Position Announcement

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN PHOTOGRAPHY

Position Number: 11735BR
Appointment: Tenure track, beginning fall 2018
Application Deadline: Review of applicants will begin October 15, 2017 and will continue until the position is filled
Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience

The Texas Tech University J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts in collaboration with the School of Art is accepting applications for a tenure track position as Assistant Professor in Photography. This position is for a nationally or internationally prominent photographic artist with a commitment to helping to guide the photography program to national distinction and nurturing the next generation of photographic artists/educators/scholars at the BFA and MFA levels. The successful candidate will begin service in this full-time position at the beginning of the 2018 fall semester.

Qualifications: Terminal degree in photography or equivalent professional experience. College/university level teaching experience. Strong training in photographic theory, community engagement and photographic practices. Fluency in analog and digital technologies related to photography. Provide strong evidence of the ability and desire to perform service: Service duties include, but are not limited to, recruiting, program-building, as well as a commitment to extra-curricular activities to the department, college, and the university.

Preferred Qualifications: Ability to form partnerships within and outside of the university, regionally, nationally, and internationally. The ideal candidate would have superior analog and digital photographic skills, facility with photographic history and theory and a rich practice that includes community engagement and/or collaboration. Familiarity with current and cutting edge practices in photographic curricula.

Position Description:

The successful candidate will:

- Have sufficient experience to participate in a collaborative and collegial work space for students and colleagues. Duties include, but are not limited to: teaching broadly across the photography and 2d studio art curriculum; helping to envision new ways to overlap and expand across disciplines; helping to develop and maintain program outcomes and assessments; participating in maintaining the photography area’s accreditation with NASAD; engaging in student advising, supervision of student organizations and sponsored off-campus activities.
- Demonstrate strong teaching ability and a record of successful creative endeavors and/or research activities.
- Work well with colleagues, act as a collaborative departmental citizen, and continue to engage in professional creative practice, exhibiting and/or scholarship.
- Recruit students to the photography program.

The School of Art is NASAD accredited and offers the BA in Art History, BA in Art, the BFA in Studio Art, Graphic Design, and Visual Studies (teacher certification), the MAE, the MFA in Studio Art, MA in Art History, and the Ph.D. in Fine Arts with a major in Art termed “Critical Studies and Artistic Practice.” A faculty of 31 full-time professors serves approximately 250 undergraduate students and 60 students involved in graduate study. The School has many prominent alumni, including Caleb Bennett, John Hitchcock, Rob Wilson, Ken Little, Real Musgrave and Lana Rigsby. Technical and administrative support includes a total of 13 staff positions. The School’s Visual Resource Center maintains art reference books, current art periodicals, instructional media, digital classrooms, and a legacy slide collection, as well as an expanding collection of digital images for teaching and research. Additional images are available through ARTStor and online at the university library. The program also supports the Landmark Arts Galleries and the Standing Room Only Photography Gallery (SRO). For more information, visit www.art.ttu.edu.
The J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts comprises the School of Art, the School of Music, and the School of Theatre & Dance, accredited by NASAD, NASM, NAST, and NASD, respectively. TTU is the only public university in the state accredited in all four arts areas, and boasts many acclaimed alumni, including Susan Graham, Terry Cook, Ann Sanders, G.W. Bailey, Barry Corbin, Jennifer Smith, Scott Dadich, Susanne Klotz and D.J. Stout. With more than 120 faculty members and approximately 1,100 students, the College offers a comprehensive range of undergraduate and graduate degree programs, including the terminal M.F.A., D.M.A., and Ph.D. degrees. Our unique Ph.D. program in Fine Arts provides interdisciplinary education in the visual & performing arts combined with philosophical aesthetics. For more information, visit www.vpa.ttu.edu.

Texas Tech University, established in 1923, is a Carnegie Highest Research Activity university and the largest comprehensive institution of higher education in the western two-thirds of the state (a region larger than 46 of the nation’s 50 states). The university’s 1,839-acre Spanish Renaissance style campus, which serves approximately 36,000 students, is the only one in Texas that is home to a major university, law school and medical school. Lubbock, the hub of the South Plains, has a multicultural area population of almost 300,000 and offers a quality living experience with a semi-arid climate and housing costs below the national average. The city supports a symphony orchestra; several museums; the Louise Helen Underwood Center for the Arts; numerous galleries; and a variety of music, dance, and theatre performances. Lubbock’s airport offers direct flights to Austin, Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, Denver, and Las Vegas.

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- Required online information:
- letter of interest detailing qualifications for the position as described
- vita
- statements of teaching and research philosophy
- names and contact info for 3 references
- PDF portfolios of student and personal artworks

Complete job description:
Http://www.art.ttu.edu

Additional questions: Contact Robin Germany, Associate Director and Professor, Head of the Search Committee robin.d.germany@ttu.edu

Equal Employment Opportunity Policy:
As an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer, Texas Tech University is dedicated to the goal of building a culturally diverse faculty committed to teaching and working in a multicultural environment. We actively encourage applications from all those who can contribute through their research, teaching and/or service to the diversity and excellence of the academic community at Texas Tech University. The university welcomes applications from minorities, women, protected veterans, persons with disabilities, dual-career couples.