LEHIGH UNIVERSITY invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position in social epidemiology, to be a joint appointment between the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the program in Health Medicine and Society (HMS). This is one of three newly created positions intended to build on existing strengths in the area of Community Health; the other positions are a health-focused quantitative psychologist (who will be jointly appointed in Psychology and HMS) and an expert in Community Based Participatory Research to be hired in the College of Education. This “cluster” of positions is focused on Community-Based Participatory Research. The new hires will form a sophisticated, methodologically focused core in Community Health that cuts across four areas of current expertise at Lehigh--global health, environmental health, mental health, and school-based intervention--and will enhance current collaborations to improve the health of communities in the Lehigh Valley, PA region and in similar-sized communities across the U.S. and globally.

The Community Health cluster group, the Health, Medicine, and Society program, and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology invite applications for a tenure track position in social epidemiology at the assistant professor level, effective Fall 2014. We seek individuals with a Ph.D. in Anthropology or Sociology (preferably, or a related field) who are also trained in epidemiological theory and methods. The successful candidate will be a faculty member in the Sociology and Anthropology Department with a joint appointment to the Health, Medicine, and Society (HMS) interdisciplinary program; hiring and evaluation will be coordinated with the two programs. Potential areas of expertise include, but are not limited to: community-based participatory research, global health, and assessment and evaluation of community health interventions.

Lehigh is strongly committed to enhancing and maintaining strong reciprocal relations with the multicultural community in which it is located. Highly desirable are experience working in collaborative community settings, especially those serving non-English-speaking populations.

Lehigh University is a highly competitive, research-oriented private university located one hour north of Philadelphia and 90 minutes west of New York City. The Department of Sociology and Anthropology has thirteen faculty members and a Masters program in Sociology as well as undergraduate majors and is the home of Lehigh’s Social Science Research Center. We are actively involved in a variety of interdisciplinary programs. The Health, Medicine, and Society program teaches undergraduate students humanities and social science approaches to health, including courses on public health. The standard teaching load is 2-2.

Candidates must have the Ph.D. completed by the starting date of August 2014 and show significant evidence of research productivity and effective teaching experience. The successful candidate will be expected to maintain a vigorous research program that will contribute to the department’s programs (http://socanthro.cas2.lehigh.edu/), to the HMS program (http://cas.lehigh.edu/casweb/default.aspx?id=1019), as well as to other areas of the university’s Health Care Initiative (http://www.lehigh.edu/~inhealth/).

Lehigh University is committed to increasing the diversity of its community and curriculum. Candidates who can contribute to that goal are encouraged to apply and to identify their strengths or experiences in this area. Lehigh University is an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer and provides comprehensive benefits including partner benefits. Information about Work/Life Balance for Faculty can be found at:

Candidates should submit the following at https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/2985: 1] a cover letter that includes the names of four references, 2] statements of research interests and teaching philosophy (one statement for each), and 3] a curriculum vitae. Please do not send additional material at this time, and only electronic submissions will be considered. Review of applications will begin on October 1, 2013 and will continue until the position is filled. Questions concerning the position should be directed to Judith N. Lasker, Search Committee Chair, at judith.lasker@lehigh.edu.