San José State University  
San José, California  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSITION AVAILABILITY  
Subject to Budgetary Approval  

Specialization: Animation/Illustration (Visual Storytelling)  
Job Opening ID (JOID): 23828  
Rank: Assistant Professor (Tenure-track)  

Qualifications--  
**Required:** Candidates must have an MFA in Animation, Illustration, or a related field by start of appointment. Strong drawing skills are required. Fluency with digital tools for drawing, painting, and storyboarding (e.g., Adobe Creative Suite) is required. Candidates must demonstrate a strong understanding and experience with storytelling and storyboarding in the field of animation. Candidates must demonstrate potential for teaching excellence. Awareness of and sensitivity to the educational goals of a multicultural population is required, and previous work involving multicultural population or minorities should be mentioned in the statement of interest.  

**Preferred:** At least three years’ experience teaching in higher education and/or industry experience is preferred. Knowledge, training and/or experience in the areas of drawing or painting, literature, comic arts and graphic novels is desirable. Secondary areas of interest/expertise may include but are not limited to Animation (2D and 3D), sound design for animation, cinematography for animation, directing (animation), acting, character and set design.  

Responsibilities:  
Teaching will include classes involving visual narrative and sequential storytelling, drawing for animation, perspective, composition, special projects, and possibly visual development and painting (both digital and traditional), as well as basic Design Studies core courses and other courses per departmental need. This position is oriented towards foundational animation skills as they are utilized in the screen arts industries (games, TV, film, mobile devices, etc), with an emphasis in visual/sequential storytelling and drawing. We are looking for an individual with strong artistic/technical skills who is also able to help students develop a sophisticated conceptual point of view. The ideal candidate will be able to teach foundation skills—addressing the conceptual, artistic, and technical aspects of animation/illustration. In addition, he or she will have the breadth, flexibility and interest to work on interdisciplinary and innovative projects with advanced students.  

Other duties would include general program administration and planning (such as representation at events; attending and coordinating guest lectures; advising student exhibitions; advising the student club; participating in fundraising activities; recruitment, industry relations; and, as part of the tenure process, serving on governance committees at the Department, College, and University levels.) Effectiveness in academic assignment, service to the program, college and university, and continuing artistic and professional activities are required to achieve promotion and tenure. Candidates must address the needs of a student population of great diversity—in age, cultural background, ethnicity, primary language, and academic preparation—through course materials, teaching strategies, and advisement.
Salary Range: Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Eligibility: Employment is contingent upon proof of eligibility to work in the United States.

Starting Date: August 22, 2017

Application Procedure:
For full consideration please send the following materials [apply.interfolio.com/37617] to the attention of Prof. Connie Hwang, Chair, Design Department, San José State University by 12 p.m. on **January 6, 2017**.

- A letter of application that includes a link to an online portfolio and/or reel (portfolios can include: film samples, animatics, animated shots and/or sequences, illustrations, storytelling samples, drawings, paintings, etc.). See Portfolio Guidelines below for more information.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Unofficial transcripts (official transcripts from all institutions may be requested at a later date and will be required for appointment)
- Statement of teaching interests/philosophy and/or research and creative activity plans
- Three current original letters of recommendation
- If the candidate has previous teaching experience in higher education, samples of student work and/or syllabus of courses taught would be desirable.

Please include Job Opening ID (JOID) on all correspondence.

Questions about the position can be addressed to: Professor Hwang at [Connie.Hwang@sjsu.edu](mailto:Connie.Hwang@sjsu.edu).

PORTFOLIO GUIDELINES:
Portfolio should include one or more samples of the candidate’s work in at least one of the following areas: animated and/or live-action short films; feature film animation, animated TV shows, animated TV commercials; drawing and/or painting samples; storyboards and/or animatics for animation. Movie files, stills or both may be included. Please choose pieces that best represent your skills and artistic interests. A brief description of each piece should be included (please mention name of project, year, your role in each piece and medium or software used). Please send us a link to your online portfolio in your letter of application.

San José State University is California’s oldest institution of public higher learning. The campus is located on the southern end of San Francisco Bay in downtown San José (Pop. 1,000,000), hub of the world-famous Silicon Valley high-technology research and development center. Many of California’s most popular national, recreational, and cultural attractions are conveniently close. A member of the 23-campus CSU system, San José State University enrolls approximately 30,000 students, a significant percentage of whom are members of minority groups. The University is committed to increasing the diversity of its faculty so our disciplines, students, and the community can benefit from multiple ethnic and gender perspectives.
San José State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We consider qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, medical condition, marital status, veteran status, or disability. This policy applies to all San José State University students, faculty, and staff as well as University programs and activities. Reasonable accommodations are made for applicants with disabilities who self-disclose. Note that all San José State University employees are considered mandated reporters under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and are required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.

A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed satisfactorily before any candidate can be offered a position with the CSU. Failure to satisfactorily complete the background check may affect the application status of applicants or continued employment of current CSU employees who apply for the position.

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