FACULTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

DEPARTMENT OF ART & ART HISTORY

(Tenure-Track) Assistant or Associate Professor
Starting August 2020

Refer to #104937 on all correspondence and inquiries regarding this position.

OUR COMMITMENT

Guided by our core values, 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 student 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. Aligned with the California Faculty Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, during the first 2 years of the probationary period the instructional assignment will be reduced by 2 courses per academic year. All faculty are required to have the ability to work effectively in a multicultural environment.
THE DEPARTMENT

For nearly half a century, Sonoma State University’s Department of Art and Art History has been the hub of visual art on campus and in Sonoma County. As a center of creativity and experimentation, the department provides rigorous undergraduate education in the study and practice of the visual arts. Our programs offer in-depth instruction in technique, concept, and history of art.

Our students pursue studies leading to the BA and BFA degrees in art studio or the BA degree in art history. Art studio degree emphases are available in ceramics, painting, printmaking, photography, sculpture, and works on paper. Committed to the recognition of individuality and unique accomplishment, faculty work closely with students to encourage personal direction and ideas. We strive to create a diverse and inclusive faculty serving an increasingly diverse student body.

Designed specifically for the pursuit of studio art practices and the study of art history and museum and gallery studies, the department facilities are located in one of the best equipped physical plants within the California State University system. The Art Building has a total of 46,604 square feet of space with an instructional net of 30,485 square feet.

The Department is a fully accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

For more information please visit [http://www.sonoma.edu/art/](http://www.sonoma.edu/art/)

DUTIES OF THE POSITION

The candidate will:

- Teach foundational courses in art and digital media
- Demonstrate proficiency and an ability to teach art, design, and media software such as Illustrator, Photoshop, Lightroom, Premiere, Wordpress (proficiency in Sketch, After Effects, Blender, Maya, InDesign, Autodesk, or others a plus)
- Develop curriculum in the candidate’s area of expertise
- Demonstrate a critical and practical understanding of emerging technologies in a fine arts context (Makerspace included)
- Pursue interdisciplinary collaboration across diverse media and technologies
- Demonstrate an ability to work with faculty across the spectrum of disciplines in the art department
- Work as a team player with a commitment to collegiality with colleagues, staff, and technicians
- Serve as a respectful mentor and advisor to students
- Contribute to imagining the evolution of both programs and facilities as students and technologies change
- Have demonstrated an active artistic practice

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.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Required Qualifications:
To be recommended for appointment, the candidate must have an M.F.A. or equivalent degree in their area of expertise; regional and/or national recognition by exhibition, publication or critical comment; and be pursuing a career as a professional artist, with primary expression in digital media. The successful candidate has at least two (2) years of college teaching experience. Candidates must demonstrate thoughtful engagement with diversity, inclusion, and equity and be able to serve students from a variety of socio-economic, ethnic, racial, gender, sexual identity, age, and ability backgrounds. All candidates meeting the minimum qualifications are encouraged to apply.
Preferred Qualifications:

- Candidates exhibiting interest in curricular development and cross-disciplinary pedagogy.
- Ability to teach photography

RANK AND SALARY

Salary, service credit, and rank depends upon academic preparation and professional experience. The salary range for this position is: $75,325 - $83,652.

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. 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 facultyssearch@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:

Required

- Letter of introduction (should be addressed to Dr. Jennifer Shaw, chair of search committee) that includes: Research Interests or Artist Statement, Teaching Philosophy, and candidate’s potential to support SSU’s commitment to diversity.
- Curriculum vitae including Contact Information for 3 References
- Student evaluations (if available)

Additional required materials to email digitalmediahire@sonoma.edu

- 1-2 Sample Syllabi
- Link to Dropbox, Box or Google Drive folder containing
  - 20 images (jpeg, MAC com) of own work. For time-based work please include no more than 3 QuickTime clips of 3 minutes each
  - 10 images of you students’ work
  - Image lists with title, date, media, size, optional 2-3 descriptive sentences

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 **Tuesday, November 19, 2019** will be given full consideration. The position will remain open until filled.

Questions concerning this position may be directed to:

Jennifer Shaw, Search Committee Chair
Email: shaw@sonoma.edu
Phone: (707) 664-3041

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

#104937 PLEASE REFER TO THIS NUMBER ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE AND INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS POSITION.

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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