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ACADEMIC POSITION PROFILE

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TITLE: Area Studies Librarian

Research and Instructional Services, Rutgers University Libraries

RESPONSIBILITIES: The Rutgers University Libraries seek an experienced, creative, and energetic librarian to develop, manage, and assess collections in all formats in the areas of Latin American and Sub-Sahara African studies, monitoring global collection development collaborations and trends, new forms of scholarly communication, maintaining relationships with overseas vendors and publishers, and working closely with librarians in related disciplines. The Area Studies Librarian serves as liaison to the interdisciplinary departments of Latino and Hispanic Caribbean Studies; Spanish and Portuguese; and Africana Studies; and for the centers for Latino Arts and Culture and for African Studies, participating in such activities as the creation of research guides and digital resources, consultation and instruction, collaboration on projects, seeking grants and participating in grant-related activities. Based in the Alexander Library in New Brunswick, the Area Studies librarian works closely with departmental/center faculty as well as with other librarians in a collegial and team-based system. All librarians are expected to participate in developing and delivering both general and specialized reference and instruction and other users services programs, and to contribute to the libraries' digital initiatives. This is a tenure-track appointment. The incumbent is required to be active in scholarly research and publication and play a leadership role in professional organizations. The individual will participate in faculty governance, serving on library and university-wide committees. The successful candidate should demonstrate commitment to continual professional development through scholarly research relevant to areas of responsibility including publications, presentations and participation and leadership in the work of relevant professional associations.

QUALIFICATIONS: Master's degree from an ALA accredited library school is required and an advanced degree in a relevant field is highly desirable. Advanced proficiency in Spanish required. Reading knowledge of French, Portuguese, or an African language desirable. At least one year of professional experience in Latin American or African studies preferred. Familiarity with reference and instruction in an academic setting required. Familiarity with collection development preferred. The successful candidate must have excellent oral and written communication skills and the ability to work independently and in a collegial environment.

SALARY: Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

STATUS/BENEFITS: Faculty status, calendar year appointment, retirement plans, life/health insurance, prescription drug, dental and vision plans, tuition remission, one month vacation.

LIBRARY PROFILE: The Rutgers University Libraries (RUL), comprised of libraries on the University's Camden, New Brunswick and Newark Campuses, all reporting to the Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian, operate as a unified library system with coordinated public services, technical services, and collection development. The Library holdings include more than 3.6 million volumes with a staff of 304 and a budget of \$21 million. Rutgers University is a member of the Association of American Universities. The New Brunswick campus, the largest of Rutgers' three regional campuses, supports over 33,000 graduate and undergraduate students, in approximately 100 undergraduate programs, more than 80 graduate/professional programs, and over 60 doctoral programs as a Carnegie classification, Research I campus. The fourteen libraries in New Brunswick/Piscataway provide services and support for the university's research and instructional activities in the humanities, social sciences, and science/technology. For more information, please check the RUL website: <http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu>.

TO APPLY: REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AND CONTINUE UNTIL THE POSITION IS FILLED. SUBMIT RESUME, COVER LETTER, AND NAMES OF THREE REFERENCES TO: Sandra Troy (APP. 180), University Libraries Human Resources Manager, Rutgers University Libraries, 169 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1163, email: rulhr@rci.rutgers.edu, FAX: 732-932-7637

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