



Assistant Professor of Art Interactive Media/Visual Communication Design (Creative Arts Division)

Recruitment Number: F1803

Application Deadline: Review of applications begins *immediately*.

Position closes April 30, 2018 (no applications will be considered after this date).

Western Oregon University announces a tenure track Assistant Professor of Art position in interactive media. This position will primarily serve students majoring or minoring in Visual Communication Design as they prepare for creative endeavors in media-saturated cultural contexts. Situated within the Art Department, the VCD program emphasizes aesthetic, conceptual, and technical development. Coursework begins with art and design foundations, and progresses through upper-division concentrations in print design, interactive media, and video/animation.

We seek an energetic new colleague conversant in both graphic design and fine art, whose teaching and creative work engage these fields at high levels and fuse them together. An ideal candidate will be a crossover between design and art, having industry experience as well as their own art practice. A successful candidate's portfolio will demonstrate expertise in graphic design principles applied to interactive web communications, as well as critical inquiry and exceptional creativity.

The ideal candidate will bring a robust pedagogy for art and design that fosters critical engagement with technology, media, and interactivity. He or she will guide students' abilities in design process, creativity, clarity of expression, ethical decision-making, development of concepts, and digital media proficiencies. Teaching is the position's primary responsibility, with particular emphasis on web design and related practices.

Other responsibilities include mentoring, academic advising, active scholarship through creative practice, and a variety of institutional and community service activities. The ideal candidate must be eager to contribute to the planning, development, and teaching of a redesigned BFA degree program. The candidate should be committed to all levels of teaching from introductory to graduate levels and should be capable of teaching and mentoring students of varied disciplines.

WOU is a highly accessible public university embracing a liberal arts education model. Our student body incorporates a high percentage of first-generation college students. The VCD program also attracts many international students. Therefore, we seek candidates with teaching experience in international and/or culturally diverse settings. The Art Department's partnership with the Office of International Education and Development frequently provides opportunities for short-term teaching abroad, particularly in China.

Teaching Duties:

- Upper-division courses in web design and emerging interactive media platforms
- Foundations of digital art and design
- Introductory courses in image creation (including basic digital illustration)
- Usually two courses per 11-week quarter, three courses occasionally
- Summer teaching opportunities are possible but not required
- One course release in the first year

Qualifications:

- Master of Fine Arts degree
- Minimum of three semesters of part-time or one semester of full-time teaching experience at the college/university level in one or more of the following focus areas (Graduate Assistant teaching experience will be considered):
 - Print media, typography, illustration, interactive design, motion design, web design, branding/identity and packaging design, commercial/industry practices
- Minimum of equivalent to 12-months of full-time industry experience in advertising or design.
- Continual investment in their own art practice demonstrated through a national exhibition record.
- Expertise in graphic design principles incorporating a wide range of web communication technologies, particularly Adobe Creative Suite applications and HTML/CSS demonstrated through a portfolio of professional practice.

Start Date: September 16, 2018

Contact Information: Questions regarding this position may be directed to **Rebecca McCannell** Search Committee Chair, at mccannr@wou.edu

For questions regarding the application process or to submit your application documents, please contact Human Resources at 503-838-8552 or employment@wou.edu.

Application Process: *You may submit all materials online at www.wou.edu/facultyapp*

Required application materials (PDF preferred):

- A WOU Faculty Application Form (available at www.wou.edu/facultyapp)
- Letter of interest that addresses each qualification of the position. Please include how your experience, education, and/or training might help us build a more inclusive, collaborative, and diverse community.
- Current curriculum vita
- Contact information for three references. Three (3) current letters of reference may be requested for initial screening, and prior to hire.
- Unofficial copy of transcripts for graduate degree.
- Minimum 20 examples of student work under the applicant's instruction (PDF or website)
- Portfolio of professional work and scholarship in art and design (PDF or website)

As an alternative, you may submit application materials to:

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Western Oregon University
Human Resources Office
345 N. Monmouth Ave
Monmouth, OR 97361

-OR- E-mail as an attachment to employment@wou.edu -OR- Fax to 503-838-8144.

Western Oregon University (WOU) www.wou.edu is a mid-sized public comprehensive university located in the Monmouth-Independence area, the heart of Oregon's lush Willamette Valley. The University serves a large number of first-generation college students. WOU has received national recognition for its commitment and success in serving students. In 2014 Western Oregon University was ranked highest in the Pacific Northwest and 85th in the nation for economic value and employability of its graduates, by Educate to Career, Inc. The campus is about 20 minutes from Salem, the state's capital, about 75 minutes from Portland, the state's cultural hub, and a short drive from the Oregon coast, mountains, and other scenic areas. The university is located in an increasingly diverse, bilingual, and rural area in the Willamette Valley. Our student body of about 5200 undergraduate and 400 graduate students enjoys the vibrant and close-knit intellectual community of a leading liberal arts college.

**Western Oregon University is an EO/AA/Veteran/Disability employer
committed to increasing the diversity of its workforce.**