



Assistant Professor of American Sign Language Studies (*Division of Deaf Studies and Professional Studies*)

Recruitment Number: F1809

Application Deadline: Preference given to applications received by January 2, 2019. Position open until filled.

The American Sign Language Studies (ASL Studies) program in the Division of Deaf Studies and Professional Studies at Western Oregon University seeks qualified applicants for a full-time, 9-month, tenure-track, Assistant Professor, position. In addition, this applicant must have expertise in teaching ASL to second language and heritage users. Western Oregon University has a strong commitment to the diversity of its workforce. We encourage applications from individuals from diverse backgrounds. Supplementary summer appointment is possible and an excellent benefits package is included. WOU's Salary Schedule can be found in Article 16 of the [WOUFT-CBA 2017-2020](#).

The ASL Studies program was first established in 2007 and is the only University offering a 3rd year of formal ASL acquisition coursework on the west coast. The foundation of this program is the acquisition of ASL and classes that feed various majors including ASL Studies and ASL/English Interpreting which further feed and support graduate programs in Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education, Interpreting Studies, and Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling: Deafness track. Graduates of this program will be able to work in various fields using ASL. Additionally, graduates use our program as a gateway to enhance their education at a higher level using the ASL foundational skills & knowledge received during their degree program.

Responsibilities:

- Work collaboratively in establishing future directions for the program;
- Be forward thinking and engage in development of program innovations;
- Teach ASL Studies (language acquisition, linguistics, and/or cultural) courses as well as advise students;
- Participate in service and committee work at the division and university levels as well as professional organizations and conferences; and
- Engage in scholarly activity (e.g., research, publications, and grants).

Required Qualifications:

- An earned doctorate in Linguistics or a related field such as Curriculum and Instruction or Language and Teaching (ABD considered if degree requirements are completed prior to September 16, 2019);
- Scholarship (e.g., publication, dissertation research, grants) in areas relevant to teaching ASL, linguistics of ASL, and/or related areas;
- Dedication to multicultural education and social justice (e.g., LGBTQ, ethnic groups, social class, and disability status); and
- Commitment to working collegially and with individuals from diverse backgrounds.

Preferred Qualifications:

- ASLTA Certified

Start Date: September 16, 2019

Contact Information: Questions regarding this position may be directed to **Lyra Behnke**, Search Committee Chair, at behnkel@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
- Teaching philosophy statement
- Contact information for three professional references
- Copy of unofficial transcripts for highest degree

****The following may be required prior to an interview:**

- Three current letters of recommendation (All letters must address teaching and leadership qualifications.)
- Up to three sample scholarly publications
- Teaching evaluation data from up to three recent courses

As an alternative, you may submit application materials to:

F1809 Assistant Professor, ASL Studies
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. Opportunities exist to work in diverse local communities. It is home to the Regional Resource Center on Deafness (RRCD) www.wou.edu/rrcd and a variety of programs preparing professionals to work with individuals who are deaf including Rehabilitation Counseling, ASL/English Interpreting, Interpreting Studies, American Sign Language Studies, and related continuing education and technical assistance programs. WOU is also home to the Teaching Research Institute which houses a variety of centers which focus on disability research www.wou.edu/tri. Please visit the ASL Studies webpage at www.wou.edu/rehab.

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