DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

(Tenure-Track) Assistant Professor
Starting Fall 2018

Refer to #104475 on all correspondence and inquiries regarding this position.

OUR COMMITMENT

Sonoma State University offers an exceptional educational experience that fosters intellectual, cognitive, social, and personal growth. As the only member of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges in California, we are uniquely positioned to foster ethical exploration, civic engagement, social responsibility, and global awareness combined with a solid foundation in an academic discipline. We have a strong commitment to graduating students who have the ability to think critically and communicate effectively in an ever-changing world. The unique campus culture fosters our Seawolf Commitment to integrity, respect, excellence, and responsibility and is integrated into all campus life. We nurture inclusive excellence through a celebration of the rich diversity of our local communities and our interconnected global economy. Members of the University community are expected to work effectively with faculty, staff, and students from diverse ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds. SSU is especially interested in candidates who make contributions to equity and inclusion in the pursuit of excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service.

THE UNIVERSITY

Sonoma State University’s beautiful 274-acre campus is located in Sonoma County wine country, an hour north of San Francisco. The campus offers the ideal setting for teaching and learning and access to a community of rich cultural, environmental, and recreational opportunities. Founded in 1960, Sonoma State University is one of the 23 campuses of the California State University System. As members of the largest public higher educational system in the nation, we provide accessible, high quality education to more than 9000 students. Sonoma State University is proud to be a Hispanic Serving Institution committed to achieving the goals of equal opportunity and endeavors to employ faculty and staff reflecting the ethnic and cultural diversity of the region and state.

FACULTY RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to teaching and scholarship, faculty are expected to engage in service to the department, school, and community. 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 our distinctive, high-impact Freshman and Sophomore year programs and to foster our commitment to the CSU Graduation Initiative 2025 through excellent teaching, advising, and mentoring. Potential applicants are encouraged to review the University’s Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Policy. All faculty are required to have the ability to work effectively in a multicultural environment.
THE DEPARTMENT

The Philosophy Department at Sonoma State University focuses on value theory and practical philosophy, broadly construed. It has a robust undergraduate major with several active clubs, and it is affiliated with SSU’s Center for Ethics, Law, and Society.

DUTIES OF THE POSITION

We seek a new tenure-track faculty member to teach Gender and Social Justice (a course that covers feminist philosophy from a global and multi-cultural perspective), as well as Social and Political Philosophy, Global Justice (a course on global and international political philosophy), and a course on philosophy of race. These courses are central to the Social Justice Concentration, one of four concentrations featured in an anticipated curriculum revision of our rapidly growing undergraduate major. The person hired will be the main advisor for students in that concentration.

Applicants should expect to teach these classes to both advanced majors and students meeting general education requirements. Applicants may also potentially co-teach a year-long “First-year Learning Community”, which incorporates Critical Thinking. The candidate may also teach Introduction to Philosophy. Three four-unit classes per semester is the standard teaching load for newly hired tenure-track faculty. Instructional assignment workload is reduced by two courses per academic year during the first two years of a faculty member’s probationary period. The successful candidate will be involved in SSU’s Center for Ethics, Law, and Society.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

To be recommended for appointment, the candidate must have:


To be recommended for appointment, the candidate must have a PhD in philosophy or a discipline suitably related to the AOS is required by the time of appointment. Candidates with a PhD at the time of appointment from a discipline other than philosophy should explain in their cover letters how they are prepared to teach the courses listed above in a manner that is consistent with standard practices within the discipline of philosophy.

RANK AND SALARY

Salary, service credit, and rank (when appropriate) depends upon academic preparation and professional experience.

The approximate salary range for this position is: $67,000 - $74,000
HOW TO APPLY

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. 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. Applications submitted to the faculty search email address will not be considered, so please use the www.sonoma.edu/jobs link above.

Please submit the following items via the above application process:

Required
- Application letter
- Curriculum vitae
- Statement of Research Interests
- Teaching Philosophy

Please submit the following items by email to 2017philosophysearch@sonoma.edu

Required
- At least three confidential letters of recommendation
- A writing sample

At least one letter of recommendation should speak to the candidate’s teaching experience. SSU, a Hispanic-Serving Institution, is committed to diversity, and in the cover letter or teaching statement, candidates should speak to how they approach teaching diverse student bodies.

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. A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed satisfactorily before any candidate can be offered a position with the CSU.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications received by December 2, 2017, will be given full consideration. The position will remain open until filled.

Questions concerning this position may be directed to:

Josh Glasgow, Search Committee Chair
Questions concerning the application process may be directed to: facultysearch@sonoma.edu.

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OTHER INFORMATION

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.

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.

View Benefits Summary

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