



ASSISTANT PROFESSOR HISTORY OF MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ART

The Wofford College Department of Art and Art History invites applications for a tenure-track position in the history of modern and contemporary art at the assistant professor level to begin August 2020. Applicants working in any area within this field are welcome. We particularly are interested in interdisciplinary scholars whose research and teaching prioritize diverse perspectives and histories and who demonstrate an understanding of the experiences of those underrepresented in the art world and in higher education. Although the position is not limited by geographical focus, candidates should be conversant with modern art in Europe and the U.S., and this should be reflected in their teaching. Applicants should aim to promote inclusivity and dialogue both within the classroom and the larger communities of Wofford College and the city of Spartanburg. We are interested in individuals, trained as art historians, who want to engage this crucial moment in the visual arts and who see their work as participating in a public conversation about the role of the arts in higher education and in contemporary society.

Responsibilities:

The Department of Art and Art History at Wofford College offers a major and a minor in art history and a major and minor in studio art. This position requires the ability to work with majors and minors from both areas as well as with students fulfilling the college-wide fine arts-related distribution requirements. In addition to other introductory and upper-level courses suitable to the candidate's particular expertise, the candidate will be expected to teach the second half of the western survey as well as an upper-level methods course to art history majors on a yearly basis and may be asked to develop a course on modern and contemporary art and issues suitable for both studio art and art history majors. The course load at Wofford is 3-1-3, which includes a January term in which students concentrate on a single, experiential project. Additional duties include advising students, serving the college and department, overseeing students engaged in capstone projects, helping to plan exhibitions and lectures, and maintaining an active research practice.

Qualifications: Ph.D. in hand by May 2020. Equivalent of two years teaching experience at the college or university level desired, with demonstrated skill in teaching survey courses. Knowledge of diverse techniques, approaches and technologies pertaining to teaching is essential. As Wofford is a liberal arts college dedicated to its teaching mission, the candidate must be able to successfully teach courses to non-majors. Evidence of commitment to a research agenda also is expected.

About the department and the college: The Department of Art and Art History is housed in the Rosalind Sallenger Richardson Center for the Arts, a new landmark on the Wofford campus that was completed in 2017. The 65,000-square-foot building includes art studios, a museum, permanent collection storage and gallery space, in addition to classrooms, offices and theatre facilities. For more information

regarding the Department of Art and Art History, please visit us online at <https://www.wofford.edu/artHistory/>.

Wofford College is a highly selective, nationally known liberal arts college that combines traditional liberal arts learning with a range of high-impact educational experiences, including study abroad, living-learning communities, internships and entrepreneurial opportunities. Since 1854, the college has operated on its original campus, blocks away from the central business district of Spartanburg, S.C. The college was designated a National Historic District in 1974, and the 170-acre campus is today nationally certified as the Roger Milliken Arboretum. Spartanburg is a growing and diverse community that supports seven colleges and universities and numerous arts and cultural associations. Wofford is located 30 miles east of Greenville, S.C., and approximately one hour south of Charlotte, N.C., and Asheville, N.C. The Upstate area of South Carolina is less than an hour from the Blue Ridge Mountains and offers many opportunities for outdoor activities.

APPLICATION

Applicants should email a curriculum vitae, cover letter, and teaching statement to arthistoryjob@wofford.edu in a single PDF labeled “[Last Name]_[First Name].” The teaching statement should articulate the candidate’s teaching philosophy, interests and future teaching goals as well as involvement in and commitment to inclusive pedagogy. The cover letter should, among other things, introduce you to us as a scholar. Candidates are encouraged to provide additional evidence of teaching success. Three recommendation letters should be emailed in PDF directly from the recommenders to arthistoryjob@wofford.edu, with the file name: “[Applicant’s Last Name]_Recommendation_[Recommender’s Initials].” At least one of these references should speak to the candidate’s record of excellence in teaching. Recommenders should send their letters as attachments on departmental or other professional letterhead, from their professional email addresses.

The selection committee will choose candidates for preliminary Skype interviews. Questions about the search may be sent to Karen Goodchild, search committee chair, at goodchildkh@wofford.edu. Review of applications will commence on Dec. 1, 2019 and continue until the position is filled.