

**Missouri State University**  
**Thomas G. Strong Chair in Middle Eastern Politics**

**Position Announcement**

The Department of Political Science invites applications and nominations for the inaugural appointment of the Thomas G. Strong Chair in Middle Eastern Politics for fall 2010. The Strong Chair is a nine-month, tenure-track appointment at the Associate or Full Professor rank. The successful candidate must have a completed Ph.D. in political science with a clearly demonstrated specialty in Middle Eastern Politics and a sustained record of scholarship in the field. The successful candidate will possess strong communication and technology skills and will be able to enhance the Public Affairs mission of the University by developing the cultural competence of students and by engagement with the community. The successful candidate will teach upper-level undergraduate and graduate courses in Middle Eastern politics as well as upper-level and graduate courses in comparative politics and/or international relations. Experience in obtaining external funding is a plus. The salary is competitive and will be commensurate with qualifications, experience, and rank. The Strong Chair will be provided with a graduate assistant and be entitled to additional funds for research and travel.

The Department of Political Science has 18 full-time faculty members, 200 undergraduate majors and over 60 graduate students enrolled in two graduate programs, the Master of Public Administration and the Master of Global Studies. Missouri State University is a comprehensive university system with a mission in public affairs and includes a multi-campus university devoted to helping the region, Missouri, and the nation imagine and make a better future. The University's enrollment is more than 20,000 students with 150 undergraduate majors and 47 graduate programs; many of which are the state's strongest and largest of their kind. The university also supports diversity and international elements, as well as collaborative community leadership.

Springfield offers a big-city experience with hometown flair. Located in the southwest corner of the state, Springfield is surrounded by the beauty of the Ozark hills, with streams and lakes, four temperate seasons for a wealth of outdoor attractions, plus scenic parks and greenways, and superior public and private schools. Springfield has a population of 200,000 in the metropolitan area with a vibrant downtown filled with restaurants, pubs, clubs, galleries, theaters, studios, and lofts.

Screening of candidates will begin in October 5, 2009, and will continue until the position is filled. Apply online at <http://www.missouristate.edu/academicopenings>

Attach a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and contact information for 3-5 professional references to the electronic employment application.

For additional information contact: Dr. George E. Connor, Department Head, Department of Political Science, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO 65897 (email: [georgeconnor@missouristate.edu](mailto:georgeconnor@missouristate.edu)). Missouri State University also requires an Authorization Form to be completed as part of your application.

The form can be found at: <http://www.missouristate.edu/academicopenings/AuthorizationForm.pdf>. After completing, please print, sign, and include with the materials that you submit to the search chair. See <http://www.missouristate.edu/academicopenings> for more information.

Missouri State University is located in Springfield, Missouri. EO/AA. Employment will require a criminal background check at University expense.'