



Fashion Department- Full-time Non-Tenure-Track Faculty 2019

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The Fashion Department in the School of Arts and Design at Mount Mary University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin seeks applications for a full time, 9-month, renewable, non-tenure track **Instructor or Assistant Professor** to begin August of 2020. A proven record of effective studio instruction with experience and skills in the design and construction of garments and collections is required. Our curriculum prepares undergraduate and certificate students for a variety of career paths within the fashion and retail industries. Candidates should have a Master's Degree in Apparel Design or a related field and qualifying industry experience, with at least two years of teaching experience. The department is particularly interested in energetic, design-focused candidates with leadership qualities and demonstrated success in program development.

Position Responsibilities:

- Teach twelve credits per semester at the undergraduate level in the following areas: fashion design, fashion history, apparel construction, flat pattern, draping, and apparel collection development. Working knowledge of technical design, personalized fit, textiles & materials characteristics and functionality required.
- Work as a team member to contribute to innovative curriculum development, assist with recruitment of students, and represent the department in the community;
- Assist with creation and expansion of departmental industry relationships (locally and nationally) and develop cooperative projects within the curriculum;
- Actively participate in one or more professional organizations (i.e. ITAA, CSA, Fashion Group International etc.) to represent the University as a leader in fashion education;
- Advise and mentor undergraduate majors; oversee design internships;
- Must have flexibility to adapt to varying workflow and high workload times of the year;
- Engage in an active program of scholarship (research and /or creative activity), leading to juried exhibitions or funded and collaborative projects in a fashion design;
- Serve on department and college committees; support the annual fashion show and other department special events;
- Participate in domestic and international study tours

Qualifications- Education and Experience:

Required:

- Terminal degree preferred MFA, MA or MS (or International degree equivalent) in Apparel Design or closely related field. Applicants expecting completion of their master's degree before August 15, 2020 will receive consideration.
- Minimum of two years teaching experience in fashion design courses.
- Evidence of scholarly/creative activities

- Outstanding verbal, writing, interpersonal communication and presentation skills; must be able to communicate and interact effectively with Mount Mary students, employees, and alumnae.
- Demonstrated commitment to promoting inclusiveness and cultural competence; experience working with underrepresented students and students from at-risk backgrounds.
- Strong work principles and understanding of established professional codes of ethics and best practices for teaching in higher education

Preferred

- Relevant experience in fashion industry and/or design-related field;
- Experience with fashion technology (Optitex digital patternmaking, Adobe Creative Suite -Illustrator and Photoshop) a plus.

About the Department:

In 2015, the Fashion Department celebrated 50 years as an academic department. It is one of the largest majors at the University with 80 Fashion Design and Merchandise Management undergraduate students along with Post-Baccalaureate Certificate students. There are nine faculty including four full time faculty and one Executive Fellow; the dress designer and MMU alumnus, Donna Ricco. The curriculum integrates professional course work with a liberal arts core. The department offers two majors, one in fashion design and the other in merchandise management; the latter encourages a business merchandising minor. The fashion design major blends sophisticated but marketable design with high technical standards. The University has an extensive 10,000 piece Fashion Archive used for teaching, exhibition and research; offering a remarkable resource to inspire design imagination and build community engagement. The department has multiple computer labs offering Adobe, Optitex, and Visual Retailing software. Learn more about the programs in the department at <http://mtmary.edu/majors-programs/undergraduate/fashion/index.html>

The School and the University:

The School of Arts and Design offers majors in Fashion Design, Merchandise Management, Studio Arts, Graphic Design, Interior Design, Interior Merchandising and a Multidisciplinary Arts minor. Merchandising majors share coursework from the School of Business and department of Communications. All students in the School of Arts and Design share foundational design and technology coursework that enhances broad-based creative thinking and cross discipline relationships.

Mount Mary University is a Catholic women's college located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin with 1200 undergraduate and graduate students. The University provides an environment for the development of the whole person built upon the values of the University founders, the School Sisters of Notre Dame. This diverse learning community works in partnership with local, national, and global organizations to educate women to transform the world by encouraging leadership, integrity, and a deep sense of social justice. Mount Mary commits itself to excellence in teaching and learning with an emphasis on thinking critically and creatively. Students engage in learning the principles of Design Thinking through classes and service learning opportunities.

The Community

Mount Mary University is located on a beautiful 80-acre campus with woods and grassy meadows, yet is less than 10 miles from Lake Michigan and the vibrant city center. The campus offers the opportunities of a large metropolitan area with the character of a suburban campus. Ranked in 2017 among the **Top 50 Places to Live** by *US News and World Report*, describes Milwaukee as "big enough for world class arts and professional sports yet small enough to navigate with ease." Along with rich cultural assets and friendly people, the City of Milwaukee and the nearby charming Village of

Wauwatosa, offer a high standard of living with quality housing and diverse economic vibrancy. Located minutes away from the largest regional shopping areas of Mayfair Mall and the Mayfair Collection and near major headquarters for fashion-related companies including Kohl's, Jockey International, Harley Davidson, and Land's End, students have many opportunities and easy access to internship and employment. <https://www.vogue.com/article/travel-guide-milwaukee-wisconsin-midwest-coolest-city>

Application Process:

For best consideration, submit applicant materials by January 24, 2020. Review of applications will commence on January 27, 2020 and will continue until the position is filled. Please provide the following along with your application submission:

- cover letter,
- curriculum vitae /resume,
- portfolio,
- statement of teaching philosophy, and
- recent teaching evaluations.

Upon review, select candidates will submit official transcripts, three letters of recommendation and may complete virtual and in-person interviews.

Submit all required documents to the Fashion Department at Mount Mary University through email using the address mmu-fashiondepartment@mtmary.edu . To ensure full consideration, please submit all of the items identified as Fashion Full Time position. Direct any additional questions to Human Resources representatives at 414-930-3574.

Mount Mary University is an equal opportunity employer.

Mount Mary University encourages applications from all qualified candidates and is vitally committed to all aspects of diversity, equity and inclusion. Mount Mary seeks to hire and retain personnel who will make a positive contribution to its mission, vision and values.

For more information, visit <https://www.mtmary.edu/about/diversity>

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