

Job Description

The Department of Criminology, Law, and Justice (CLJ) at the University of Illinois at Chicago, in conjunction with the Middle East and Muslim Societies Cluster ([MEMS Cluster](#)) Initiative, is pleased to invite applications for a tenure-track assistant professor position. Assistant professors are expected to teach four courses a year (two each semester) and support students as mentors and internship supervisors. In addition, assistant professors will provide service to the Department and actively engage in research in their area(s) of specialization. A Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree is required.

For this position, we seek an exceptional emerging interdisciplinary scholar with broad and innovative theoretical and teaching interests in any socio-legal aspects of the contemporary Middle East/North Africa and/or Middle East/North African Diasporas. The area of specialization, methodology, and discipline are open. In addition to having a robust research profile, the successful candidate will demonstrate their ability to contribute to the interdisciplinary minor in Global Middle East Studies (GMES) and to one or more of CLJ's research clusters listed at <https://clj.uic.edu/about/>. Research could also expand growing areas of focus within CLJ, such as repression, human rights, international law, militarism, securitization, and state violence. Interest in or commitment to community engagement, broadly defined, is encouraged.

The CLJ Department is a thriving academic community of interdisciplinary scholars, teachers and students who are dedicated to all forms of academic inquiry under the broad umbrella of criminology, law and society, and the study of justice. CLJ is one of the largest and most diverse units in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at UIC, with a strong commitment to equity and inclusion. We strongly encourage applicants who build on this commitment. For more information about the CLJ Department at UIC, please see this website: [CLJ Department at UIC](#)

Global Middle East Studies (GMES) is a new interdisciplinary minor at UIC, focusing on the diverse and transnational experiences of Middle Eastern and North African communities within the region and around the world. Combining critical ethnic studies and area studies approaches, the GMES minor provides students with background and analytical tools for the transnational study of the Middle East, North Africa, and diasporic communities from the region. For more information about the GMES minor, please see this website: [GMES minor at UIC](#)

For the fullest consideration, please complete an on-line application through the UIC job board, including a letter of application, CV, and writing sample by December 30, 2024. Instructions for adding three letters of recommendation will be sent once your application is submitted. Go to: <https://jobs.uic.edu> (click on the job board and then click on the position). Questions about the position can be directed to the CLJ Department co-chairs of the search committee, Professor Nadine Naber: naber@uic.edu
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UIC is among the nation's preeminent urban public research universities, a Carnegie RU/VH research institution, and the largest university in Chicago. UIC serves over 34,000 students, comprising one of the most diverse student bodies in the nation and is designated as a Minority Serving Institution (MSI), an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving

Institution (AANAPSI) and a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI). Recent “Best Colleges” rankings, published by U.S. News & World Report, found UIC climbed up in its rankings among top public schools in the nation and among all national universities. UIC has over 300,000 alumni and is one of the largest employers in the city of Chicago.

The Chicagoland area is home to various diaspora communities, some with refugee origins, including Native American communities, the largest Palestinian diaspora in the United States, Hmong refugees from China and Vietnam, Karen refugees from Myanmar, and Ogoni refugees from Nigeria’s Niger Delta region. Chicago is home to one of the largest MENA communities in the United States. As such, Chicago is an ideal place to pursue such scholarship and UIC is an ideal campus community given the critical mass of faculty and their intellectual strengths in various interdisciplinary units.

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Final authorization of the position is subject to availability of funding.