San José State University - San José, California
ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSITION AVAILABILITY
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Humanities
Specialization: American Studies/American Literature
Job Opening ID (JOID): 24794
Rank: Assistant Professor (Tenure-track) or Associate Professor (Tenured)

Qualifications: Ph.D. in American Studies, English Literature (focus on American Literature), or related field by start of appointment, a strong teaching record at the undergraduate level, and evidence of the ability to publish and engage in professional activities in the area of specialization. Area of Specialization: American Studies/American Literature (any historical period). The department especially welcomes candidates who pursue transnational American Studies. Area of Competence: American Cultures. The department embraces a diversity of disciplinary approaches to enduring human questions and contemporary social justice issues.

Applicants should demonstrate an awareness of and sensitivity to the educational goals of a multicultural population as might have been gained in cross-cultural study, training, teaching and other comparable experience.

Preferred: Training or interest in: Transnational American Studies; American arts and literature; John Steinbeck; digital humanities. Experience with and/or interest in team-teaching. Experience with and/or interest in the public humanities and/or arts administration.

Responsibilities: In addition to courses in area of specialization and/or the lower division team-taught American Cultures GE sequence, the candidate will be expected to teach coursework in the English Department and may take a leadership role in the Martha Heasley Cox Center for Steinbeck Studies. Scholarship, committee work, and department service are expected.

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.

Salary Range: Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Starting Date: August 15, 2019

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

Application Procedures:
For full consideration, send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, statement of teaching interests/philosophy, evidence of teaching proficiency (e.g., student evaluation), description of research plans, writing sample (preferably 5000 words or less), and at least three confidential letters of recommendation with contact information by November 30, 2018 via https://apply.interfolio.com/56629 to the attention of Prof. Shannon Rose Riley, Chair, Humanities Department, San José State University, One Washington Square, San José, CA 95192-0092.

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

This position is an excellent opportunity for scholars interested in a career at an institution that is a national leader in graduating URM students. San Jose State University has achieved HSI (Hispanic Serving Institution) and AANAPISI (Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution) designation; 40% of our student population are first-generation students and 38% are Pell-qualified. As a result, the university is ranked fourth nationally in increasing student upward mobility.
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 33,000 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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