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**Assistant Professor in Fashion Merchandising and Design  
Department of Family and Consumer Sciences  
College of Education and Human Development  
Western Michigan University**

**Position:** Assistant Professor, Fashion Merchandising and Design, Position #0604787 (beginning January 2020).

**Qualifications:** Earned doctorate (or completion of doctorate by the end of the fall semester 2019) in fashion merchandising or closely related field. Evidence of successful teaching experience in undergraduate merchandising courses. Recent research/scholarly activities. Experience with or promise of seeking external funding. Strong classroom, interpersonal, and leadership skills. Preference will be given to candidates with prior business experience in merchandising and related areas; experience in curriculum and program development.

**Duties:** Teach undergraduate and graduate-level courses in merchandising and related subjects. Mentor/advise undergraduate and graduate students including study abroad. Conduct research and actively seek external funding to support research and scholarly activities. Participate in curriculum development and program evaluation. Maintain active engagement in external professional experiences and networking. Service to the department, college, university, community, and professional organizations. Other duties as assigned by the department chair.

**Appointment:** Tenure track position. Nine-month appointment is for fall/spring semesters, with the possibility of additional summer teaching assignments.

**Department:** The Fashion Merchandising and Design program is part of the department of Family and Consumer Sciences which offers six undergraduate programs, two master's degrees, and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership with a concentration in Workforce Education. The Fashion Merchandising and Design program offers a B.A. in both concentrations (fashion merchandising, fashion design), a minor in merchandising, and a Master of Arts in Family and Consumer Sciences with a concentration in textile and apparel studies.

The department is home to about 700 under-graduate and about 100 graduate students. Twenty-two full-time faculty and a number of highly qualified part-time faculty support department programs. Faculty are engaged in numerous research projects, partnerships and collaborative ventures which contribute to the knowledge base in their disciplines. Visit <https://wmich.edu/familyconsumer> for more details.

**The University:** Western Michigan University (WMU), located in Southwest Michigan, is a vibrant, nationally recognized student-centered research institution with an enrollment of nearly 24,000. WMU delivers high-quality undergraduate instruction, has a strong graduate division, and fosters significant research activities. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has placed WMU among the 76 public institutions in the nation designated as research universities with high research activities.

**The College:** The College of Education and Human Development is a diverse and vibrant institution, preparing individuals for careers in their fields. The college is comprised of six departments which include Family and Consumer Sciences; Human Performance and Health Education; Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology; Special Education and Literacy Studies; Teaching, Learning and Educational Studies; and Educational Leadership, Research and Technology. Approximately 100 regular FTE faculty serve nearly 2,345 under-graduate and nearly 1,370 graduate students enrolled in programs leading to bachelor's, specialist's, master's, and doctoral degrees.

**Rank and Salary:** Assistant Professor, tenure track. Salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. A full range of fringe benefits including TIAA contributions is provided.

**Equal Opportunity Employer:** Western Michigan University, an equal opportunity employer, complies with applicable federal and state laws and University policies prohibiting discrimination and harassment.

**Application:** Applicants must apply online at [wmich.edu/hr/jobs](http://wmich.edu/hr/jobs).

Inquiries may be directed to: Dr. Zee-Sun Yun, Search Committee Chair, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Email: [zee-sun.yun@wmich.edu](mailto:zee-sun.yun@wmich.edu). Applications will be accepted and reviewed until the position is filled.