The School of Criminal Justice and the Environmental Science and Policy Program at Michigan State University invites applications for a 9-month tenure-system position at the assistant professor rank beginning August 16, 2014. The applicant should demonstrate expertise in the area of environmental security and governance, with a focus on water security. This position is intended to contribute to Michigan State University’s Global Water Initiative as well as to the Interdisciplinary Conservation Criminology Program. Preference will be given to candidates whose research focuses on international dimensions of water security and the associated governance issues of policy, regulation, standards, enforcement, equity and justice. Global change is fueling resource conflicts and generating governance issues. Many of these conflicts are likely to center around water and environmental security. Understanding these coupled human and natural systems and the role of governance in water security, or the lack thereof, is a critical component to prevent and manage conflict at the local, regional, and international levels. This appointment will have a primary focus on research with a reduced teaching load. The candidate must demonstrate the potential for external funding and an interest in interdisciplinary collaboration. Additionally, experience or an interest in international research will be a significant factor in reviewing candidates. The position will be a joint appointment in the School of Criminal Justice and the Environmental Science and Policy Program.

This position is part of MSU’s Global Water Initiative, an effort to mobilize research expertise across our campus to address the world’s most pressing water issues. With over 100 faculty members already working on water-related issues, the university has expertise spanning academic units within the natural, social, and engineering sciences. We are committed to pursuing research of the highest caliber, creating and testing solutions, and promoting better understanding of the challenges related to water. New hires will collaborate with current faculty to enhance disciplinary expertise, strengthen linkages across disciplines, and pursing external funding resources. Scholars with an interest in applying for this position are directed to the website for MSU Global Water Initiative (water.msu.edu), which contains more information and is updated regularly.

The Conservation Criminology program (www.conservationcriminology.msu.edu) addresses issues of environmental and natural resource crime and risk through interdisciplinary study involving criminology, natural resource management, risk and decision-making, and related fields. Global change is fueling resource conflicts and generating governance issues. Many of these conflicts are likely to center around water and environmental security across a variety of vectors. Understanding these coupled human and natural systems and the role of governance in environmental security, or the lack thereof, is a critical component of the interdisciplinary Global Water Initiative. This position is intended to contribute directly to these issues.
A Ph.D. in criminology or criminal justice or in a relevant social science field is required. Candidates must have demonstrated potential for excellence in research and published scholarship. The School of Criminal Justice is the oldest continuous degree-granting program in criminal justice with excellent Ph.D., masters, and undergraduate programs and considerable support for faculty. The Environmental Science and Policy Program is an innovative University-wide program that serves as an umbrella for research and graduate education.

Application: Review of applications will begin October 1, 2013 and will continue until the position is filled. Application Procedure: All application materials should be submitted electronically through MSU @ http://www.hr.msu.edu/hiring/msujobs.htm. This position is posting #8445. Application materials include: letter of application, curriculum vitae, and names and contact information for three references. Inquires can be directed to:

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