

Faculty Employment Opportunity

Job no: #523434

Work type: Visiting Faculty

Location: Sonoma

Categories: Temporary, Full Time, Visiting Faculty, Unit 3 CFA – California Faculty Association

Department of Art & Art History

(Visiting Faculty) Assistant Professor

Starting August, 2023

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. Sonoma State University is a public liberal arts and sciences university. As the only member of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges in the state of California, we are committed to preparing students for a life of active citizenship and public service. Sonoma State University has a vibrant campus life characterized by a lively co-curriculum that fosters broad based intellectual and artistic opportunities in which students are actively engaged. Faculty members provide mentorship and a deep and sustained student - teacher interaction, incorporate High Impact Practices, and explore a breadth of knowledge by fostering creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, experimentation, empathy, and communication. We strive to create a diverse, equity-minded, and inclusive campus environment. 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.

The Department

For nearly half a century, Sonoma State University's Department of Art and Art History has been the hub of visual art on campus and in Sonoma County. As a center of creativity and experimentation, the department provides rigorous undergraduate education in the study and practice of the visual arts. Our programs offer in-depth instruction in technique, concept, and history of art.

Our students pursue studies leading to the BA and BFA degrees in art studio or the BA degree in art history. Art studio degree emphases are available in ceramics, painting, printmaking, photography, sculpture, and works on paper. Committed to the recognition of individuality and unique accomplishment, faculty work closely with students to encourage personal direction and ideas. We strive to create a diverse and inclusive faculty serving an increasingly diverse student body.

Designed specifically for the pursuit of studio art practices and the study of art history and museum and gallery studies, the department facilities are located in one of the best equipped physical plants within the California State University system. The Art Building has a total of 46,604 square feet of space with an instructional net of 30,485 square feet and includes specialized studios for the study of Ceramics, Digital Media, Painting, Printmaking, Photography and Sculpture, and includes a wood shop, welding studio, and bronze foundry.

The Department is a fully accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

For more information please visit <http://www.sonoma.edu/art/>

Duties of the Position

Applicants for the position of Visiting Assistant Professor of Sculpture will be expected to teach 12 units per semester from the following Studio Art courses and be familiar with the safe use of tools, equipment, and techniques used in the related areas: 3D Fundamentals; Beginning Sculpture; Intermediate and Advanced Sculpture—including woodworking, welding and metal fabrication, casting and foundry; art theory; and B.F.A. seminars. Successful candidates are expected to participate in faculty evaluation of advanced and B.F.A. students and serve as a respectful mentor and advisor to students. Applicants are expected to have an engagement with contemporary issues of sculpture, and a thorough knowledge of the history of sculpture. We are seeking an individual with a strong commitment to student engagement and the capacity to work with a diverse group of students, faculty, staff, as well as with the ability to reach diverse learners while creating an inclusive classroom environment. A teaching practice that focuses equally on conceptual ideas and a materials-based approach to artmaking.

Professional Qualifications

To be recommended for appointment, the candidate must have:

- M.F.A. in Sculpture;
- Two or more years teaching experience at the college level in courses similar to those described;
- Knowledge about the use of facilities available on our campus including bronze and aluminum foundry, metal and wood shops;
- Have demonstrated commitment, ability, and experience working with a diverse population of students, faculty, and staff, as well as the ability to create a welcoming and inclusive classroom environment;

- A strong record of exhibition on the regional and/or national levels;
- Professional and technical experience in studio art, and experience in preparing students in art theory, critical discourse, and important issues in contemporary art;
- Working knowledge of issues related to sculpture along with contemporary and historical artists nationally and internationally working in the field.

Rank and Salary

The rank is Assistant Professor. The salary for this position is: \$72,000.

Required* Application Materials

- Cover Letter (should be addressed to Dr. Jennifer Roberson, chair of search committee) that includes: Research Interests or Artist Statement, Teaching Philosophy, and candidate's potential to support SSU's commitment to diversity.
- Curriculum Vitae including Contact Information for 3 References
- Student Evaluations
- 1-2 Sample syllabi

Please send additional materials to email jennifer.roberson@sonoma.edu

- Link to Dropbox, Box or Google Drive folder containing
 - 20 images (jpeg, MAC com) of own work.
 - 10 images of you students' work
 - Image lists with title, date, media, size, optional 2-3 descriptive sentences

Letters of Recommendation will be requested from finalists only.

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 **February 6, 2023** will be given full consideration. The position will remain open until filled.

Questions concerning this position may be directed to:

Search Committee Chair: Jennifer Roberson

Email: jennifer.roberson@sonoma.edu

Questions concerning the application process may be directed to:

Faculty Affairs 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.

Visitors to Sonoma State University are required to do a Wellness Self-Screening. For more information on this, please see our [COVID-19 Safety Protocols, under the heading Wellness Self-Screening](#).

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