



Department of Economics

Stone Center for Latin American Studies

The Scott and Marjorie Cowen Endowed Chair in Latin American Social Sciences in the Department of Economics

Tulane University

Founded in 1834, Tulane University is one of the most highly regarded and selective independent research universities in the United States. Tulane is a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities, a select group of the 62 leading research universities in the United States and Canada." Tulane also is ranked by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as a university with "very high research activity." Of more than 4,300 higher educational institutions rated by the foundation, Tulane remains in a prestigious category that includes only two percent of universities nationwide. Tulane has a total enrollment of 13,499, and the 2017 edition of Best Colleges by *U.S. News & World Report* ranked it 39th.

Department of Economics

The Department of Economics is composed of 17 regular faculty members, 4 post-doctoral teaching fellows, 2 visiting or adjunct professors, over 280 graduate majors, 40 graduate students, and 4 affiliated research centers. Faculty members in the Department of Economics conduct research and teach classes in the areas of public economics, poverty and inequality, education, economic development, labor economics, health economics, economic history, international economics, urban economics, microeconomic theory, and econometrics.

The Department offers a Ph.D. in Economic Analysis and Policy that provides distinctive training designed to make students attractive candidates for employment in universities, government, multilateral organizations, the private sector, and the non-profit sector. The program is distinguished both by an *applied focus* designed for students who are interested in using economic analysis to investigate real world problems, and by an *interdisciplinary approach* that incorporates field coursework and research experiences with prestigious cross campus partners that include the Freeman School of Business, the Stone Center for Latin American Studies, the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, the Cowen Institute for Public Education Initiatives, the Department of Political Science, and the Murphy Institute of Political Economy. Students complete field courses in economics and in partner schools in one of three areas of concentration: (1) Health, Education, and Human Capital, (2) Public Economics and Public Policy, and (3) Development, Inequality, and Poverty.

Roger Thayer Stone Center for Latin American Studies

The Stone Center is one of the only continuously funded U.S. Department of Education Title VI National Resource Centers on Latin America since the inception of the federal program in the 1960s. The faculty of the Stone Center represents the largest interdisciplinary contingent of faculty associated with any department or program at Tulane. Latin Americanist faculty today includes 66 core Latin Americanists, 12 associates, 29 affiliates, 10 emeritus faculty, 9 visiting professors, and 6 post-doctoral fellows. There are nine endowed chairs in Latin American Studies, and another three university endowed chairs are occupied by Latin Americanists. The Stone Center's endowment today exceeds \$44 million.

Of the 200 tenure-rank faculty in the School of Liberal Arts, 36% are affiliated with the Stone Center, whose core faculty strengths are in Mexico and Central America (23), Southern Cone and the Andes (15), Brazil (14), and Cuba and the Caribbean (12). In the departments of Anthropology, Art History, Communication, Ecology, Economics, History, Political Science, Sociology, and Spanish and Portuguese, Latin Americanists represent 45% of all regular, tenure-rank faculty members, and of those 45% are tenured.

Affiliated Research Centers and Institutes

Center for Inter-American Policy and Research (CIPR)

The Center for Inter-American Policy and Research (CIPR) is devoted to inter-hemispheric exchanges that will advance the production and dissemination of knowledge about critical policy issues facing the Americas as well as the deepening of academic research in these areas. Its aim is to stimulate contact between scholars and decision-makers working on the region at different locations and in different languages, enriching their production by enabling the confluence of multiple perspectives. CIPR's work falls under three general research areas: Inter-American Relations, Human Development, and Central America and the Circum-Caribbean. CIPR also supports the Commitment to Equity to analyze the impact of taxation

and social spending on inequality and poverty in individual countries, and to provide a roadmap for governments, multilateral institutions, and nongovernmental organizations in their efforts to build more equitable societies.

Murphy Institute

The Murphy Institute supports academic programs in the fields of political economy, ethics, and public policy. Since 1984, it has sponsored an undergraduate program in political economy that brings together economists, historians, philosophers, and political scientists committed to moving beyond traditional boundaries of their disciplines in a common search for new insights and new ways of studying the interconnections of politics and economics. In 2010 the Murphy Institute established the Center for Public Policy Research, a multi-disciplinary research center that balances academic research with applied work in the areas of healthcare, public finance, regulation, and education policy issues.

The Position:

The Cowen Chair is one of two positions established “to support a chair housed at the Stone Center for Latin American Studies or its successor for joint appointments in political science, sociology, or economics or alternatively for scholars in other academic disciplines who are devoted to the study of social, political, and economic issues and/or policies in Latin America.” The first Cowen Chair will be in the Department of Economics, and the holder of the chair will report to the Chair of the Department of Economics with key and close relationships with the Executive Director of the Stone Center and the Dean of the School of Liberal Arts. The chair holder will serve as a full member of the faculty with associated teaching, research, and service responsibilities, with tenure in the Department of Economics.

The Cowen Chair will join a distinguished cohort of faculty dedicated to research and teaching that provide a deeper understanding of the social, political, and economic challenges of Latin America and the Caribbean region. That Latin Americanist community of social scientists at Tulane today include four faculty in Political Science, two in Economics, two in Sociology, two in Communication, and one in International Development. There are also seven core faculty in History, and eight in Global Health Systems and Development.

Primary Roles and Responsibilities

Candidates for the Cowen Chair should be accomplished teachers and mentors, demonstrate a strong international scholarly reputation, and present a successful record of external funding. Their credentials should be commensurate with those required for academic appointments at major research universities at the rank of Professor or advanced Associate Professor. All fields will be considered; preference will be given to candidates who also have research and teaching interests in areas where the Department of Economics has existing strengths and is focusing its graduate programs: development, inequality, and poverty; the economics of education; health and labor economics; and public economics. Ideal candidates will also have research portfolios that complement the activities of the Stone Center’s community of Latin American social scientists. Candidates with records as successful developers of distinctive interdisciplinary academic programs will be especially welcome. Salary, rank, and other benefits will be commensurate with experience.

Experience

- A Ph.D. is required.
- Eight to ten years of progressive academic accomplishments (research, teaching and service).
- A track record of scholarship and contributions that have advanced knowledge about Latin American economic practices, development, or policies.
- Commitment to communicating the relevance of complex, discipline-based knowledge and methods to interdisciplinary students in the social sciences.
- Demonstrated success developing and attracting external funding
- Experience with inter- and/or multi-disciplinary collaborations.
- A proven record of academic leadership and collaboration.
- Fluency in English (written and verbal) and Spanish is essential.

Applications

Tulane University is an equal employment opportunity/affirmative action/persons with disabilities/veterans employer committed to excellence through diversity. Tulane will not discriminate against individuals with disabilities or veterans. We invite women and minorities to apply. All applications must be submitted through Interfolio (<http://apply.interfolio.com/33328>). Required materials include a letter of interest, a curriculum vita, and three reference letters. The review of candidates will begin immediately, and candidates will be considered until the position is filled.

For more information, see the Department of Economics website at <http://econ.tulane.edu/>. Contact: James R. Alm, Chair of the Search Committee, Department of Economics, 206 Tilton Hall, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, 70118 (jalm@tulane.edu).

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