Assistant Professor of Media Production and Digital Storytelling
Occidental Media Arts & Culture Department

Rank: Assistant Professor, Tenure Track

Institution: Media Arts & Culture Department, Occidental College
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Position Description:
We invite applications for an Assistant Professor of Media Production and Digital Storytelling to join Media Arts & Culture (MAC), a department committed to the integration of media practice, theory, and history within a liberal arts context. The successful candidate would be a critically-engaged practitioner with a compelling body of fiction-based work, who pushes notions of both form and content, as well as demonstrating a commitment to alternative viewpoints and national, ethnic, and socio-cultural differences.

The candidate would teach introductory and advanced-level production courses and critically-informed production or digital storytelling classes, exposing students to an array of historical and emergent approaches to narrative production while also deepening students’ technical capacities. The successful candidate would therefore demonstrate expertise in two or more of the following areas: cinematography and lighting; production sound and sound design; editing and post-production workflows; motion design and animation; screenwriting and narrative theory; directing and performance; audience engagement and distribution; or emergent media forms (i.e. transmedia, installation, AR/VR, interactive storytelling, etc.).

Our location in Los Angeles, one of the most vibrant and ethnically diverse cities in the country, as well as a world hub for film/media and art, provides unparalleled opportunities for experiential learning and community-based storytelling. We seek a candidate whose research and teaching plans engage such potentials—advancing the diversity of perspectives, identities, and voices represented and expressed through media and the forms and routes by which these stories can reach and engage audiences.

We are seeking an actively engaged filmmaker, media artist, or digital storyteller with demonstrated teaching abilities. An MFA or terminal degree in film or media practice is expected at time of appointment. Although not required, a graduate degree in the humanities is a plus.

Occidental is a nationally-ranked small liberal arts college recognized for its diverse student body, its commitment to academic excellence and equity, and its outstanding undergraduate research programs. A standard teaching load is the equivalent of five courses per year. For more information about the College and the Media Arts & Culture Department, please visit the MAC website at http://www.oxy.edu/mac

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ancestry, citizenship, age, marital status, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic characteristic or information, sexual orientation, military and veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by State or Federal Law. We strongly encourage all underrepresented candidates, especially women and persons of color, to apply.

Submission Procedure:
The deadline for receiving application materials is November 6, 2017. Please submit the following as electronic files to MAC Administrative Assistant Betsy Dillon (macsearch2017@oxy.edu): (1) a cover letter detailing your professional activity and how it resonates with the position criteria, your interest in teaching in a liberal arts environment, and how students may participate in or benefit from your work; (2) a statement of teaching philosophy that includes a discussion of your demonstrated commitment to, past evidence of, and future plans for creating equitable opportunities for learning and mentoring especially for underrepresented students; (3) a link to a professional work sample; (4) names and contact information of three professional references; (5) candidate’s curriculum vitae.

Questions about the position should be directed to Search Committee Chair Broderick Fox (bfox@oxy.edu).