Faculty Employment Opportunity

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Work type: Instructional Faculty – Tenured/Tenure-Track
Location: Sonoma
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Unit 3 CFA – California Faculty Association

Department of History
(Tenure-Track) Assistant Professor of Modern Latin American History

Starting August 2022

Our Commitment

Guided by our core values of diversity, sustainability, community engagement, and adaptability, Sonoma State University offers an exceptional educational experience that fosters intellectual, 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. We are fully committed to the rights of students, staff and faculty with disabilities in accordance with applicable state and federal laws. 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 9,000 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 undergraduate 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

The Department of History offers a 40-unit BA in history, with emphases in world history, European history, and the history of the Americas, in addition to courses with regional and thematic approaches. The department also offers a 30-unit MA in history, with separate thesis and comprehensive exam tracks. Students graduate with discipline-specific skills, including communication, critical thinking, and cultural competencies, which have clear value in a multicultural professional world, and which contribute to the building of better local and global communities. Departmental alumni pursue careers in fields that include law, government, teaching, journalism, business, academia, museum curatorship, librarianship, and the non-profit sector, with some continuing their historical studies at the PhD level.

Faculty members in the department are active researchers and writers, who seek ways for their scholarship to inform their classroom activities and their university and community outreach, including museum curatorship and oral-historical source generation. As one of the very first history departments in the United States to embrace world history, the department is distinguished by a longstanding commitment to diversity among its faculty members and in their scholarly interests and approaches.

Duties of the Position

The successful candidate will be committed to the academic success of all students and to an environment that acknowledges, encourages, and celebrates diversity and difference. To this end, the successful candidate will work effectively, respectfully, and collaboratively in diverse, multicultural, and inclusive settings. In addition, the successful candidate will be ready to join faculty, staff, students, and administrators in the University’s shared commitment to the principles of ethical exploration, civic engagement, social responsibility, and global awareness.

The successful candidate will teach courses in the geographical area of specialty, race and ethnicity, Mexican history, and the history of the Americas.

The successful candidate will maintain an active research and scholarly agenda, as set forth by the university’s retention, tenure, and promotion policy and the department’s retention, tenure, and promotion criteria.
The successful candidate will contribute to the life of the department, school, university, and surrounding community through service.

Professional Qualifications
To be recommended for appointment, the candidate must have:

A strong commitment to teaching at the BA and MA levels.

The ability to teach courses in the geographical area of specialty, race and ethnicity, Mexican history, and the history of the Americas.

A strong commitment to research and scholarship. In particular, the department encourages applications from candidates whose research focuses on one or more of the following subfields – environmental history, cultural history, historical archeology, public history, post-colonialism, migrations and borders, inequality, and human rights.

A PhD is required by the time of appointment.

Rank and Salary
Service credit depends upon academic preparation and professional experience. The salary for this position is: $75,000.

Required* Application Materials

- Cover Letter*: Please address your Research Interests, Teaching Philosophy and Diversity
- Curriculum Vitae*
- Evidence of Teaching Effectiveness
- Chapter or Article-length Sample of Scholarly Writing
- Three (3) Confidential Letters of Recommendation (The referees you list on your application will be contacted once your application is submitted and will be asked to upload a confidential letter of recommendation to the application portal).

Official transcripts will 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 **November 15, 2021** will be given full consideration. The position will remain open until filled.

Questions concerning this position may be directed to:
Search Committee Chair: Stephen Bittner
Email: bittner@sonoma.edu

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

The ADA Coordinator is also available (hrleaves@sonoma.edu) to assist individuals with disabilities in need of accommodation during the hiring process.

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.

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