

Director of Forensics

Department: Communication Studies

Effective Date of Appointment: August 23, 2017
(Subject to Budgetary Approval)

Rank: Assistant Professor

Salary: Dependent upon qualifications

About The University:

Serving more than 42,000 students each year, CSUN is one of the largest universities in the United States, and it has an impact to match its size. Money Magazine recently named CSUN one of the top ten values in all of higher education, and the Social Mobility Index ranked CSUN fifth in the nation for elevating its students' economic and social well-being. 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 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 is a welcoming university that champions accessibility, academic excellence and student success.

CSUN's Commitment to You:

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.

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 Department of Communication Studies at California State University, Northridge seeks a qualified candidate to fulfill a tenure track position at the rank of Assistant Professor in the role of Director of Forensics.

The candidate must have the following qualifications: Earned Ph.D. in Communication Studies or related field from an accredited institution required at time of hire. Demonstrated excellence in teaching and research in Communication Studies; demonstrated potential for scholarly activity resulting in publication or equivalent; active participation in the discipline of Communication Studies. Previous experience in a leadership role with a forensics program and working with culturally diverse students is required; previous experience administering forensics tournaments is preferred. Additional ability to teach in one of the departmental areas of instruction (communication theory, rhetorical studies, performance studies, and/or cultural studies) is required. Interest in community outreach desired. Applicants are expected to complement the strengths of existing faculty and must demonstrate ability and a commitment to 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:

Recruit and direct a forensics program that incorporates both intercollegiate debate and individual events competition. Supervise graduate assistant coaches. Direct intercollegiate and intramural tournaments. Teach undergraduate and graduate courses in the department curriculum. Develop collaborative programs linking the campus, the surrounding community, and CSUN forensics; identify funding and support for these programs. Teach in secondary areas as needed and as qualifications permit; advise and mentor students; develop curriculum in area of specialization; engage in a systematic program of scholarship resulting in dissemination of that work; serve on department, college, and university committees. Participate in the department's commitment to service learning, K-12 partnerships, and the university's teacher preparation initiatives.

Application Deadline:

Screening of applications will begin **December 9, 2016** and will continue until the position is filled. Priority will be given to applicants who meet the screening deadline. Complete applications must include: 1) letter of application addressing the responsibilities and qualifications described above; 2) current vitae; 3) evidence of teaching effectiveness; and 4) 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. Position is open until filled.

Inquiries and applications should be addressed to:

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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 at <http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/clery-report.pdf>. Print copies are available in the library and by request from the Department of Police Services and the Office of Faculty Affairs.

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.