

Questions should be directed to the Search Committee Chairs, Dr. Jennifer Gibbs ([gibbs@comm.ucsb.edu](mailto:gibbs@comm.ucsb.edu)) and Dr. Andy Merolla ([amerolla@comm.ucsb.edu](mailto:amerolla@comm.ucsb.edu)), through email or by calling +1 (805) 893-4479. This position will remain open until filled. For primary consideration, all application materials must be received by November 22, 2019.

The Department is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through research, teaching, and service. This institution offers benefits to spouses and to same-sex and different sex domestic partners.

The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.