## Job Announcement Strategic Hiring Initiative – Environmental Sustainability

The College of Social Sciences (CSS) at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) is undertaking a strategic initiative focused on environmental sustainability. The initiative seeks a cluster of three tenure-track assistant professors in complementary social science disciplines who can significantly contribute to this strategic effort. The initiative is aimed at synergizing interdisciplinary research, teaching and outreach that address important aspects of environmental sustainability.

Position Numbers: 82680; 83713; 83935 Date Posted: January 10, 2017

Closing Date: Continuous - application review begins February 16, 2017

Monthly Type: 9-Month
Tenure Track: Tenure track
Full Time/Part Time: Full Time
Temporary/Permanent: Permanent

Other Conditions: To begin August 1, 2017, pending position clearance and

availability of funds.

The term "environmental sustainability" in the context of this social science cluster hire, has three foci: (1) environmental justice, (2) climate change (human dimensions), and (3) resource management (energy, food, water and land). We seek scholars who approach environmental sustainability from a critical and biocultural lens, which treats culture and the environment as co-dependent, mutually reinforcing, and intertwined. At the heart of the College's globally-connected Hawaiian Place of Learning lies an ethos of Aloha 'Āina.

The College of Social Sciences seeks applications from interested and qualified candidates for three (3) new tenure-track positions at the assistant professor rank.

**Duties**: All candidates are expected to show a willingness to collaborate with researchers in other disciplines, and demonstrate a capacity for sustained high-quality research and student and civic engagement. The candidate will be expected to strengthen the college and university focus on Hawai'i, Oceania, and Asia. Candidates will be expected to teach courses in their area of expertise as well as in the College's sustainability-focused program, advise and mentor undergraduate and graduate students, develop and conduct research with interdisciplinary partners as well as internal and external groups, sustain strong community relations for teaching and research purposes, work collaboratively towards solving challenging and complex problems in Oceania and beyond, seek extramural funding, and participate in departmental, university, and professional activities. Other duties as assigned.

## Minimum qualifications - Assistant Professor (I3):

Earned PhD in one of the following Social Sciences disciplines: Anthropology, Ethnic Studies, Geography, Political Science, Women's Studies, or equivalent field, from an accredited college or university or foreign equivalent. A record of research achievement

commensurate with time in field. Ability to teach undergraduate and graduate courses in areas of environmental sustainability.

**Desirable qualifications**: Demonstrated record of peer-reviewed research; ability to work effectively as part of an inter-disciplinary team in cooperative, cross-cultural, interdisciplinary endeavors. Research and experience in Asia, including Island Southeast Asia, Oceania, Hawaiʻi, and Indigeneity. Practical experience in issues of environmental sustainability. Given the multicultural and diverse context of UHM, we also seek candidates with a demonstrated interest or the potential to contribute to equity, inclusion, and diversity.

The successful candidate(s) will be able to teach and conduct research in one or more of the following areas:

- Environmental politics and movements for environmental justice
- Intersections of social power and sustainability
- Environmental anthropology
- Extractive industries and urban environments
- Human dimensions of climate change

**Pay range**: Commensurate with training and experience.

**To Apply:** Electronic applications only. Submit online a curriculum vitae; writing sample in which you are sole author or primary author; a statement of teaching that includes areas of strength in teaching; a statement on plans to enhance the College's interdisciplinary research; a sample course syllabus; a cover letter indicating how you satisfy the minimum and desirable qualifications, the foci you are applying for; the names and contact information of three references; and official transcripts (copies are acceptable, however, official transcripts will be required upon hire) to http://surveys.socialsciences.hawaii.edu/ework/.

Review of applications will begin February 16, 2017 and will continue until the positions are filled. Applications received by that date will be given priority. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The University of Hawaii is an EEO/AA Employer. Inquiries to Cindy Scheopner: scheopne@hawaii.edu, or 808-956-8999.