FACULTY POSITION OPENING

Department: Central American Studies  Effective Date of Appointment: August 24, 2016  (Subject to Budgetary Approval)

Rank: Assistant Professor (Tenure Track)  Salary: Dependent upon qualifications

The University:

Serving more than 38,000 students each year, CSUN is one of the largest universities in the United States. CSUN ranks 10th in the country in awarding bachelor’s degrees to underrepresented minority students, fifth nationally in awarding master’s degrees to Hispanic students and enrolls the largest number of deaf and hard-of-hearing students of any U.S. state university. CSUN’s 171 academic programs and engaged centers enjoy international recognition for excellence. CSUN currently partners with more than 100 institutions of higher education in 22 countries around the globe and attracts the largest international student population of any U.S. master’s level institution. Situated on a 356-acre park-like setting in the heart of Los Angeles’ San Fernando Valley, the campus features modern educational buildings and world-class LEED Gold-certified performing arts and recreational facilities recognized as among the best in the country. CSUN is a welcoming university that champions accessibility, academic excellence and student success.

CSUN is strongly committed to achieving excellence through teaching, scholarship, active learning and diversity. Our values include a respect for all people, building alliances with the community and the encouragement of innovation, experimentation and creativity. CSUN is designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and an Asian American, Native American, Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI) and we value the diversity of all of our students and the campus community. CSUN actively encourages qualified candidates to apply who have experience working with students from diverse backgrounds and a demonstrated commitment to improving access to higher education for under-represented students.

As an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer, CSUN strives to create a community in which a diverse population can work, teach and learn in an atmosphere of civility and respect for the rights of each individual. We consider qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, genetic information, medical information, marital status, or veteran status. For more information about the University, check our website: http://www.csun.edu/.

Qualifications:

The candidate will have a generalist background in Central American Studies, with a specialization in rhetoric and composition or technical/professional writing. A doctorate in rhetoric/composition or related field is required by August 23, 2016. The best candidate will complement the interdisciplinary nature of the Department of Central American Studies and contribute to the development of best practices in teaching rhetoric/composition to Central American and other diverse, ESL, and/or immigrant students. In addition, the best candidate will contribute to the Department of Central American Studies commitment to help students acquire an awareness of the diverse Central American cultures, ethnicities, experiences, worldviews, and its transnational dimension. Applicants must have demonstrated ability and commitment to teaching and working with a diverse student population.

At time of appointment, the successful candidate, if not a U.S. citizen, must have authorization from the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services to work in the United States.

Responsibilities:

The Department of Central American Studies is interdisciplinary. The candidate will be expected to contribute to the field through the publication of scholarly and/or policy related articles in writing, culture, and the Central American transnational experience. The candidate will be expected to coordinate and guide the Central American Studies Writing Program. The candidate will work closely with other faculty, Central American students, and community members towards building links between academia and the larger Central American community. All faculty members are expected to be dedicated to advancing the academic skills of their students. The standard teaching load at the university is 12 units per semester, although reassigned time may be available for research, administrative service, and/or curriculum development.

Application Deadline:

Screening of applications will begin December 14, 2015. Priority will be given to applicants who meet the screening deadline. However, the position will remain open until filled. Applicants should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and three current letters of recommendation to the address below. In later phases of the search process, applicants may be requested to provide verification of terminal degrees, licenses and certificates.

Send inquiries and completed digital applications via email to:

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Paper applications can be sent to:

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General Information:


The person holding 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.

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.

Applicants who wish to request accommodations for a disability may contact the Office of Equity and Diversity, (818) 677-2077.