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Ohio State University
Department of Geography
Graduate Program
1036 Derby Hall
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Dear Colleague,

I am writing to request your assistance in identifying qualified candidates who might be interested in applying for a one-year visiting position in the Department of Geography at Colgate University. We seek applicants whose teaching and research interests focus on physical geography, and who are capable of teaching a course in introductory physical geography, an introductory GIS lab, and an upper-level undergraduate course on some aspect of physical geography (themes of particular interest include climate, soils, and biogeography).

With 2,800 students and more than 250 faculty members, Colgate University combines the intimacy of a liberal arts college with the breadth and depth of a research university. The Geography Department has eight full-time faculty members and is housed in the new Robert Ho Science Center, which includes well-equipped GIS teaching and research labs, soils and climate labs, and lab technician support.

As is the case with each fulltime faculty member at Colgate, the visiting professor will teach a five course load during the academic year. Salaries and benefits are competitive and travel funding is available to all faculty. This position is advertised in Jobs in Geography and listed on the AAG JIG website. A copy of the job description is enclosed with this letter. Review of applicants will begin on February 1, 2010 and continue until the position is filled.

I would appreciate your help in publicizing this position to your students and colleagues.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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NEW YORK, HAMILTON 13346. Colgate University. One-year appointment for a Visiting Assistant Professor, effective Fall 2010. Ph.D. or completion of Ph.D. by August 2010 expected.

The Department of Geography anticipates a visiting position for the next academic year, and seeks applicants whose teaching and research interests focus on physical geography. The successful candidate will likely teach a course in introductory physical geography, an introductory GIS lab, and an upper-level undergraduate course on some aspect of physical geography. Themes of particular interest include climate, soils, and biogeography. In addition, the successful candidate may be asked to contribute a methods course that best matches their training and will have the opportunity to participate in all university programs, such as the Liberal Arts Core Curriculum. As is the case with each fulltime faculty member at Colgate, this person will teach a five course load during the academic year.

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Colgate University is an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer. Developing and sustaining a diverse faculty, staff and student body further the University’s educational mission. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Send CV, email address, contact information for three references, and a detailed statement of professional experience and research and teaching interests. Review of applicants will be February 1, 2010 and continue until the position is filled.

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