Northwestern University
Department of Communication Studies
Platforms, Identity & Culture

The Department of Communication Studies at Northwestern University seeks to hire an assistant professor specializing in new technological platforms. The appointment will begin on September 1, 2020. Successful candidates will be expected to develop a strong program of scholarly research; contribute directly to undergraduate and graduate instruction in the department; and perform service. Applicants should have a Ph.D. in Communication or a related field. Salary will be commensurate with experience.

Ideal candidates will research how platforms affect or relate to culture from humanistic or social science perspectives. We are open to the study of a variety of platforms, including social media, television/film, tech, AR/VR, gaming, music, radio/podcast, art, fashion, news/journalism or community-driven platforms. We are particularly interested in candidates whose work engages cultural identity (e.g. race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, disability, citizenship status and class) and whose work will complement the department’s existing expertise in community-based or creative approaches to understanding, critiquing, or experimenting with platforms.

In addition to the research, teaching and service expectations stated above, the successful candidate will also contribute to the Master of Science in Leadership for Creative Enterprises (MSLCE) program.

For full consideration, applications should be received by November 15, 2019, but review will continue until the position is filled. Candidates should submit a letter of application, CV, publication samples, evidence of teaching effectiveness, and contact information for three references to https://facultyrecruiting.northwestern.edu/apply/Nzc3. Search Chair: Jeremy Birnholtz, Department of Communication Studies, Northwestern University, 2240 Campus Drive, Evanston, IL 60208, USA.

Northwestern University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer of all protected classes including veterans and individuals with disabilities. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the United States.

Northwestern University
Northwestern is a top-tier, private research university with three campuses: Evanston, Chicago, and Doha. The Evanston campus, located just north of Chicago and on Lake Michigan, houses the six schools that offer undergraduate instruction (music, education and social policy, journalism, engineering and applied science, arts and sciences, and communication), the
Graduate School, and the Kellogg School of Management. The Chicago campus is home to the schools of medicine and law. The new Doha campus, in Qatar, offers an undergraduate program in journalism and communication.

The School of Communication
The School of Communication has five departments and offers a suite of interdisciplinary undergraduate, professional, and graduate programs. The departments span the communication arts and sciences and include the Roxelyn and Richard Pepper Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, the Department of Communication Studies, the Department of Radio-Television-Film, the Department of Performance Studies, and the Department of Theatre (which includes music theatre and dance). The faculty of 150 includes 105 tenure-track faculty. The school offers instruction to roughly 1200 undergraduate majors and 700 graduate and professional students. Founded over 135 years ago, the School has been a leader in developing the communication disciplines and professions, and continues to be a center of excellence in the communication arts and sciences.

The Department of Communication Studies
The Department of Communication Studies offers a popular undergraduate major and multiple professional master’s and PhD programs. Through special resources for research support and scholarly event programming, the department is able to offer rich opportunities for scholarly development. School of Communication faculty also can have opportunities during their career at Northwestern to teach and conduct research at the Northwestern University campus in Doha, Qatar.