FACULTY POSITION OPENING
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTH RIDGE
Northridge, California 91330

Effective Date of Appointment: August 2015
(Subject to Budgetary Approval)

Department: Art
Emphasis: Graphic Design/Interaction/User Interface & User Experience Design
Rank: Assistant Professor
Position: Tenure Track
Salary: Salary based on qualifications/experience

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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.

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Qualifications: MFA in Graphic Design or Visual Communication with emphasis of work in Interaction Design, User Interface Design (UI), User Experience Design (UX), and Digital Media is preferred. MA with teaching experience (minimum of 2 years at college/university level) and industry experience also may be considered. Professional background in graphic design. Must show evidence of 1) successful ongoing professional activity and promise in area of concentration, and 2) extensive knowledge, expertise, and experience teaching graphic design and computer-related interactive digital media classes (Web Design/UX/UI). Multi-platform fluency, exceptional hardware and software knowledge a must. Knowledge of Front-End development languages (XHTML, CSS, Javascript) and Back-End development processes recommended. The Graphic Design Program at CSUN emphasizes problem solving with a foundation in concept development; typography; analytical, organizational, and communication skills, and the integration of technology and new media. Demonstrated experience and continued commitment to working with a culturally diverse campus community is required, as are dependability and commitment to higher education.

Responsibilities: The candidate will teach courses in foundation, graphic design, and interaction/UI/UX design and have the opportunity to contribute to the creation of new curriculum. The candidate also plays a role in the development and supervision of student-based activities (organizations, centers, and recruitment). In addition to teaching at all undergraduate levels of the program, the candidate is required to continue research and design activity; actively participate in student recruitment, advisement, program promotion and exhibition of student work; build professional partnerships for department funding, student internships and job placements; serve on committees in the Department, College and University, CSUN is a Learning Centered University. The successful candidate will be expected to join faculty and staff in a commitment to active learning, to the assessment of learning outcomes, and to multiple pathways that enable students to graduate.

Application Deadline: Screening of applications will begin October 17, 2014. Priority will be given to applicants who meet the screening deadline. However, the position will remain open until filled.

Application Requirements:

1. A cover letter of application.
2. A complete and current curriculum vitae.
3. A statement of teaching philosophy.
4. Representative course syllabi and student teaching evaluation at the college level.
5. Examples of your own work and examples of student work – labeled and dated.
b. Three current letters of reference, including addresses, phone numbers and email contact info.

Additional supporting materials may be requested of finalists.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Inquiries and nominations should be addressed to:
Chair Search & Screen Committee
Interactive Design
Department of Art
California State University, Northridge
18111 Nordhoff Street
Northridge, CA 91330-8300

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.

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

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SUSAN HUA, DIRECTOR
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Qualifications: By time of appointment, an MFA in Art is required; MA in Art with professional experience may be considered for equivalency; emphasis in Photography and/or Video required. Professional experience in Photography and Video and two years teaching experience at college or university level highly desired. Demonstrated experience and continued commitment to working with a diverse student population is required. Ideal candidates will be exhibiting, published, and/or commercial artists with the ability to teach technical skills, including digital applications and lighting. Candidates should have teaching competency in both Photography and Video, ability to develop curriculum, and working knowledge of contemporary Photography/Video discourse. Professional artwork and student artwork should demonstrate the applicant’s interest and proficiency in teaching digital photography and video to majors and non-majors.

Responsibilities: Faculty responsibilities include teaching digital photography and video to undergraduate and graduate students. Assist in development and growth of the photography/video area, including curriculum. Participate in MFA & MA programs. Actively participate in student recruitment, advisement, program promotion and exhibition of student work. Build professional partnerships for department funding, student internships and job placement. Serve on committees in the Department, College and University. Continue creative/professional work and exhibition. CSUN is a Learning Centered University. The successful candidate will be expected to join faculty and staff in a commitment to active learning, to the assessment of learning outcomes, and to multiple pathways that enable students to graduate.

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5. 15-20 images of professional artwork and accompanying image list
6. 15-20 images of student artwork and accompanying image list

If including video, please limit clips to 1-2 minutes with not more than 5 minutes total for professional artwork and 3 minutes total for student artwork. In later phases of the search process, applicants may be requested to provide verification of terminal degrees, licenses and certificates.
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