

## FACULTY VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

### Assistant/Associate Professor of Theatre

**Department:** Fine Arts

**Position:** Full-time (10-month), tenure-track position with complete benefit package

**Salary:** Negotiable within the range established in the CBA (\$44,000-\$54,000)

**Union Affiliation:** MFPE

**Posting Date:** November 2021

**Start Date:** August 1, 2022

### Description

As Assistant or Associate Professor, this person's primary responsibilities are academic. These responsibilities include:

- Teach two courses per semester; some combination of Introduction to Theatre; Directing and Play Production; Theatre Workshop; Stagecraft I and II;
- Coordinate primary learning activities of theatre courses with department productions, as per course descriptions;
- Teach, coach, and mobilize students, including 2-3 work-study students, in the construction of scenery and props, and execution of lights and sound, for department music and theatre class productions;
- Maintain an engaged and collaboration-minded relationship with students, faculty, staff, and guest artists/teachers;
- Foster collaborative partnerships across campus and within the community;
- Contribute actively to the efforts of the Fine Arts Department;

As the Technical Director for the Beier and small auditoriums, this person will be responsible for all productions/performances associated with the Fine Arts Department including:

- Supervise and manage the shops, storage areas, and the technical equipment and materials;
- Coordinate, maintain, and update all safety protocols associated with shops, storage, and performance spaces;
- Advise and collaborate on planning of the theatre and music production/performance season, including scenic and technical materials;
- Oversee all theatre-related purchases and production budgets, with the assistance of The Offices of Foundation and Business;
- Organize and manage weekly production meetings in the approximately two months preceding productions the department's theatre performances (approx. 2 small-stage and 1 main-stage productions per year);
- Coordinate build schedules and technical rehearsals;
- Oversee the planning, installation, and strikes of scenery, and technical equipment and materials;
- Coordinate all university and community events in the Beier and small auditoriums, consulting and working collaboratively with faculty, university staff, and event sponsors (approx. 20 hours per month);
- Maintain with UMW's Office of Events and Conference Services a central, organized schedule/calendar for the Beier and small auditoriums, balancing academic, university, and community events.

## Required Qualifications

- MFA or Ph.D. in technical theater.

## Preferred Qualifications

- Three years of teaching at the University level.
- Ability to teach one or more of the following: a multi-arts appreciation course; theatre history and literature; K-12 drama methods
- Ability to teach online courses.

## Application

Application materials should include a letter of interest responding to the position description, a statement of teaching philosophy (≤ 2 pages), a statement of research interests, a curriculum vitae including contact information for at least three professional references, and official or unofficial undergraduate and graduate transcripts. All application materials should be submitted as a SINGLE PDF file. Teaching evaluations may be requested at a later time. Official transcripts will be required at the time of hire. Application materials must be sent to:

Patti Lake  
Personnel Officer  
The University of Montana Western  
710 S. Atlantic Street  
Dillon, MT 59725  
patricia.lake@umwestern.edu

Inquiries may be made to Tricia Fiscus at [tricia.fiscus@umwestern.edu](mailto:tricia.fiscus@umwestern.edu). Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until position is filled.

## The University & Dillon Area

The University of Montana Western is a dynamic, innovative, undergraduate university with over 65 full-time faculty and 1,300 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 any position will be subject to a criminal background investigation.*