Faculty Vacancy Announcement

Assistant/Associate Professor of Art History and Contemporary Theory and Criticism

Department: Fine Arts
Position: Full-time, academic year, renewable, tenure-track faculty position
Salary Range: Assistant Professor $46,000-$50,000
Associate Professor $50,000-$54,000
Union Affiliation: MEA/MFT
Posting Date: December 2016
Start Date: August 1, 2017

Description
Teach upper and lower division art history courses at the undergraduate level: survey of art history, contemporary art theory and criticism and other per the candidate’s expertise. The accepted candidate will teach three 18-day classes (blocks) per semester within UM Western’s unique system of experiential education, called X1.

Candidates are expected to be actively engaged in research and scholarship in their field, and be strongly involved with student recruitment, retention, and advising. The art history courses offered are intentioned to build a relationship between each student’s artistic and professional practices and an understanding of the theoretical aspects that define her/his work to provide a strong basis for the development of their creativity, working techniques and practices and critical thinking.

The successful candidate will be expected to organize the Visiting Artist Program which will contain at least two visiting artists per year.

Required Qualification
PhD in Art History or related field.

Preferred Qualifications
The successful candidate must possess the following qualifications:
- Previous post-secondary teaching experience.
- Gallery or curatorial experience.
- Focus in Contemporary Art Theory and Criticism.
- Familiarity with contemporary material studies.
- Familiarity with contemporary indigenous studies in art.
Application
Application materials should include a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, copies of all university level transcripts and names and contact information for at least four professional references. Review of applications will begin January 16, 2017 and continue until the position is filled. Application material should be sent to:

Patti Lake
Payroll & Benefits Supervisor
The University of Montana Western
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Dillon, MT 59725
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Questions regarding this position should be directed to Eva Mastandrea via email @ eva.mastandrea@umwestern.edu or by calling 406-683-7312.

The University & Dillon Area
The University of Montana Western is a dynamic, innovative, undergraduate university with over 60 full-time faculty and 1,500 students. It is located in Dillon, Montana in the scenic Rocky Mountains and has been awarded numerous top national rankings for delivering high quality, affordable education.

Montana Western is the only public four-year college in the nation offering Experience One (X1), experiential learning delivered on the block schedule. Class sizes are small and students take a single course at a time, three hours each day for 18 days, before moving on to the next course. Each course is four credits and four blocks are offered each semester. The block schedule facilitates field and lab work, undergraduate research, study travel, and interdisciplinary teaching. Montana Western’s faculty strongly believe in mentoring and inspiring students, and assisting them in the transition from university life to professional careers.

The University of Montana Western is an integral part of the Dillon Community. With a population of 5,000 people, Dillon is known for outstanding public schools, safe environments, recreational opportunities, and an excellent quality of life.

The University of Montana Western is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and encourages applications from qualified women, minorities, veterans and people with disabilities. Qualified candidates may request veterans, or disabilities preference in accordance with state law. Reasonable accommodations are provided in the hiring process for persons with disabilities. Finalists for this position will be subject to a criminal background investigation.