

Faculty Vacancy Announcement

Assistant/Associate Professor of Art History and Contemporary Theory and Criticism

Department: Fine Arts

Position: Full-time (10-month), tenure-track position plus full benefits

Salary Range: Assistant Professor approximately \$52,000; Associate Professor approximately \$58,000

Union Affiliation: MFPE

Posting Date: September 2019

Start Date: August 1, 2020

Description

Art history and criticism courses should be understood as an opportunity to introduce students to various cultures and cultural perspectives, touching on the artwork of Asia, Africa, the Islamic world, Europe, and the Indigenous Americas. These courses should also touch on the way art history and criticism intersects with the subjects of race, class, gender, sexuality, and disability studies.

The art history courses offered at UMW are intended to build a relationship between each student's artistic practices and the theoretical aspects that define their work in order to provide a strong research basis for the development of their creativity, working techniques, and critical thinking. Offered as general education classes, the art history surveys also serve to expose students to art historical content they may not otherwise encounter and to encourage them to build connections between art history and their other fields of study and lived experiences.

The Assistant/Associate Professor of Art History and Contemporary Theory and Criticism will teach upper and lower division art history courses at the undergraduate level: survey of art history, contemporary art theory and criticism, and an other upper level course per the candidate's expertise, as well as foundations studio classes in 2D or 3D as needed.

The accepted candidate will teach three 18-day courses (blocks) per semester within UM Western's unique system of experiential education, called Experience One (X1). They are expected to be actively engaged in research and scholarship in their field; to be strongly involved with student recruitment, retention, and advising; to serve on administrative committees within the university; and to serve as Coordinator of the University's Fine Arts Gallery and Visiting Artists' Program.

Required Qualifications

- PhD in, Cultural studies, Art History, Art Criticism, or related field **AND** a B.F.A or M.F.A in studio Art
- Previous post-secondary teaching experience.
- Focus in Contemporary Art Theory and Criticism.
- Familiarity with contemporary indigenous studies in art.
- Familiarity with multicultural studies, gender and queer studies, and disability studies in art.
- Gallery or curatorial experience.

Application

- A letter of interest,
- A curriculum vitae,
- Copies of all university level transcripts
- Names and contact information for three professional references.
- Examples of current work representative of stated skills and qualifications
10-15 pages writing sample and 10 slides of artwork
- 10 slides and/or pages of student work

Application material should be submitted to:

Patti Lake
Payroll & Benefits Supervisor
The University of Montana Western
710 S Atlantic Street
Dillon, MT 59725
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For questions regarding this position contact Judy Ulrich via email @ judy.ulrich@umwestern.edu or by calling 406-683-8422 or 406-660-0221

Review of applications will begin October 15, 2019 and continue until the position is filled.

The University & Dillon Area

The University of Montana Western is a dynamic, innovative, undergraduate university with over 60 full-time faculty and 1,500 students. It is located in Dillon, Montana in the scenic Rocky Mountains and has been awarded numerous top national rankings for delivering high quality, affordable education.

Montana Western is the only public four-year college in the nation offering *Experience One (X1)*, experiential learning delivered on the block schedule. Class sizes are small and students take a single course at a time, three hours each day for 18 days, before moving on to the next course. Each course is four credits and four blocks are offered each semester. The block schedule facilitates field and lab work, undergraduate research, study travel, and interdisciplinary teaching. Montana Western's faculty strongly believe in mentoring and inspiring students, and assisting them in the transition from university life to professional careers.

The University of Montana Western is an integral part of the Dillon Community. With a population of 5,000 people, Dillon is known for outstanding public schools, safe environments, recreational opportunities, and an excellent quality of life.

The University of Montana Western is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and encourages applications from qualified women, minorities, veterans and people with disabilities. Qualified candidates may request veterans, or disabilities preference in accordance with state law. Reasonable accommodations are provided in the hiring process for persons with disabilities. Finalists for any position will be subject to a criminal background investigation.