

**Employment Opportunity**  
**University at Buffalo Libraries**  
**Social Sciences Librarian (Senior Assistant Librarian)**

The University at Buffalo Libraries seek an innovative, collaborative and service-oriented Social Sciences Librarian to provide research and teaching support to faculty, students and researchers in the social sciences and related interdisciplinary programs. You will join a collegial group of dedicated librarians on the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Team whose work supports the academic and creative achievements of UB's students, faculty, staff, and community members.

As the Social Sciences Librarian, you will:

- Provide research support to faculty as the primary liaison to select departments in the social sciences;
- Develop collaborative partnerships with faculty to support their teaching needs by integrating library resources and research and information literacy competencies into departmental courses, curricula and programs;
- Actively engage in sustained outreach to students and faculty in the social sciences to ensure their awareness of Libraries' resources and services;
- Provide additional support for research by offering training to faculty and students in citation management software;
- Design, present and assess instruction in a variety of formats to meet the needs of diverse user groups;
- Provide research consultation services in-person, through individual appointments and via electronic communication (chat, email, text);
- Communicate current issues and trends in scholarly communication and open access publishing to faculty and staff in relevant disciplines;
- Assist in the selection and assessment of print and digital resources in selected subject areas in the social sciences to support research and teaching;
- Work collaboratively with library and non-library colleagues to advance the research enterprise;
- Advantageously deploy services and implement initiatives that advance the mission of the social science and library communities.

We are looking for skilled, passionate individuals to join us in making the University Libraries a center of energy and innovation on campus. You can expect to learn continuously in a rapidly changing academic landscape. We will help you be successful by providing mentorship and professional development opportunities. This is a two-year, renewable faculty appointment with rank leading to tenure in an academic research-oriented environment with expectations for research, publication and service. The Social Sciences Librarian will report to the Head of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Team and work with librarians and staff across the University Libraries.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- Master's degree in Library and Information Science, or equivalent, from an ALA-accredited institution;
- Strong commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion in higher education with the ability to support and enhance a diverse learning and working environment;
- Understanding and knowledge of current and emerging trends in the social sciences;
- Familiarity with scholarly resources and reference tools for the social sciences;

- Demonstrated knowledge of best practices and trends in information literacy;
- Awareness of bibliometrics and altmetrics and their uses, applications, and shortcomings;
- Demonstrated knowledge or enthusiasm for integration of new technologies in the delivery of information and instructional services;
- Excellent interpersonal skills, oral and written communication skills, and a collegial leadership style;
- Demonstrated organizational, analytical, problem-solving, and decision-making skills;
- Ability to prioritize projects, work independently, and collaborate with library and university colleagues;
- Evidence of the ability to do research, publication and service consonant with the University at Buffalo's standards for tenure and promotion.

#### **Preferred Qualifications:**

- Advanced degree in the social sciences, business or other relevant field;
- Public service experience in an academic or research library;
- Previous experience in instruction, with some classroom teaching preferred;
- Knowledge of copyright, Creative Commons licensing, intellectual property, and ethical issues in social science research;
- Experience with collection development;
- Experience with quantitative and/or qualitative data analysis tools such as NVivo, SPSS, SAS, Stata, GIS applications, R, OpenRefine, Python, or similar tools to organize and manipulate data;
- Knowledge of or experience working with social sciences data sources, such as ICPSR, U.S. Census, and IPUMS;
- Engagement in professional and/or subject discipline organizations, research, or publications.

#### **Salary and Benefits:**

Salary – competitive.

Library faculty are members of United University Professions (UUP) and receive generous benefits including health care and prescription drug coverage, dental and vision benefits, life insurance, long-term disability insurance, vacation leave, sick leave, paid holidays, and several choices of retirement plans including TIAA.

#### **To Apply:**

To be considered for this position, applicants must apply via the UJobs Web site. At the time of hire, applicants must be authorized to work in the United States on a full-time basis for a period of at least two years. Visit <https://www.ubjobs.buffalo.edu> and search for posting number **F1900031**.

Applicants should describe their qualifications and experience in their cover letter with specific reference to the minimum qualifications of the position. We are currently accepting applications and anticipate filling this position by **August 1, 2019**. Candidates invited for a campus interview will be expected to give a short presentation to faculty and staff of the University Libraries.

## **The University at Buffalo**

A flagship institution in the State University of New York system and a member of the Association of American Universities, UB is the largest and most comprehensive campus in the 64-campus SUNY system. UB offers more than 375 academic programs – the largest menu of academic choices in New York State. UB provides students access to a rich variety of multicultural experiences and environments, both on campus and through our 80-plus study abroad programs. Our research, creative activity and people positively impact the world.

## **The University Libraries**

As the largest academic research library in the SUNY system, the University Libraries offer an outstanding array of information resources, technologies, services and people to support academic achievement. The Libraries play a vital role in the academic success of our students, the teaching and research of our faculty, and the intellectual pursuits of our alumni and community members. Our broad selection of digital and print resources, innovative services, and expert staff support scholarly and creative achievements in new and exciting ways.

## **The Buffalo Niagara Region**

The Buffalo Niagara region is a major metropolitan area with diverse communities and outstanding assets. Voted America's No. 1 favorite city by Travel+Leisure readers, and ranked among the top five American cities to which to relocate by Spelling's Best Places, Buffalo is on the rise – and UB is proud to play an active part in its resurgence. Buffalo offers the amenities of a major urban area without the headaches. Friendly folks, quick commutes, charming neighborhoods and a low cost of living are among the perks of life in the region. Three international bridges connect the Buffalo Niagara region to Canada. Travel to the cosmopolitan city of Toronto is only 90 minutes by car. By air, we are less than an hour to New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

*The University at Buffalo is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer, and is committed to providing employment opportunities to minorities, women, veterans, disabled individuals, and other protected groups in order to build a culturally diverse and pluralistic University community.*