Position Title: Assistant or Associate Professor in Liberal Studies. Specialization in Community-Based Learning.

Summary:
We are seeking applications for an assistant or associate professor in the Liberal Studies Department, Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies, Grand Valley State University. The Liberal Studies Department is home to the interdisciplinary Liberal Studies major and Accelerated Leadership program, undergraduate Religious Studies major & minor, and the Intercultural Training Certificate program. Our faculty teach a wide variety of courses to majors/minors/certificate students and serve many more students through the university-wide General Education program in addition to partnering with other interdisciplinary programs.

Required Qualifications:
- Demonstrated teaching expertise in one or more of the following: community-based learning, civic and public spaces, social innovation and change, boundary spanning, social institutions, social movements, social justice, and social processes.
- Demonstrates a strong scholarly record that values interdisciplinary and publicly engaged research in one or more of the areas named above.
- Commitment to civic/community engagement (e.g. collaborative inquiry, emergent design, participatory research, action research, etc.).
- Experience working with and understanding of underrepresented and diverse populations.
- Strong potential for teaching excellence at both undergraduate and graduate levels, including courses like LIB 341 (Leadership for Social Change) and LIB 323 (Design Thinking to Meet Real World Problems).
- Successful candidates must be committed to working with diverse student and community populations, including non-traditional/adult learners.
- A completed PhD in a relevant field by August 2018.

Preferred Qualifications:
- Demonstrated research experience and/or academic training in community-based learning.
- Additional professional or applied experience, expertise, training, or certification in community-based practices.
- Experience with liberal education and integrative learning.
- Demonstrated ability to teach a broad range of courses within the Liberal Studies core such as LIB 100 (Reflect, Connect, Engage), LIB 201 (Diversity in the U.S.), LIB 311 (Meaning), LIB 312 (Dialogue, Integration, and Action), and/or LIB 301 (Interdisciplinary Research Methods).
- Demonstrated ability to teach one or more of the following advanced courses: LIB 320 (Voices of the Civil Rights Movement), LIB 322 (Wicked Problems of Sustainability), LIB 325 (LGBTQ Identities), LIB 331 (Person and Profession), LIB 342 (Food Matters), LIB 350 (The Immigrant Experience in the U.S.)
- Ability to teach in both classroom and online environments.
- Interest in working with non-traditional and adult learners.
- Candidates from diverse backgrounds and with diverse experiences, particularly related to social justice education and/or initiatives, are encouraged to apply.
Grand Valley State University is guided by values for inclusiveness and community which are integral to our mission to educate students to shape their lives, their professions, and their societies, and to enrich the community through excellent teaching, active scholarship, and public service. The University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity institution. It encourages diversity and provides equal opportunity in education, employment, all of its programs, and the use of its facilities. Members of the University community, including candidates for employment or admissions, and visitors or guests have the right to be free from acts of harassment and discrimination, including sexual misconduct, which are prohibited if they discriminate or harass on the basis of age, color, disability, familial status, height, marital status, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sex/gender (including gender identity and expression), sexual orientation, veteran or active duty military status or weight. The University will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities. See www.gvsu.edu/affirmative/. TDD Callers: Call Michigan Relay Center 1-800-649-3777.

**Salary:** Competitive Range with benefits

**Campus:** Allendale

**Department/Division:** Liberal Studies/Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies

**Application Deadline:** Review of applications will begin on Dec. 1 and continue until the position is filled.

**How To Apply:** Apply online at jobs.gvsu.edu and click "Apply now". Include curriculum vitae; cover letter addressing required and preferred qualifications; research precis (1 page); teaching philosophy statement (1 page); and three letters of recommendation. (Please note only specified documents should be uploaded). Any inquiries should be sent to Dr. Melanie Shell-Weiss, Chair, Liberal Studies Department, shellm@gvsu.edu. Please see http://www.gvsu.edu/liberalstudies for more information.

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