

**Assistant Professor in Tourism**  
Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies (CARRS)  
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR)  
Michigan State University (MSU)

The Department of CARRS is a multi-disciplinary department that addresses critical issues at the interfaces of communities, agriculture, recreation, tourism, and natural resources, both domestically and abroad. Our mission is to assist the development of sustainable communities by conducting excellent scholarly research, teaching and outreach in (1) natural resource recreation and tourism systems, (2) education and civic engagement, (3) community, food and agricultural systems and (4) natural resources and the environment.

**Appointment Overview:** Assistant professor position, tenure stream, academic year (9 month) appointment. Funding lines: 50% university general funds and 50% Michigan Agriculture Experiment Station (MAES).

**Position Description:** The successful candidate is expected to develop integrated research, teaching, and outreach programs relevant to natural resource, cultural, or agricultural tourism. We are open to a broad range of content and expertise areas, but will give preference to candidates having a background in the social sciences or business disciplines, including sociology, economics, marketing and entrepreneurship. The successful candidate will be expected to develop an internationally recognized program of scholarly research. Development of external grants and/or contracts to support this research and the support of graduate students (with funding and as a mentor for thesis and dissertation research) are essential. The successful candidate will be expected to teach three (3) classes annually. These courses will be identified in consultation with the department chair based on candidates' interests and expertise as well as departmental needs. General departmental and university responsibilities are a component of all tenure-track appointments.

A priority focus of this position is to play a lead role in addressing the research, outreach, and education needs of stakeholders in the tourism industry. The successful candidate will be expected to maintain and develop effective university, industry and government (e.g. Travel Michigan, Michigan Economic Development Council) partnerships in concert with other MSU faculty, and to support the sustainable economic and community development of the tourism industry in Michigan, the Great Lakes region and beyond.

**Minimum Qualifications:** Minimum qualifications for this position are a Ph.D. in fields relevant to the position, with preference given to social science or business disciplines and an earned Ph.D. Additional requirements include demonstrated ability and interest in working with policy makers and the tourism industry at many levels in a multi-disciplinary department. Previous teaching experience is also essential.

**Salary:** Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience and qualifications.

**Application and Deadline Process:** Closing date for applications is September 15, 2008. However, applications will continue to be received until the position is filled. It is anticipated

that all applications will be reviewed by October 1, 2008 with interviews in October or November 2008. The preferred starting date will be August 16, 2009 although an option may be available to start January 1, 2009.

Applicants should electronically submit in a PDF file to the chair of the search committee ([nelsonc@msu.edu](mailto:nelsonc@msu.edu)): 1) a letter of application describing background fit to the above job description, 2) *curriculum vita*, 3) a brief essay (350 words) on outreach education and research philosophy. In addition by regular mail they should submit 4) official university transcripts, 5) three letters of reference (sent directly to the Search Chair), and 6) reprints of selected publications and/or evidence of outreach education program experiences. Submit applications and mail to:

Dr. Charles Nelson, Tourism Search Committee Chair  
Dept. of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies  
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For further information please contact Dr. Nelson at [nelsonc@msu.edu](mailto:nelsonc@msu.edu) or at (517) 432-0272. More information about the Department of CARRS can be found at [www.carrs.msu.edu](http://www.carrs.msu.edu).

Michigan State University ([www.msu.edu](http://www.msu.edu)) is one of the nation's leading research institutions and is recognized internationally as a U.S. public university having a global reach. MSU has been advancing knowledge and transforming lives through innovative teaching, research, and outreach for over 150 years. Founded in 1855 as the nation's first land-grant university, MSU was the prototype for dozens of land-grant institutions established under the Morrill Act. MSU is a member of the Association of American Universities, the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, and the Big Ten athletic conference.

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