DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES

(Tenure-Track) Assistant Professor
Starting Fall 2013

Refer to 103494 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 7,500 students. As of fall 2009, the University had 501 faculty with 54% tenure track. The University is comprised of six schools: Arts and Humanities, Business and Economics, Education, Extended Education, Social Sciences and Science and Technology. Degrees are offered in 45 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 Communication Studies offers a B.A. degree to over 350 undergraduates, and is the academic home for the campus newspaper, radio, and television stations. The department provides a strong liberal arts foundation for the study of Mass Communication.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to see the department’s Web page at: www.sonoma.edu/communications.

DUTIES OF THE POSITION

The Sonoma State Department of Communication Studies invites candidates to apply for a new tenure track Assistant Professor position in Online Media (in PR, Radio or Journalism) starting August 2013.

Faculty teach three courses per semester in media history, industries, ethics, law, theory, research, production courses, and electives. The candidate will also teach select courses that serve other programs in the School of Arts and Humanities, including in the general education curriculum. In addition to teaching, all faculty engage in scholarly and/or creative work relevant to their academic interests, advising and service.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Eligible candidates are required to have a Ph.D. in Communications or a related field by the start date of the appointment in August 2013. The successful candidate is required to have expertise in new media technologies, as well as an ability to teach courses that incorporate new and convergent
media in one of the following skill areas: 1) Public Relations; 2) Print/Online Journalism; 3) Radio/Audio Production. Also required is the demonstrated ability to teach courses across the curriculum. Prior professional media experience is highly desirable, as is interest in collaboration with one of the campus media outlets. Dedication to the mentoring of undergraduates and a willingness to engage in interdisciplinary teaching within the School of Arts and Humanities are also highly desirable. The successful candidate will show promise to produce superior scholarly research publications and/or creative works. Candidates with a demonstrated interest in race, gender or other diversity-related research or creative activity are particularly encouraged to apply.

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

Actual hiring salary is dependent upon educational preparation and experience.

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit:

- Application letter
- Curriculum vitae
- Unofficial graduate transcripts
- Contact information for three references
- Current teaching evaluation
- Statement of teaching philosophy
- Statement of research interests
- Three letters of recommendation – must come directly from the recommender or placement center

OPTIONAL

- Copies of research papers and publications or creative works

Official transcripts are required at the time of hire.

Sonoma State is required to collect and report race and ethnicity data to comply with State, Federal, and University reporting requirements. Please complete the Voluntary Self-Identification Form

Please email all application documents to facultysearch@sonoma.edu

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications should be sent electronically to facultysearch@sonoma.edu by Friday, December 14, 2012. Please do not email material to the Communications Studies Department.

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

Questions concerning this position may be directed to:

Dr. Elizabeth Burch, Chair
burche@sonoma.edu

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The University is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate against persons on the basis of age, disability, disabled veteran or Vietnam-era veteran status, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, or sexual orientation.

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.

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