FACULTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE ARTS & DANCE

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

Refer to 103832 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

The Department of Theatre Arts and Dance offers valuable and rewarding opportunities for serious, motivated students to develop their imaginations, intellects, knowledge base, craft and artistry in a stimulating and congenial environment at a campus located in a beautiful and culturally rich area. We aim to develop artists and educators who are vitally engaged with each other and the world through the performing arts. The Department offers a B.A. in Theatre Arts with concentrations in acting, dance, theatre studies and technical theatre. There are currently 80 majors in the department, with approximately 30-35 dance emphasis students. Facilities include a state of the art 450-seat theatre, black box, 2 small performance venues, classrooms, and 2 dance studios.

The dance program is a rapidly growing program committed to offering contemporary approaches to dance with special attention to the integration of mind, body and spirit. We aim to cultivate dance as an art form, accessible to all ages, genders, and social status, founded in the joy and exhilaration of movement. Our goals are to develop the dance artist as creator as well as interpreter of meaningful contemporary work. Our dance curriculum includes introductory classes targeted for the college age student, including 3 levels of contemporary/modern dance, 2 levels of ballet, dance for children, dances of the world, and dance styles of contact improvisation, hip hop, jazz, and tap. For committed dance students, the junior and senior year includes an intensive dance block (with somatic based approaches applied to humanize dance technique training, anatomy alignment), dance history, 3 levels of choreography, and ample opportunities to perform. The dance program has a strong dance residency and guest artist program, bringing local and national dance artists to campus to teach and create work. We have two dance studios with sprung hardwood floors, one large dance studio and one smaller rehearsal and studio space.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to peruse the Department’s web page at: http://www.sonoma.edu/theatreanddance/.
DUTIES OF THE POSITION

The Department of Theatre Arts & Dance is seeking a dance educator and artist with expertise and demonstrated effectiveness in teaching contemporary/modern dance at all levels. Ability to teach one or more of the following courses is also expected: Choreography I, II, and III; Dance Ensemble (setting work on student dancers or overseeing student choreographed productions); Foundations (somatic approach to movement or voice for dancers and actors); experiential courses in Anatomy, Dance Styles: Ballet; Hip Hop; Jazz; Tap or Contact Improvisation; Dance for Children; academic courses in Dance History; Dances of the World; Performance Criticism; Arts & Humanities Freshmen Learning Community; Arts & Humanities Sophomore Year Research and Creative Experience. Additional responsibilities include: advising prospective and current dance majors and minors; recruiting new students; scholarship, research or creative work.

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:

MFA or related terminal degree required and at least two years teaching experience at the college or university level, or the professional equivalent. Preference will be given to a candidate who has demonstrated dance artistry integrated with technical skills; has abilities to inspire students with recreational to professional aims for dancing; and who collaborates effectively with colleagues and other disciplines (such as acting, music, drama and technical theatre). Careful consideration will be given to candidates who possess a certification in a somatic modality. The successful candidate will be an accomplished teacher, performer, and choreographer and should have experience creating dance work for undergraduate students. The successful candidate must possess a collaborative approach to the creative process and have strong organizational, recruitment, and advising skills. The successful candidate must have experience mentoring and guiding students in their own creative process, and be willing to engage in diverse ideas surrounding the practice of art and dance making.

We are most interested in candidates who 1) have drive, vision, and the capacity to communicate and inspire 2) press the boundaries of the known and take artistic risks 3) share a commitment to and passion for dance as a vital necessity of life and 4) embrace the tradition of public education and can offer the department a creative and energizing approach to teaching students with varied levels of skill, diverse interests and goals. The successful candidate will be a superb teacher and dance artist, with the ability to work with a collegial spirit in a small department where collaboration and cooperation are valued.

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 $60,000 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
  - Contact Information for 3 References

A DVD or 2 online video clips (YouTube or Vimeo) of the candidate’s teaching, performance and/or choreography will be required of the selected semifinalists.

Letters of Recommendation will be requested from finalists only.

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 Monday, November 17th, 2014.
Questions concerning this position may be directed to:

*** Kristen Daley, Search Committee Chair
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*** Phone: (707) 664-3907

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.

View Benefits Summary

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