Tenure-Track Assistant Professor

Archival Theory and Practice

Department of Film and Media Studies
University of California, Santa Barbara

The Department of Film and Media Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara seeks an Assistant Professor specializing in Archival Theory and Practice. The successful candidate will be qualified to teach in the core areas of our film, television, and new media curriculum, with a research focus that addresses the archiving of traditional and new media forms. We seek a scholar whose work demonstrates knowledge of various archives, collections, and databases; reveals a capacity to engage with and contribute to theoretical work; and takes cognizance of cinema and media scholarship in relation to professional training in the realms of media curatorship, archival work, and intellectual property.

The department serves 500 undergraduate majors and 30 Ph.D. students with a rigorous curriculum in film and media theory, history, criticism and practice. We seek a dedicated and experienced teacher who can build on our curriculum in media archival study, media curatorial projects, and festival programming, and can develop our new film and media archive as a laboratory for theory and archival practice. The newly opened Pollock Theater, which has world-class projection facilities, functions as a testing ground for new approaches to film and media archiving, curatorship and teaching. The department has its own temperature-controlled film archive and is also integrated with the Carsey-Wolf Center, with projects that include the Media Industries Project and the Environmental Media Initiative.

A Ph.D. normally is required by the time of appointment. The department is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through research, teaching, and service.

Submit cover letter, curriculum vitae, recent publication or writing sample, and arrange to have three letters of recommendation sent electronically to kmurray@filmandmedia.ucsb.edu. Additional materials too large for email can be sent to: Search Committee, Department of Film and Media Studies, UCSB, Santa Barbara, CA 93106-4010. To ensure full consideration, applications should be completed by November 15, 2011. UCSB is an EO/AA Employer. See www.filmandmedia.ucsb.edu and www.carseywolf.ucsb.edu.