DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Full-Time (Tenure-Track)
Assistant Professor
Starting Mid-August 2015

Refer to 103821 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 2013, the University had 497 faculty with 47% 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 45 majors at the bachelor's level and 16 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

English is one of the university’s largest departments, with faculty equally committed to undergraduate and graduate teaching. The English Department offers one of Sonoma State University’s most robust graduate programs; the M.A. in English offers students the choice of an emphasis in literary criticism, creative writing, or rhetoric and English education. The English Department’s Creative Writing literary reading series – Writers at Sonoma – brings nationally and internationally known writers to campus annually. The department is home to several publications, including two nationally recognized literary magazines: Volt, named one of the nation’s top 50 literary journals in 2014 by Every Writer’s Resource, and Zaum, the AWP-award winning student magazine. Burning Daylight is a new, graduate student-run scholarly journal.

Applicants are encouraged to refer to the web site for more information on the English Department: http://www.sonoma.edu/english

DUTIES OF THE POSITION

The English Department at Sonoma State University seeks candidates for a tenure-track position in Creative Writing/Fiction, with a secondary emphasis in modern or contemporary American literature, at the level of Assistant Professor. The successful candidate will be expected to teach 3 courses/12 units per semester in the B.A. and M.A. programs, including undergraduate and graduate workshops, upper and lower division courses in American literature, and general education courses. Other duties include supervising M.A. theses, reading yearly applications to the graduate program, contributing to curriculum development, and actively engaging in campus, community, and professional service, including SSU’s literary reading series, Writers at Sonoma.
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 and graduate 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 an M.F.A. in Fiction writing or equivalent, with a strong commitment to university teaching; book publication in fiction; and experience teaching at the university level. The candidate must also have ability and interest in teaching and developing courses in contemporary or modern American literature.

Desired qualifications include a Ph.D. in Creative Writing: Fiction; experience and interest in literary editing and publishing, book arts, digital publishing, or hyper-text.

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 to $62,000.

**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. 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
- Student Evaluations

In addition to posting the above, email the following additional required materials to englishsearch@sonoma.edu.

**Required**
- 10-page writing sample
- 3 letters of recommendation emailed directly by the referees to englishsearch@sonoma.edu.

NOTE: Attachments should be in Microsoft Word or Portable Document Format (PDF).

Only semi-finalists will be requested to provide copies of their books.

Official transcripts are 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 by **Sunday, November 30th, 2014**.

Questions concerning this position may be directed to:

*** Professor Gillian Conoley, Search Committee Chair  
*** Email: conoley@sonoma.edu  
*** Phone: (707) 664-2140 or (707) 664-2163

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

103821 PLEASE REFER TO THIS NUMBER ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE AND INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS POSITION.

**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.

View Benefits Summary

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