Lecturer/Assistant Professor, Non-Tenure Track – NYC Studio, The Fashion School, Kent State University
The Shannon Rodgers and Jerry Silverman School of Fashion Design and Merchandising

The Fashion School's NYC Studio at Kent State University seeks strong candidates for a full-time, 9-month, non-tenure-track Assistant Professor/Lecturer in fashion merchandising, beginning Fall 2018. This position is created to meet the diverse academic and administrative needs of the NYC Studio.

The Fashion School offers outstanding state-of-the-art facilities for teaching and connecting with the fashion industry and alumni; the Fashion School Store, a live retail environment located in downtown Kent; the TechStyleLAB research/learning and commercial technology laboratory; direct partnership with the KSU Fashion Museum, housing nearly 40,000 pieces in their collection and eight fantastic exhibition spaces; an exceptional Fashion Library with trend/archival and trade resources; and the NYC Studio and Florence Italy campuses for semester-long study away experiences, plus a curricular partnership with the Paris American Academy. For more information on the school please visit our website: www.fashionschool.kent.edu.

The Fashion School offers extensive opportunities for our students to be involved in national and international study away programs to expose and connect our students to the global industry. An approved study-away experience is a required for all fashion students prior to graduation since 2016-17 academic year. As an extension of the Fashion School, the NYC Studio is located in the heart of the Garment District. We opened our doors to junior standing students in 2006 in response to the rapidly growing field of fashion and its demand for a well-versed work force. The NYC Studio Program is a semester-long program catering mainly to fashion design, fashion merchandising and fashion journalism students. While studying in NYC, our students develop a critical understanding of local and global fashion industries. Students receive rigorous training from NYC based faculty whose extensive professional experience creates a unique learning environment where practical knowledge complements theoretical education. Students also have the opportunity to participate in prestigious internships, exclusive guest lectures, industry receptions, and recruiting events in addition to networking with local alumni.

Responsibilities:
- Teach upper division courses to support curricular programs in fashion merchandising
- Actively advise and support current and incoming undergraduate students for their academic planning
- Provide support and assist the NYC Studio director for administrative and academic tasks
- Serve as a faculty lead in NYC Studio, and a liaison to external partners and alumni for special events
- Participate in School, College and University advising and service as appropriate
- Develop and maintain up-to-date industry knowledge regarding fashion contexts

Required Qualifications:
- Terminal degree (PhD, MFA, etc.) in fashion or related field prior to the start date for the non-tenure-track role
- Evidence of a strong teaching record at college level with abilities/interests in large format and lab settings along with industry and pedagogical technologies
- Minimum 3 years of higher education administration experience

Preferred Qualifications:
- Ability to balance the administrative and the academic rigor
- Experience working with Adobe Creative Suite and/or Lectra, Optitex, other CAD software preferred
- Promote excellence in education, research, and collaborative partnerships with internal and external academic community
- Commitment to cultural diversity in teaching and administration
- Technologically-innovative approach to teaching
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills with in depth understanding of fashion education
- Understanding of fashion education in the context of study-away

In addition to the above qualifications, any experience with supervising undergraduate/ graduate students in fashion, and/or prior industry employment/partnership experiences are strongly desirable.

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Salary and Benefits:
Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Benefits include comprehensive insurance package (e.g., life, health, dental, and vision) and full tuition waiver for all employees and their direct family members.

To Apply:
All applicants must create an application online at: https://jobs.kent.edu. Applicants must also submit online a letter of application, curriculum vita, statement of teaching and research philosophy, teaching evaluation materials, and the names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references. Review of applications will commence March 15th, 2018 and will continue until the position is filled. Kent State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

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