

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, CRIMINOLOGY, LAW AND SOCIETY

The Department of Criminology, Law and Society (CLS) at the University of California, Irvine invites applications for one faculty position in CLS whose research, teaching and service contribute to UCI's Black Thriving Initiative and Faculty Cluster Hiring in Poetic Justice. We are interested in candidates whose research demonstrate expertise in: 1) how surveillance, mass incarceration and/or other forms of punitive regulation have impacted and been challenged by black communities; 2) utilizing creative research methods that engage with experiences of system-impacted groups, including black and other marginalized communities; and 3) collaborating with public-facing institutions (e.g., libraries, museums, and community-based organizations) to expand data and research accessibility to support social justice movements. We have a particular interest in candidates whose research, teaching and service focus on the intersection between incarceration, community-driven or participatory research and education, and might be interested in collaborating on the LIFTED initiative to offer college degrees to incarcerated students.

At every crucial juncture in our nation's history, Black authors, artists and other creative workers have produced new narratives, images and social practices that challenge systemic anti-black racism and affirm Black life and humanity. This position is part of a BTI Faculty Cluster Hiring Initiative on Poetic Justice. Leveraging campus-level cultural infrastructure, including the Langson Libraries and Institute and Museum of California Art, the Poetic Justice initiative is a collaboration between the Departments of African American Studies and Comparative Literature in the School of Humanities; the Department of Art in the Claire Trevor School of the Arts; the Paul Merage School of Business; and the Department of Criminology, Law and Society in the School of Social Ecology. Faculty hired as part of the cluster will develop the Poetic Justice initiative, including innovating how we study the racial effects of slavery, segregation and mass incarceration, and leading community-based activities that support the economic and cultural well-being of black communities in Southern California and beyond.

Launched in 2020 during the racial reckoning, the UCI Black Thriving Initiative mobilizes the entire university to transform UCI into the nation's foremost destination for Black people to thrive as students, faculty, staff, and communities served by the university. To this end, it consists of three action platforms that seek to inform choices, decisions, and priorities as a great public research university. These are: change the culture, leverage the mission, and engage with communities. A major feature of BTI involves advancing understanding about the multifaceted Black experience and drivers of well-being in support of Black communities. The associated faculty cluster hiring program builds on and expands our shared values of diversity, equity and inclusion and commitment to social justice. Selected from a multi-year competition, the three BTI hiring clusters reflect the power and promise of interdisciplinary collaboration. They are: Environmental Health Disparities, Infrastructure Equity, and Poetic Justice. To accelerate and elevate the impact of the research, teaching, and service of participating and affiliated faculty, each cluster will receive dedicated programming support for three years. For more information, consult the BTI website: <https://inclusion.uci.edu/action-plan/msi/uci-black-thriving-initiative/>.

To ensure your application is given full consideration, files should be completed by December 15, 2022. Priority will be given to applications received by that date; however, applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Candidates must have completed a Ph.D. in a field related to Criminology or Law and Society by the position start date. The position will begin July 1, 2023 (teaching duties will begin Fall 2023). Applications must be uploaded electronically through the on-line Recruit system: <https://recruit.ap.uci.edu/apply/JPF07832>

Candidates should submit a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, statements of research and teaching interests, representative publications, and arrange to have three letters of recommendation uploaded electronically. A separate statement that addresses past and/or potential contributions to diversity, equity and inclusion (e.g. mentoring activities, committee service, research or teaching activities) is also required. For an appointment at an Associate Professor rank, evidence of success in securing extramural funding to support research and graduate students is desired.

Please direct questions about this position to the chair of the search committee, Professor Keramet Reiter at reiterk@uci.edu. Questions about the Faculty Cluster Hiring in Poetic Justice can be directed to Professor Sora Han at sora.han@uci.edu.

The University of California is committed to creating and maintaining a community dedicated to the advancement, application, and transmission of knowledge and creative endeavors through academic excellence, where all individuals who participate in University programs and activities can work and learn together in a safe and secure environment, free of violence, harassment, discrimination, exploitation, or intimidation. With this commitment as well as a commitment to addressing all forms of academic misconduct, UC Irvine conducts institutional reference checks for finalists to whom the department or other hiring unit would like to extend a formal offer of appointment into Ladder Rank Professor or Professor of Teaching series, at all ranks (i.e., assistant, associate, and full). The institutional reference checks involve contacting the administration of the applicant's previous institution(s) to ask whether there have been substantiated findings of misconduct that would violate the University's Faculty Code of Conduct. To implement this process, UC Irvine requires all candidates of Ladder Rank Professor or Professor of Teaching series, at all ranks (i.e., assistant, associate, and full) to complete, sign, and upload the form entitled "Authorization to Release Information" into AP RECRUIT as part of their application. If the candidate does not include the signed authorization to release information with the application materials, the application will be considered incomplete. As with any incomplete application, the application will not receive further consideration. Although all applicants for faculty recruitments must complete the entire application, only finalists (i.e., those to whom the department or other hiring unit would like to extend a formal offer) considered for Ladder Rank Professor or Professor of Teaching series, at all ranks (i.e., assistant, associate, and full) positions will be subject to institutional reference checks.

The University of California, Irvine is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer advancing inclusive excellence. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, age, protected veteran status, or other protected categories covered by the UC nondiscrimination policy.