ASSISTANT PROFESSOR of SPANISH
Department of Spanish & French Studies

SUMMARY OF DUTIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

The Department of Spanish and French Studies at Occidental College seeks a Ph.D. in the area of modern Spanish Peninsular literatures and cultures for a tenure-track assistant professorship, starting in August 2021. The department seeks a specialist in modern Spanish Peninsular literatures and cultures for a tenure-track position at the assistant professor level. This person’s primary contribution to the department will be to teach courses on the literature and cultures of 20th- and 21st-century Spain. We would particularly welcome applicants with backgrounds in Spanish film studies, the Spanish Civil War and the Dictatorship, migration, regional diversity, Spain within the global society, and gender and sexuality.

The successful candidate will be expected to teach five courses per year, including courses in the area of specialization, our Spanish senior seminar in literary theory and genre, general courses in modern Spanish literatures and cultures, Spanish language and composition at all levels, and courses in English in the college’s Cultural Studies Program. A commitment to offering mentorship to students of diverse backgrounds is expected.

Minimum Qualifications:
Applicants must have the Ph.D. in Spanish by August 2021, specializing in an appropriate area of modern Spanish Peninsular literatures and cultures, a native or near-native command of Spanish, and a demonstrable commitment to both teaching and scholarship.

Preferred Qualifications:
A strong background in literary theory is preferred.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applicants should submit:

1) a letter of interest demonstrating a commitment to academic excellence in a diverse liberal arts environment with a mission of equity and excellence; the letter should include a brief discussion of teaching experience, current scholarship, and theoretical and/or methodological approach(es) to teaching and research; 2) a more detailed statement of teaching philosophy and areas of teaching interest, part of which should address the applicant’s demonstrated commitment to, past evidence of, and future plans for creating equitable opportunities for learning and mentoring especially for underrepresented students (2 pages max); 3) samples of syllabi for Spanish language and literature courses (previously taught or proposed); 4) a description of scholarly work and plans for research; 5) a curriculum vitae; 6) graduate transcripts; 7) three confidential letters of recommendation (sent under separate cover) that speak to the candidate’s scholarly and teaching abilities.

All application materials, including the confidential letters of recommendation, should be submitted by PDF to spanishsearch@oxy.edu. All materials must be received by March 1, 2021.
Late applications may be considered until the position is filled. Semi-finalists will be asked for samples of scholarly work and teaching evaluations. Interviews will be held by videoconference. Receipt of materials will be acknowledged by email.

Occidental College is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not unlawfully discriminate against employees or applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, breastfeeding or related medical condition, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, age, marital status, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic characteristic or information, military and veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by State or Federal Law. We strongly encourage all underrepresented candidates, especially women and underrepresented persons of color, to apply. We will consider for employment all qualified applicants, including those with criminal histories, in a manner consistent with the requirements of applicable state and local laws, including the city of Los Angeles’s “Fair Chance Initiative for Hiring Ordinance.”

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