

**Department:** Journalism  
**Faculty Hire Number:** 18-45

**Effective Date of Appointment:** August 22, 2018  
(Subject to Budgetary Approval)

**Rank:** Assistant or Associate Professor

**Salary:** Dependent upon qualifications

**About the University:**

One of the largest universities in the country, California State University, Northridge (CSUN) is an urban, comprehensive university that delivers award-winning undergraduate and graduate programs to nearly 40,000 students annually and counts more than 330,000 alumni who elevate Southern California and beyond. Since its founding in 1958, CSUN has made a significant and long-term economic impact on California, generating nearly \$1.9 billion in economic impact and more than 11,700 jobs each year. The LAEDC recognized CSUN as its 2015 Eddy Award winner for its positive economic impact. Serving more students on Pell Grants than any other institution in California, CSUN is also a social elevator and one of the most diverse universities in the country. CSUN ranks 13<sup>th</sup> in awarding bachelor's degrees to historically underrepresented students and enrolls the largest number of students who are Deaf and hard of hearing of any U.S. state university. The journal *Nature* recently named CSUN a Rising Star for scientific research, and the NSF ranks CSUN in the top five nationally among similar institutions for graduates who go on to earn doctorates in the sciences. CSUN is where individuals rise and through them, so does Greater Los Angeles and beyond.

**About the College:**

The Mike Curb college of Arts, Media, and Communication includes the departments of Art, Cinema and Television Arts, Communication Studies, Journalism, Music, and Theatre. The college has approximately 110 tenured/tenure-track faculty and enrolls over 5,300 undergraduate and graduate students. The college hosts the following centers, institutes, and community outreach initiatives: The Entertainment Industry Institute, the Center for Visual Communication (VISCOM), The Music Therapy Wellness Clinic, Teenage Drama Workshop, and Youth Orchestra.

**About the Department:**

The CSUN Department of Journalism, a nationally accredited undergraduate program, supports nine award-winning, student-run digital news media operations in print/online and radio/television broadcast in English and Spanish, as well as a thriving public relations agency. The Journalism program is designed for students who seek careers in a wide variety of contemporary options – particularly in broadcast, public relations and participatory and ethnic media. Our dynamic and creative faculty include internationally-recognized scholars in citizen and participatory media, Latin American diasporas and the media, border and immigration issues as well as visual communication to humanize homelessness. Our master's degree in Mass Communication program teaches students critical approaches to journalism practice.

**Our mission:**

The Department of Journalism strives to prepare its students to become well-educated, principled citizens who are capable of initiating careers as skilled journalists, public relations practitioners and other related communication professionals.

**Our vision statements:**

**Students** Learn to be excellent writers and communicators who tell factual stories in a variety of forms and platforms for a diverse public and whose work reflects creativity, innovation, analytical thinking, ethics and democratic values.

**Faculty** Innovate to produce excellence in teaching, research, service and creative activities.

**Department** Foster culture of collaboration among students, faculty, staff, alumni and diverse communities to become a resource, a town square and a network for those interested in journalism.

**CSUN's Commitment to You:**

CSUN is committed to achieving excellence through teaching, scholarship, learning and inclusion. Our values include a respect for all people, building partnerships with the community and the encouragement of innovation, experimentation and creativity. CSUN strives to cultivate a community in which a diverse population can learn and work in an atmosphere of civility and respect. CSUN is especially interested in

candidates who make contributions to equity and inclusion in the pursuit of excellence for all members of the university community.

For more information about the University, check visit website at: <http://www.csun.edu>

**Qualifications:**

The CSUN Department of Journalism seeks to fill a tenure-track position in Digital Media and Emerging Journalistic Practices at the rank of either Assistant or Associate Professor. The Department invites applications from experienced practitioners. In addition to a graduate degree (MA, MFA, or comparable) appropriate in digital journalism, journalism, media studies, communications, or a related field, from an accredited institution, or international institution, by August 21, 2018, and demonstrated college or university teaching experience, the successful candidate will have professional work experience in news production and in *one or more* of these eight areas:

- digital storytelling;
- multimedia or multi-platform storytelling;
- digital immersive media, such as virtual or augmented reality (VR/AR), mixed reality, 360 video and/or other emerging media forms or types;
- data-driven journalism;
- digital publication management;
- digital audio storytelling, such as podcasting;
- digital video storytelling;
- web or mobile storytelling.

In addition, the successful candidate must be able to teach beginning and advanced digital storytelling and other news reporting, writing, and production skills courses and other courses appropriate to the candidate's knowledge, skills and abilities. Hiring at rank of Associate Professor would require the academic experience and professional achievements pertinent to that rank.

Qualifications include:

- Two or more years of professional work experience in news production and in one or more of the listed areas;
- A commitment to teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels as well as expertise that complements the strengths of existing faculty.

Applicants must demonstrate experience and commitment to working, teaching, and mentoring a diverse student population, as well as, an interest in community outreach. 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:**

Teach undergraduate and graduate courses in Journalism and Digital Storytelling and secondary areas as needed; develop curriculum in areas of specialization; advise and mentor students; engage in a systematic program of scholarship resulting in peer-reviewed dissemination of that work; serve on department, college, and university committees; participate in the department's commitment to serving diverse populations, service learning, and community- based partnerships. CSUN is a learning-centered university. The successful candidate will be expected to join faculty and staff in a commitment to active learning, to assessment of learning outcomes, and to multiple pathways that enable students to graduate.

**Application Deadline:**

Applications are due **Feb. 15, 2018**. Screening of applications will begin immediately. Priority will be given to applicants who meet the screening deadline. However, the position will remain open until filled.

**How to Apply:**

This institution is using Interfolio's ByCommittee to conduct this search. Applicants to this position receive a free Dossier account and can send all application materials, including confidential letters of recommendation, free of charge to:

<https://apply.interfolio.com/47670>

Applicants must submit the following:

- 1) Letter of application addressing the responsibilities and qualifications above;
- 2) Current vitae;
- 3) A portfolio or online equivalent containing relevant examples of work. Please submit Youtube or Vimeo links via Interfolio;
- 4) Evidence of teaching effectiveness, and
- 5) Three current letters of recommendation.

In later phases of the search process, applicants may be requested to provide verification of terminal degrees, licenses and certificates.

**General Information:**

In compliance with the Annual Security Report & Fire Safety Report of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, California State University, Northridge has made crime-reporting statistics available on-line [here](#). Print copies are available by request from the Department of Police Services, the Office for Faculty Affairs, and the Office of Equity and Diversity.

The person holding this position may be 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.

CSUN is an Equal Opportunity Employer and prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religion, national origin, age, gender, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, medical condition, marital status, veteran status, and disability. Our nondiscrimination policy is set forth in [CSU Executive Order 1096](#). Reasonable accommodations will be provided for applicants with disabilities who self-disclose by contacting Recruitment Services at (818) 677-2101.