



California State University, Fresno

College of Arts and Humanities

Department of Communication

Vacancy # 09TAH016

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General Information:

California State University, Fresno is one of 23 campuses in the California State University System. The University's mission is to offer high quality educational opportunities to qualified students at the bachelor's and master's levels, and in certain applied disciplines at the doctoral level. The current enrollment is approximately 20,000 students with diverse and culturally rich backgrounds. The University serves the San Joaquin Valley while maintaining deep involvement with the state, nation, and world. California State University, Fresno promotes student learning and community engagement through faculty scholarship and service learning opportunities in collaboration with community organizations, education, industry, business and government. The university was one of the first US Colleges and Universities to be selected by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching for its new Community Engagement Classification.

Metropolitan Fresno, with a multi-ethnic population of over 600,000, is located in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley on the western edge of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range. The campus is within easy driving distance of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Yosemite, Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks, the Monterey Peninsula, Lake Tahoe, beaches, sailing, lakes, and numerous ski resorts. Fresno boasts one of the most reasonable housing markets in California and offers a wide array of locally grown fruits and produce.

FORENSICS/ RHETORIC ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (TENURE TRACK) / CONVERSION (ABD)

- Available for the Academic Year: 2009/2010.
- Fresno State has been designated to the Community Engagement Classification by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.
- Faculty members gain a clear path to tenure through the University's Probationary Plan Process.
- Salary placement depends upon academic preparation and professional experience. In some circumstances, exceptional faculty at higher ranks may be considered.
- Instructional Level: Undergraduate/Graduate.

Commitment to Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity: California State University, Fresno is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. The university is proud of its culturally diverse faculty, staff, and students, and strongly encourages applications from minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, covered veterans, and those who are interested in or experienced with community engagement.

Specific Position Characteristics: The successful candidate will direct a competitive policy debate program and teach courses in argumentation, debate and/or other areas of expertise. The Director's debate responsibilities will include coaching the policy debate team, travel to regional and national tournaments, supervising graduate assistant debate coaches, and administering the debate program. (S)he will also develop and coordinate a public debate program to promote student participation and civic engagement. Specific assignments will depend on department needs. The successful candidate may be called upon to teach in a distance-learning mode and encouraged to develop web-enhanced and/or web-based instruction. Outcomes assessment and service learning are important components of the university curriculum. Faculty members are also expected to engage in service activities at all levels of the university and provide academic and professional advice to students. The successful candidate will be expected to communicate effectively and work cooperatively with faculty.

Qualifications - Academic Preparation: An earned doctorate in communication or a related field OR a J.D. with significant experience coaching debate and a commitment to engage in scholarly activity is required for appointment to a tenure track position. Candidates nearing completion of the doctorate (ABD) may be considered for a lectureship (temporary position) with the possibility of conversion to tenure track upon completion of the doctorate. Qualifying degrees must be from an accredited institution or foreign equivalent.

Qualifications - Teaching or Other Professional Experience: The successful candidate must have a record of excellence in intercollegiate policy debate as a competitor. A record of success as a policy debate coach is preferred. Coursework or experience teaching rhetoric, argumentation or critical thinking is preferred. Candidates must demonstrate a potential for scholarly activity at the university level. The successful candidate must have the ability to work effectively with faculty, staff, and students from diverse ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Application: Form is available online at www.csufresno.edu/aps/vacancy/sc1.pdf. Send completed application, curriculum vitae, and three current letters of reference (dated within the last 12 months) to:

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Open Until Filled: To ensure the fullest consideration of their applications, applicants are encouraged to have all application materials on file by December 5, 2008.