The Department of Geography at the University of Central Arkansas invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Physical Geography, beginning August 2016. It is expected that the person hired will have completed a doctoral program by the time of appointment. Successful candidates will be broadly-trained physical geographers with the ability to teach upper division physical geography courses such as Biogeography and Climatology or Meteorology and lower division courses such as Earth Science lectures and labs. In addition: the ability to teach Conservation, Landforms, or Soils may be considered. GIS or other spatial technology skills would be a plus, but is not a requirement.

The Department of Geography is in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and offers three majors: Geography, Geospatial, and Environmental Science: Planning & Administration, two minors; Geography and GIS, and two on-line Master’s degrees; GIS and Community and Economic Development. We are interested in an enthusiastic individual who connects with students in and outside of the classroom, is engaged in scholarly research leading to publications, and has the ability to work with faculty from other disciplines and promote the geography program across campus and in the community. Salary is competitive.

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Applicants should submit a cover letter; provide information regarding teaching experience, suitability for the position, their teaching philosophy, interests and student evaluations along with research interests, a detailed CV, and contact information for three references. Letters of reference and transcripts will be solicited for short-listed candidates. UCA is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. The Web site for submission is jobs.uca.edu

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