DEPARTMENT OF CHICANA AND CHICANO STUDIES
DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
College of Letters and Science
University of California, Santa Barbara

Announces a Position in:

THEORY, PRACTICE, AND HISTORY OF CHICANA/O AND LATINA/O ART
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (TENURE-TRACK)

Over the past three decades, the Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies has developed an interdisciplinary curriculum that focuses on history, culture, gender, sexuality, politics, and institutions. Courses probe the roots of a cultural tradition beginning with the pre-Columbian cultures of Mexico and the Chicano/Latino historical experience, including Latin American immigrant people to the United States, extending into the many areas of contemporary American society, including politics, education, literature, the arts, immigration, and sexuality. UCSB’s established M.A./Ph.D. graduate degree in Chicana and Chicano Studies, the first in the nation, has accepted its ninth cohort, which will be entering in Fall 2013. The graduate program has emerged as an innovative intellectual space from which new junior scholars are making their mark in our field.

POSITION

The Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara invites applications for a tenure-track, Assistant Professor position in the area of Theory, Practice, and History of Chicana/o and Latina/o Art, Digital Production, Media and Art Studies. Specializations may include, but are not limited to Chicana/o and Latina/o Art and Indigeneity, Mestizaje, Queer and/or Feminist art. An ability to apply diverse methodologies and a manifest interest in interdisciplinary studies is recommended.

The successful candidate will be expected to contribute to our graduate core courses by teaching Cultural Texts and Interdisciplinary Methods. Our curriculum also welcomes courses such as the History of Chicana/o Art; Chicana/o Public Art; The Body in Chicana/o Art; Queering Mestizaje, and/or Photography and Digital Media in Chicana/o Art. In addition, the successful candidate will be invited to propose a series of art history courses relevant to his/her own fields of specialization and research interests.

APPOINTMENT DATE: Appointment is full-time in Chicana and Chicano Studies effective July 1, 2014.
QUALIFICATIONS

- Completion of the Ph.D. by time of appointment is required.

- Degree may be in Art History, Chicana/o Studies, Ethnic Studies, American Studies/Civilization, Women’s Studies, or other similar interdisciplinary degree programs. Research specialization must be in Chicana/o and Latina/o Art, Digital Production, or Media and Art Studies.

- If ABD, please provide documentation, in the form of a letter from the Chair of the Doctoral Committee, confirming that the dissertation will be completed in time to be defended and filed by July 1, 2014.

- Teaching experience with a strong commitment to teaching and working with both graduate and undergraduate students.

- Ability to work with a culturally diverse student population.

CAMPUS PARTNERSHIPS

The Chicana and Chicano Studies Department works closely with several units on campus that enhance and aid in its mission of research, teaching, and service. These units are the Chicano Studies Institute, which provides funding for conferences, research and other related activities, the California Ethnic and Multicultural Archives (CEMA), and the Colección Tloque Nahuaque.

Chicano Studies Institute: [http://research.ucsb.edu/ccs/](http://research.ucsb.edu/ccs/)

The Institute undertakes, promotes and disseminates research regarding the Chicano/Latino experience in California and the United States. The Institute’s research activities serve the intellectual interests of Chicana/o Studies students, researchers and faculty from all departments and units on the UCSB campus. Together with the Chicana and Chicano Studies Department, the Institute supports research that promotes the growing national and international stature of the field and assists in the recruitment and retention of Chicano/Latino faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates at the university. Furthermore, the Institute promotes cultural education for the campus and community by sponsoring events and programs that draw from Chicana/o, Mexican and Latin American music, dance, theatre, film, and art traditions.

California Ethnic and Multicultural Archives: [http://cemaweb.library.ucsb.edu/](http://cemaweb.library.ucsb.edu/)

The California Ethnic and Multicultural Archives, also known as CEMA, is a division of the Special Collections Department of the Davidson Library at the University of California, Santa Barbara. CEMA is a permanent program that advances scholarship in ethnic studies through its varied collections of primary research materials. These unique collections of personal papers, archival materials, and fine art prints document the lives and political and cultural activities of African Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans, Chicanos/Latinos, and Native Americans in California.
Colección Tloque Nahuaque

Researchers, faculty, and students engaged in Chicana/o Studies at UCSB benefit from access to the Colección Tloque Nahuaque in the Davidson Library. It is a unique resource for comprehensive Chicana/o and Latina/o information and specialized reference services. Visiting scholars from both this country and abroad consider it to be one of the finest collections of Chicana/o materials anywhere in the world.

RANK AND SALARY

The position is at the rank of Assistant Professor, tenure-track. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience, and qualifications. Merits and promotions are at designated intervals in a faculty member’s career.

The University of California offers a comprehensive benefits package including health (including dental and vision), disability, and life insurance coverage. The University of California Retirement Plan (UCRP) is a defined benefit plan which provides lifetime monthly retirement income as well as survivor and disability benefits after a 5 year vesting period. Most UC employees are covered by UCRP and Social Security. In addition, the University offers several Retirement Savings Plans. For detailed information please refer to the University of California website: http://atyourservce.ucop.edu/forms_pubs/misc/uc_benefits_overview_tenured.pdf

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applicants should apply through UC Recruit at https://recruit.ap.ucsb.edu

The deadline for on-line application submission is October 25, 2013 for primary consideration. However, the position will remain open until filled. For additional information contact Professor Mario Garcia, Chair of Search Committee via email at: garcia@chicst.ucsb.edu.

The Department is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through research, teaching and service. The University of California is an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action employer.