Open Rank Professor of Global and Transnational Media Studies
Media Arts & Culture Department

POSITION SUMMARY AND QUALIFICATIONS

Occidental College invites applications for an Open Rank tenured/tenure-track position in Global and Transnational Media Studies within the Media Arts & Culture (MAC) Department. A Ph.D. in film/media studies or a related field is required at the time of appointment in August, 2020.

We seek an accomplished scholar with a compelling record of publication and professional achievement in global and transnational media studies, addressing the role of media in shaping our cultural perspectives and social policies and actions around nationality, borders, migration, and associated registers of identity that determine mobility and agency.

Media Arts & Culture integrates media practice, theory, and history, allowing students to experiment with both scholarly and creative media outcomes for their work. We are looking for a future colleague who will bring innovative pedagogical approaches for engaging a diverse body of students with histories of visuality and media practices in relation to local and global cultures, while teaching them to think across media forms, theoretical domains, national contexts, and historical periods.

The successful candidate will help to fortify and build the Critical Media Concentration in the department, supporting essential offerings (such as Introduction to Visual and Critical Studies and Junior and Senior Seminars) while also developing courses around their areas of research expertise and interest. The candidate will also offer periodic course contributions to the College’s first-year Cultural Studies Program. As the candidate will be advising and mentoring a diversifying array of comprehensives projects, honors projects, and undergraduate research experiences, applicants with experience integrating their research and teaching with new forms of digital scholarship and multimodal student projects are encouraged to apply.

Candidates should also demonstrate experience and interest in curriculum development and departmental service/administration, while also helping to imagine points of interdisciplinary connection and contribution across the College.

Our ideal candidate will also help us to leverage Occidental’s proximity to Los Angeles—one of the most ethnically/culturally diverse cities in the country and a global hub of media and art—by developing opportunities for local/global dialogues, community-based learning, undergraduate research, innovative curation and exhibition, and/or media as a tool for social change.

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. Academic advising and service duties at both the departmental and College levels are also expected of tenure-track faculty. For more information about the Media Arts & Culture Department, please visit the MAC website at http://www.oxy.edu/mac. The mission of Occidental College is accessible at https://www.oxy.edu/about-oxy/mission.
Submission Procedure:

The deadline for receiving application materials is **September 3, 2019.**

Please submit the following as electronic files to transnational2020@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) one professional work sample, accessible electronically as PDF or link; (4) your curriculum vitae; (5) three confidential letters of recommendation, including at least one that addresses the applicant’s teaching.

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

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We strongly encourage all underrepresented candidates, especially women and persons of color, to apply.

As a condition of hire for a staff position and for appointment to a faculty position, Occidental College requires that all candidates who have received a conditional offer of employment complete an application form (if they have not already done so) and consent to a background check. Satisfactory completion of a background check, along with pre-employment verifications and references are required as a condition of employment, but only as permitted by federal, state, and local law, including the City of Los Angeles Fair Chance Initiative for Hiring Ordinance.

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’ Fair Chance Initiative for Hiring Ordinance.