FACULTY POSITION: The West Virginia University Department of Public Administration invites nominations and applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor or Associate Professor (depending upon qualifications and experience) beginning August 16, 2013. Salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

We are seeking candidates with expertise to develop a strong teaching profile in research methods, both qualitative and quantitative, including expertise in methods for program evaluation, policy analysis, and/or organizational assessment. The successful candidate will also be expected to demonstrate the potential for, or a record of, an active research agenda as evidenced by conference papers, publications and/or external funding. The department currently has research strengths in health and human services policy and administration, community development and public participation in governance, energy and environmental policy, and public budgeting. Through this search, the department seeks to build on or complement these existing social science research strengths.

Essential qualifications include: An earned doctorate in Public Administration, Public Policy, Political Science, or related field; ability to teach in the core MPA curriculum; evidence of effective teaching ability; effective written and verbal communication skills; and ability to work collaboratively with various constituencies on multiple projects. Demonstrated potential for securing external funding is an asset. For appointment at the Associate Professor rank, a record of significant publication, active external funding, and teaching excellence that meet criteria for promotion to Associate Professor in the WVU Department of Public Administration are required. In addition, for appointment at this rank, evidence of administrative skills (e.g., managing staff, directing graduate students, developing and managing budgets, and designing curricula), evidence of interpersonal and leadership skills, and familiarity with NASPAA accreditation procedures are desirable.

The Department of Public Administration offers a NASPAA-accredited Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree. It also offers an online Master of Legal Studies (MLS) degree. The MPA program has concentrations in Health Care Administration, Public Management, and Local Governance and Community Development. It also offers stand-alone graduate certificates in Public Management and Health Care Administration, as well as dual degrees with a Social Work (MSW), Law (JD), and Public Health (MPH). The Department maintains a strong collaborative position with academic programs across the University.

West Virginia University is designated a “research-high activity” university with more than 29,000 students, and is one of only ten land-grant institutions in the U.S. that also operates a medical center. WVU is located in the community of Morgantown, which offers plentiful educational opportunities as well as recreational outlets that draw on the natural beauty and rich culture of Appalachia. Morgantown is conveniently located within driving distance of Pittsburgh.
and Washington, D.C. It has been recognized as one of the most livable small cities in the U.S. Additional information about the university and community may be found at www.wvu.edu.

To be considered for the position, candidates must submit a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, and names and contact information for three references to: Dr. John C. Kilwein, Chair, Department of Public Administration, West Virginia University, 209 Knapp Hall, P.O. Box 6322, Morgantown, WV 26506-6322. Direct questions to John.Kilwein@mail.wvu.edu. Review of applications will begin on October 10, 2012, and will continue until the position is filled.

West Virginia University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer and the recipient of an NSF ADVANCE award for gender equity. The University values diversity among its faculty, staff and students.