

**Department:** Cinema and Television Arts  
**Faculty Hire Number:** 20-09

**Effective Date of Appointment:** August 19, 2020  
(Subject to Budgetary Approval)

**Rank:** Assistant Professor,  
Full-time, Tenure-Track

**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 Department of Cinema and Television Arts is located in the heart of the entertainment industry. With six undergraduate programs of study and an M.F.A. in Screenwriting, CTVA offers unparalleled opportunities for academic and professional training in a richly diverse environment. Our facilities are industry-standard and include film and television sound stages, post-production and mixing suites, a new media lab, a digital visual effects suite, and the 130-seat Armer Theater. CTVA alumni work in every facet of the entertainment industry. Extensive relationships with studios, networks, production companies and other organizations provide students with access to internships, jobs and other collaborative opportunities.

**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, visit: <http://www.csun.edu>

**Description:**

The Department of Cinema and Television Arts has an open faculty position for a tenure-track Assistant Professor in the area of screenwriting for our undergraduate and M.F.A. in Screenwriting programs. We seek a skilled screenwriter with significant television writing experience. Short-form and/or transmedia storytelling experience are also desirable.

Candidates should be active in their fields, with a strong record of professional achievement. Candidates should have proficiency in the techniques, practices, histories and/or theories of media art. Additional areas of expertise may include writing for animation, games, or immersive and/or other emerging media. Candidates must also have teaching experience, preferably at the university or college level.

**Qualifications for hiring at the rank of Assistant Professor:**

- Terminal degree in related field from an accredited institution required.
- Demonstrated successful teaching experience required, preferably at the university or college level.
- Demonstrated professional experience in writing for television required. Demonstrated professional experience in writing for film, transmedia, short-form projects (e.g., web series), animation, and/or emerging or immersive media desired.
- Demonstrated experience in working effectively with students from diverse backgrounds required.
- Willingness to participate in the university's commitment to obtaining research and creative activity support from Federal, State, corporate, and foundation sponsored programs desired.

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

**Responsibilities:**

Active participation in the development and growth of the Screenwriting Option and the M.F.A. Screenwriting program. Teach introductory and upper-division undergraduate courses in the Screenwriting Option and graduate courses in the M.F.A. Screenwriting program. Serve on graduate thesis committees. Conduct and disseminate discipline-specific research and/or creative work. Advise students, develop curriculum and participate in faculty governance. Contribute professionally at the state and national levels. For purposes of reappointment, tenure and promotion, emphasis will be placed on teaching effectiveness, scholarly and/or creative achievement, and service to the University and community.

Teaching may be assigned in a second area of expertise appropriate to the qualifications of the candidate, including courses in the General Education Curriculum.

**Application Deadline:**

Screening of applications will begin **November 1, 2019**. Priority will be given to applicants who meet the screening deadline; however, the position will remain open until filled.

Applicants must submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and three current letters of recommendation to the web address in the section below. In later phases of the search process, applicants may be requested to provide verification of terminal degrees, licenses and certificates, a portfolio of creative/scholarly works, and a written statement addressing how your approach to teaching includes diversity.

**How to Apply:**

This institution is using Interfolio's ByCommittee to conduct this search. Applicants for this position receive a free Dossier account and can send all application materials, including confidential letters of recommendation, free of charge to: <http://apply.interfolio.com/66474>

**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 Faculty Affairs at (818) 677-2962.