San José State University  
San José, California  
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Art and Art History  
Specialization: Art/Interdisciplinary Practice, Emphasis in Photography  
Job Opening ID (JOID): 24246  
Rank: Assistant Professor (Tenure-track)

Description: The Department of Art & Art History is seeking qualified candidates for a full-time, tenure-track position in Interdisciplinary Art, with an emphasis in Photography. The ideal candidate will be an actively exhibiting, photo-based, interdisciplinary artist with national recognition, digital expertise, and experience teaching studio foundations courses. The candidate will develop and teach courses that serve a wide range of undergraduate and graduate students in courses focusing on interdisciplinary foundations, contemporary photographic practices, and graduate interdisciplinary seminars. In addition to possessing expertise in photography, the ideal candidate will also have a record of working in one or more of the following media: installation art; digital media art; digital video; alternative photographic processes; painting; or print-making. The candidate will serve to support and expand interdisciplinary art, building the department’s foundations curriculum, which will need to be at the core of a revised BA Studio Art program. The candidate will also work with BFA and MFA programs in Photography, collaborating with Photography faculty and photographic lab technicians to develop and support these programs.

Qualifications:
- Master of Fine Arts or Ph.D. in Photography, or related field of studio art;  
- A demonstrated commitment to studio foundations and interdisciplinary practice;  
- An ability to collaborate across all disciplines represented by the department;  
- Teaching experience in photography and at least on other medium or area, giving evidence of interdisciplinary expertise;  
- Ability to teach upper-division photography classes, as well as the following interdisciplinary Studio Art courses: Art 02 - The Artist in Contemporary Culture; and Art 03 - Medium and Message;  
- Familiarity with a wide range of photographic equipment and processes;  
- Demonstrated artistic achievement as evidenced by a record of artistic exhibition and academic research in photo-based interdisciplinary art;  
- Demonstrated awareness of and sensitivity to the educational goals of a multicultural population, such as might have been gained in cross-cultural study, training, teaching, and other comparable experiences;  
- Minimum of two years teaching experience at the university level is preferred.

Responsibilities:
- Teach existing and develop new foundations, interdisciplinary and photography courses;  
- Work across disciplines in the arts to engage with emerging trends at the intersection of contemporary art, pedagogical practice, and entrepreneurial skills that foster connections with industry professionals;  
- Candidate 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;  
- Effectiveness in academic assignment; service on department, college, and university
committees; and continuing creative and professional activity are required to achieve tenure and promotion.

Salary Range: Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Starting Date: August 17, 2018

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

Application Procedures: For full consideration, a letter of application, a link to an online portfolio or body of work, curriculum vitae, statement of teaching interests/philosophy and research/creative activity plans, three confidential letters of recommendation should be uploaded to apply.interfolio.com/44612 by 12 p.m. on January 9, 2018. Please note that original transcripts will be required from all finalists after preliminary screening. Questions about the position can be addressed to: art@sjsu.edu.

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

The Art Department offers BA degrees in Art Education and Studio Practice, BA and MA in Art History & Visual Culture, and BFA and MFA degrees in Digital Media Art, Photography, Pictorial Art, and Spatial Art to approximately 450 undergraduate majors and 70 graduate students.

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