DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

(Tenure-Track) Assistant Professor of Spanish
Starting Mid-August 2016

Refer to 104038 on all correspondence and inquiries regarding this position.

THE UNIVERSITY

Sonoma State University is one of the 23 campuses of the California State University. Located in the Sonoma County wine country, 48 miles north of San Francisco, the University has an enrollment of approximately 9,000 students. As of spring 2014, the University had 595 faculty with 41% tenure-track. The University is comprised of six schools: Arts and Humanities, Business and Economics, Education, Extended and International Education, Social Sciences, and Science and Technology. Degrees are offered in 46 majors at the bachelor's level and 15 at the master's level. Sonoma State University occupies 274 acres in the beautiful wine country of Sonoma County, in Northern California. Located at the foot of the Sonoma hills, the campus is just an hour’s drive north of San Francisco and 40 minutes away from the Pacific Ocean.

THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Modern Languages & Literatures offers major and minor programs in French and Spanish, a minor in German, and a self-supporting Master of Arts (M.A.) in Spanish. In the nurturing environment of a small campus, courses are taught in the target languages, with the acquisition of all language skills as a primary goal at all levels of study. In upper-division classes for the major or minor, students receive instruction in linguistics, cultural studies, research techniques, and literature. The Department strives to foster a globally minded student body through its strong support for international education; many students study for a year abroad at various sites through the International Programs of the CSU system. The Spanish Program is committed to preparing students for professional success as Spanish speakers in a variety of fields, such as education and healthcare, which benefit communities throughout the state.

DUTIES OF THE POSITION

The position will include teaching responsibilities in both lower division and upper division courses, as well as opportunities to teach in the Spanish M.A. program. The successful candidate is a Latin American generalist with a strong focus in the Colonial period and its relevance to post-colonial contexts. A Trans-Atlantic specialty with the ability to teach Golden Age Literature is a plus. Experience with and commitment to teaching heritage language learners and the ability to teach language, literature and culture, as needed. The selected candidate should have some background or interest in interdisciplinary teaching and collaborative curriculum development. The candidate should possess native or near-native fluency in Spanish, evidence of successful teaching experience at the university level, familiarity with and interest in innovative pedagogies for liberal arts education, and the ability to work with a diverse student population. The candidate should demonstrate an interest and/or experience in international education, such as study abroad.
In addition to teaching and scholarship, faculty are expected to engage in academic advising, to assist the department with program assessment, administrative and/or committee work, and to serve on campus-wide committees. Sonoma State is committed to the Teacher/Scholar model and places an emphasis on faculty support of undergraduate research. Faculty are also encouraged to participate in Freshman and Sophomore year programs when available in their schools.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

To be recommended for appointment, the candidate must have a Ph.D in Spanish or a related field, e.g. Hispanic Languages and Literatures. ABD applicants will be expected provided that the degree is held by August 22, 2016. A minimum of two years of university teaching experience is required for the position, as well as evidence of scholarly potential. Candidates should possess native or near-native fluency in Spanish. The ability to teach additional languages is desired but not required.

To be recommended for tenure, the candidate must demonstrate satisfactory performance in four areas: teaching effectiveness; scholarship, research, creative achievement and professional development; service to the University; and public service and service to the community. Although tenure may be granted at any time, contract provisions specify that "the normal period of probation shall be a total of six (6) years of full-time probationary service and credited service, if any. Any deviation from the normal six (6) year probationary period shall be the decision of the President following his/her consideration of recommendations from the department or equivalent unit and appropriate administrator(s).” Tenure is required for promotion above the level of Associate Professor.

RANK AND SALARY

The salary range is approximately $58,000 - $63,000.

HOW TO APPLY

Do not send materials to facultysearch@sonoma.edu. To apply for this position, go to www.sonoma.edu/jobs and select Job Opportunities. If you are not currently employed at Sonoma State University, select the External Applicants box. You will be redirected to a list of all available jobs at Sonoma State University. Find and select the faculty position you are applying for to view the description and select Apply Now. If you have not applied for a job at Sonoma State University previously you will be asked to Register Now in order to proceed. After submitting the application letter and curriculum vitae, please proceed to My Career Tools to attach the additional required documents. Your statement of research interests may be a statement of scholarship and/or creative activity if appropriate to your discipline. PDFs are the preferred format for all submissions. Once you have submitted all materials, a confirmation email will be automatically sent to you. If you encounter difficulties during the application process, please email facultysearch@sonoma.edu.

Please submit:

Required
- Application letter
- Curriculum vitae

Additional Required Documents
- Statement of Research Interests
- Teaching Philosophy
Letters of Recommendation will be requested from finalists only.

Official transcripts may be required at the time of hire.

Sonoma State University hires only individuals lawfully authorized to work in the United States. All offers of employment are contingent upon presentation of documents demonstrating the appointee’s identity and eligibility to work, in accordance with the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline to apply to this position is November 30, 2015.

Questions concerning this position may be directed to:

*** Dr. Parissa Tadrissi, Search Committee Chair
*** Email: tadrissi@sonoma.edu
*** Phone: (707) 664-3163

Questions concerning the application process may be directed to: facultysearch@sonoma.edu.

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The university is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We consider qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, medical condition, disability, marital status, or protected veteran status.

MANDATED REPORTING REQUIREMENT

This position is considered a “mandated reporter” under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.

CAMPUS SAFETY REPORTS

Jeanne Clery Act – Annual Security Report
Sonoma State University's Annual Security Report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus, in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by Sonoma State University and on the public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.
The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, alcohol/drug use, crime prevention, reporting of crimes, sexual assault and other matters. You can download a copy of this report by accessing the Police and Parking Services web site: Jeanne Clery Act - Annual Security Report, or receive a copy by contacting Police and Parking Services at (707) 664-2143.

**Campus Housing Fire Safety Report**
Sonoma State University’s Annual Campus Housing Fire Safety Report, in compliance with The Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act, contains information about fire statistics, fire safety systems, and safety practices and standards for campus housing. The Campus Housing Fire Safety Report is available at the Housing Services website or you can contact Housing Services at (707) 664-2541 to receive printed information or additional information.

**BACKGROUND CHECK**
Successful candidate is required to complete a background check prior to assuming this position.

**SMOKE-FREE CAMPUS**
Sonoma State University is proud to be a smoke-free campus within the California State University System. Effective July 1, 2015, Smoking and other uses of tobacco products, such as smokeless tobacco, the use of e-cigarettes and similar devices, are prohibited on Sonoma State owned, controlled or leased property, as well as in vehicles owned, leased, or rented by the University, parking lots and residential space.

View Benefits Summary

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