PART-TIME VISITING FACULTY POSITION:
Instructor for THEA 301, Topics in Theater History
DEPARTMENT OF THEATER AND PERFORMANCE STUDIES

POSITION SUMMARY
The Part-Time Visiting Faculty Theater and Performance Historian position at Occidental College includes teaching the 4 unit fall 2022 course, THEA301, Topics in Theater History.

Course Description:
As artists, practitioners, and scholars we will study theater-in-context, attending to the circumstances (political, social, scientific, medical, historical, and artistic) that inform and catalyze performance practices. We will engage with drama and performance theory to deepen our analysis of dramatic and performance “texts.” With an emphasis on close readings, critical thinking, and creative engagement, we will consider the work – what these performances “do” – in their respective times and places and how they challenge (or affirm) the status quo. This course satisfies the second-stage writing proficiency requirement.

SUMMARY OF DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND GOALS
● Teach the 4-unit course Topics in Theater History (Thea 310, Fall 2022), a course geared to Junior and Senior Theater and Performance Studies majors.
● The class meets three times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:40-11:45 AM PST. Class meetings are from August 31-December 5, with final exams and the semester ending Dec 14.. No class Sept 5, Oct 10-11, and Nov 23-25.
● The instructor will adapt the syllabus to include their areas of interest in theater and performance history, creating a course that includes regular homework assignments, projects that involve research and analysis, and will assign a final dramaturgical research paper.
● PT Visiting Faculty are expected to hold at least one hour of office hours per course taught in any given semester, and are expected to offer time to students by appointment. These meetings can be conducted either remotely or in person.

QUALIFICATIONS
ABD or PhD in Performance Studies or Theater or related field or an MFA in an area of live performance.

Demonstrated ability to:
● Teach a small, seminar style course about theater and performance history
● Write critically about live performance

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
Please submit a cover letter, CV, and a sample syllabus to Professor Sarah Kozinn, c/o theatersearch@oxy.edu.
Occidental, a highly selective and nationally ranked small liberal arts college located in Los Angeles, California, is widely recognized for its diverse student body, its commitment to academic excellence and equity, and its outstanding undergraduate research programs.

The mission of Occidental College is to provide a gifted and diverse group of students with a total educational experience of the highest quality - one that prepares them for leadership in an increasingly complex, interdependent and pluralist world. The distinctive interdisciplinary and multicultural focus of the College’s academic program seeks to foster both the fulfillment of individual aspirations and a deeply rooted commitment to the public good.

We are committed to academic excellence in a diverse community and strongly encourage applications from candidates who will further Occidental’s mission of excellence and equity in their teaching, scholarship, and/or service. All non-tenure track faculty are represented by the Service Employees International Union, Local 721 for Non-Tenure Track Faculty. Named one of America’s most beautiful campuses, the College is situated in the vibrant neighborhoods of Eagle Rock and Highland Park in Northeast Los Angeles, allowing convenient access to major cultural and natural attractions in the nation’s second largest city. As one of the few urban liberal arts colleges in the country, Occidental affords students and faculty a unique pedagogical engagement with vast resources outside of the classroom.

This position is included in the Non-Tenure Track Bargaining Unit, and the successful applicant will be a bargaining unit employee, subject to the terms of the College’s Collective Bargaining Agreement with SEIU Local 721.

Compensation will be commensurate with experience and qualifications and consistent with the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. A comprehensive benefits package is available that includes: excellent health, dental, life, and retirement benefits; tuition benefits for the employee, spouse, domestic partner, and dependents; additional extras including use of gym facilities and the College Library. For a detailed description of benefits, please visit: https://www.oxy.edu/offices-services/humanresources/benefits-information and refer to the Benefits 101 Guide.

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All qualified applicants will be considered for employment, including those with criminal histories, in a manner consistent with the requirements of applicable state and local laws, including the City of Los Angeles’ Fair Chance Initiative for Hiring Ordinance.

Occidental College is committed to working with and providing reasonable accommodations to applicants with qualifying disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodation because of a disability for any part of the application or employment process, please contact Human Resources (hr@oxy.edu).