

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY



Vacancy Announcement Faculty Tenure-Track Position Starting August 2019 Department of Theatre, Film and Dance JOB # 1920-08

Humboldt State University is committed to achieving the goals of equal opportunity and endeavors to employ faculty, staff, and administrators of the highest quality reflecting the ethnic and cultural diversity of the state

DESCRIPTION: Humboldt State University's Department of Theatre, Film and Dance invites applications for an academic year tenure-track faculty position in Scenography.

RANK, SALARY AND BENEFITS: We seek to fill this position at the Assistant Professor rank; however, rank and salary are dependent on the appointee's qualifications and experience. The current California State University Salary Schedule is available at: <http://www.humboldt.edu/aps/docs/salary/Salary-Schedule.pdf>.

Humboldt State University provides an excellent benefits package for faculty. Information about benefits plans can be found at: <http://www.humboldt.edu/forms/node/934>.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: A scenographer with expertise and professional experience in Scenic Design and Art Direction, Lighting, Properties and Production Design, Technical Direction and potentially Sound Design for theatre. An earned MFA or equivalent in theatre or related field from an accredited college or university is required at the time of appointment. We seek a working theatre artist who will teach undergraduate classes in these design and technology areas, general education classes, theatre arts major courses and be responsible for scenic, lighting or other design areas for 1-4 mainstage productions annually as the designer and/or as a mentor to student designers.

The successful candidate must demonstrate the following:

- ✓ Interest and ability to teach undergraduate courses in the areas of design and technical theatre, major courses and general education;
- ✓ Ability to create set, lighting and production design for a variety of production venues in an academic setting;
- ✓ Potential for effective teaching or teaching experience using a variety of methodologies;
- ✓ Commitment to and/or experience fostering a learning environment that supports individuals from diverse backgrounds;
- ✓ Commitment to equity and inclusion in pedagogy and curricula;
- ✓ Record of, or potential for, scholarly agenda and publication;
- ✓ Record of, or potential for, involving students in creative and scholarly activities;
- ✓ Willingness to participate in leadership roles within the department.

Preferred qualifications for this position include:

- ✓ Demonstrated evidence of successfully producing and exhibiting creative work;
- ✓ Record of, or potential for, designing for film/video/television/new media productions;
- ✓ Ability or interest in recruiting students for theatre major;

- ✓ Experience with first year student learning communities or other first year initiatives; and
- ✓ Ability to integrate global or international perspectives in teaching and/or scholarship.

At the time of appointment, the successful candidate, if not a U.S. citizen, must have authorization from the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services to work in the United States. For information on the University policy on support for non-immigrant probationary faculty visa acquisition, please visit the Faculty Immigration Resources page: <https://extended.humboldt.edu/international-programs/immigration/faculty>.

Evidence of degree(s) is required at time of hire.

PROFESSIONAL DUTIES: The Department of Theatre, Film and Dance is seeking a candidate with the vision, ability and leadership to support the undergraduate theatre area. Instructional assignments will be consistent with the programmatic needs of the department and students. Other duties include designing department productions and mentoring students in design and technical roles.

At HSU, teaching effectiveness is essential for faculty retention, tenure and promotion. Candidates should be committed to teaching excellence and to continued creative activity in theatre and related fields. The primary professional responsibilities of instructional faculty members are: teaching; research, scholarship and creative activity; and service to the University, profession and to the community. Related responsibilities include: advising students, participation in campus and system-wide committees, maintaining office hours, working collaboratively and productively with colleagues, and participation in traditional academic functions including assessment of learning. Probationary faculty are typically provided ongoing mentorship to be a successful member of the faculty. During the first two years of the probationary period, teaching responsibilities will be reduced by approximately one course each semester. The reduced teaching load supports the establishment of research, scholarship and/or creative activities required for retention, tenure and promotion.

GENERAL INFORMATION: The Theatre Arts program provides hands-on learning supported by a solid foundation in theory and history. Students participate in performance, design and technology in order to prepare them for jobs in professional, not-for-profit and community theatre, and potentially to prepare them for graduate study. At every level of their education, students are required to actively participate in department productions to apply their classroom knowledge into experiential activities. For more information, please visit: <http://www2.humboldt.edu/theatre/>.

APPLICATION: Qualified candidates should submit the following materials through Interfolio:

Click here to apply: <https://apply.interfolio.com/55189>

- ✓ Letter of application;
- ✓ Curriculum vitae;
- ✓ Statement of Teaching Philosophy;
- ✓ Statement of Creative Activity and/or Research Interests;
- ✓ Sample syllabi, including one which includes scenic and/or lighting design;
- ✓ Teaching evaluations for three courses, if available;
- ✓ Two recent letters of recommendation that address teaching effectiveness;
- ✓ Names and contact information for at least three professional references, and
- ✓ Graduate transcripts (unofficial copies are sufficient for initial review).

Additional application materials may be requested at a later time.

Please direct any questions pertaining to this position, the Department of Theatre, Film and Dance, or Humboldt State University to:

**Professor Rae Robison, Search Committee Chair
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APPLICATION DEADLINE: This position is open until filled. First consideration will be given to completed applications received no later than **December 7, 2018**. Early response is encouraged.



See more photos at [Humboldt State University's Flickr page](#).

It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide complete and accurate employment information. Evidence of required degree(s), certifications(s), or licenses(s) will be required prior to the appointment date. A background check (including a criminal records check, employment verification, and education verification) must be completed satisfactorily as a condition of employment with the CSU. Certain positions may also require a credit check, motor vehicle report, and/or fingerprinting through Live Scan service. Adverse findings from a background check may affect the application status of applicants or continued employment of current CSU employees who apply for the position. All CSU employees are obligated to respond to and report incidents of sexual harassment and sexual violence. The successful candidate for this position will be mandated to receive relevant training on an annual basis. The person holding this position is considered a 'limited reporter' under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.

New employees hired by the CSU for the first time who first become CalPERS members on or after July 1, 2017 are subject to a 10 year vesting period for retiree health and dental benefits.

Humboldt State University is a Title IX/Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We consider qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, medical condition, disability, marital status, protected veteran status, or any other legally protected status. If accommodations need to be made during the recruitment and interview process, please contact Human Resources at (707) 826-3626 or hsuhr@humboldt.edu.

Humboldt State University is part of the 23-campus California State University system. The University has a comprehensive arts and sciences curriculum, which is recognized nationally for its high academic quality. Founded in 1913, HSU is one of the premier public institutions in the western United States; it is a residential and rural campus with an enrollment of approximately 8,000 students. The main campus is located in Arcata, California, in the northwestern part of the state along the coast, situated among redwood trees in an area that offers unmatched scenic beauty, moderate climate and opportunities for outdoor activities. The surrounding Humboldt County locale has a population of around 130,000. The community offers an excellent range of businesses, services and cultural activities/performances. The local schools are ranked in the top performance percentiles, both nationally and in the state. Additional information about Humboldt State University can be found at: <http://www.humboldt.edu>.