

San José State University—San José, California

Announcement of Position Availability

Subject to budgetary approval

Department of Humanities—American Studies Program

Position: American Cultures Instructor Pool

Rank: Part-time Temporary (e.g., Lecturer A, Lecturer B)

Qualifications: ABD or Ph.D. in American Studies, Ethnic Studies, Women's Studies, Literature, History, or a related discipline or field with a focus on the society and cultures of the United States in historical perspective. Strong teaching skills and experience. Experience or interest in team-teaching. Awareness of and sensitivity to the educational goals of serving a multicultural and diverse student population, which may have been gained through lived and embodied experience, cross-cultural study, training, teaching, and/or other comparable experience.

Responsibilities: Teach as part of a 3-person team the two-semester, 12-unit American Cultures sequence: AMS1A American Cultures through Reconstruction, and AMS1B American Cultures from Reconstruction to the Present. In addition, you will hold regular office hours for students; work cooperatively with your team, other department faculty, staff, and department chair; participate in assessment activities; etc.

The Course:

The two-semester American Cultures sequence is a lower-division General Education introduction to the study of the complexity, diversity, inequalities, arts, letters, music, environments, struggles, and triumphs of the various cultures of the United States.

Each semester consists of a 3-unit lecture and a 3-unit seminar, which are graded as a 6-unit whole. Three-person teams collaboratively create a syllabus each semester to cover a broad range of cultural and social issues in American history throughout the specified time period, with an eye to context, change over time, continuities, and interconnections.

Intellectual approaches to course topics should be inter- or trans- disciplinary, drawing from a mixture of disciplines, perspectives, theories, and methods including humanities and social sciences as well as natural sciences where appropriate.

Topics may be drawn from, for example, issues of race, class, gender, sexuality, and religion; politics and conflict; society and institutions; popular culture and mass culture; art, performance, and music; literature and poetry of all kinds; and transnational studies that see the U.S. in a global context.

Application Procedures:

- Applicants should send a letter of application detailing their qualifications to teach the American Cultures sequence.
- A current curriculum vitae containing current contact information.
- The names and contact information for three references who can speak to their teaching and/or scholarly skills.
- Applicants may be asked to provide evidence of teaching effectiveness or a sample of academic writing/research, as needed.
- Email your inquires and application documents to Jennifer Hoyman, Administrative Coordinator, Department of Humanities at jennifer.hoyman@sjsu.edu , with the subject line "American Cultures Instructor Pool."

Alternatively, you may mail your application to: Jennifer Hoyman, Administrative Coordinator, Department of Humanities, San José State University, One Washington Square, CL 419, San José, CA 95192-0092

Determination of part-time teaching assignments is contingent upon student enrollment figures and funding.

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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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