VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
Department of American Studies

POSITION SUMMARY
The American Studies Department at Occidental College invites applicants for a full time, non-tenure track Visiting Assistant Professor position for 2021 – 2022. We seek a candidate familiar with the interdisciplinary methods of American Studies with a focus in queer studies and studies of gender and sexuality. Desired secondary specializations include teaching/research experience in any area of American ethnic studies and/or cultural studies.

Occidental is a small liberal arts college in the city of Los Angeles, and it is among the most diverse liberal arts colleges in the United States. 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 pluralistic world. We strongly encourage applications from candidates who will further Occidental’s mission of excellence and equity in their teaching, scholarship, and service.

Visit our website at https://www.oxy.edu/academics/areas-study/american-studies to learn more about our department and courses. Please direct any inquiries to the department chair, Professor Sharla Fett, at sfett@oxy.edu.

SUMMARY OF DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND GOALS
Teaching responsibilities include these six semester-length courses distributed in a 3:3 load:

1) Queer of Color Critique (upper level)
2) Theories and Methods of American Studies (required junior seminar)
3) Discipline and Desire: The History of Sexuality in the U.S. (intro level)
4) Topics in American Studies (reflecting the candidate’s expertise)
5 & 6) Two sections of a first-year writing seminar in the college’s Core Cultural Studies Program (topic reflecting candidate’s expertise)

This is a benefits-eligible position within the non-tenure track faculty’s union, SIEU Local 721.

QUALIFICATIONS
The candidate must have a completed Ph.D. at the start of employment with Occidental College on August 16, 2021.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
Candidates should send an electronic file of their materials to AMSTNTT2021@oxy.edu. All materials are due no later than February 8, 2021. Please include the following materials:

1. cover letter of interest and qualifications
2. current curriculum vitae including dates and titles of courses taught
3. teaching portfolio including:
   a. teaching philosophy statement
   b. syllabi for two courses
c. teaching evaluations for two courses
   (4) two to three confidential letters of recommendation, including at least one that addresses teaching experience

Semi-finalists will hold interviews remotely with members of the search committee. Finalists will have a wider range of online interviews and present a teaching demonstration to Occidental students and faculty.

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.”