FACULTY VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant Professor of History

Department: History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences
Position: Full-time, 10-month position, Tenure Track
Wage: Negotiable, range established the Collective Bargaining Agreement ($40,000 to $56,000)
Union Affiliation: MEA/MFT
Posting Date: October 2014

Description

The History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences department at the University of Montana Western invites applications for an assistant professor position. Teaching responsibilities will include Latin America or the Atlantic World and at least one of the following content areas: Indigenous Peoples, Empire, or Post-Colonial Studies. Responsibilities will include teaching introductory courses in non-western and U.S. history, historical research methods and upper level courses in area of specialization. Other responsibilities include scholarly activity, participating in campus committees, attending faculty meetings, and, after the first year, student advising and assisting with student recruitment. Since 2005, the University of Montana Western has been the only publicly funded, four-year baccalaureate degree granting university to operate fully on a block schedule. Each semester, students enroll in a fulltime load of four classes that they take once at a time for three hours per day for 18 days. Experiential learning, in the sense that it is the authentic practice of a given academic discipline, is emphasized at UMW.

Qualifications

The successful candidate must possess the following qualifications:

- A Ph.D. in history, specializing in Latin America or the Atlantic World. Secondary specialties in Indigenous Peoples, Empire, or Post-Colonial Studies also desirable. Or an ABD with completion of doctorate by May 2015.

- Innovation and excellence in postsecondary teaching along with proven experience teaching a variety of courses.

- A commitment to create an experience-centered learning environment in the block format.

- Evidence of scholarly productivity (or potential for such productivity) in the area of specialty.

Application

Interested applicants should send a complete application to the chair of the search committee, Dr. Karl Ulrich, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
The University of Montana Western
710 S. Atlantic St.
Dillon, MT 59725
Review of applications will begin immediately, and will continue until the position is filled. The start date for the position is Aug. 1, 2015.

A complete application includes:

1. A letter of application (including a statement of citizenship/immigration if necessary)

2. A current detailed curriculum vita

3. Unofficial academic transcripts that verify the required degree qualifications (official transcripts will be required at the time of hire)

4. A well-composed and concise teaching statement that illustrates how the candidate meets or exceeds the qualifications for the position listed above.

5. A list of three current professional references and their telephone and e-mail contact information. These references should be able to speak frankly to the candidate's qualifications for this position.

6. Three letters of professional recommendation

**The University and Dillon Area**

The University of Montana Western, located in Dillon, Mont., is an innovative institution nestled in a scenic valley in the Rocky Mountains of southwestern Montana. The current campus student headcount is 1,447 and the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) for student enrollment is approximately 1,392. Montana Western has over 60 FTE faculty members, features small classes for all students and has been recognized for excellence by U.S. News and World Report. Montana Western’s small size and focus on education innovation have earned it the reputation of being a place where faculty and staff chose to collegially and creatively make a difference in the education of students. Montana Western is the first and only public four-year college in the nation to use block scheduling in which students take a single class at a time. This immersion learning program facilitates increased opportunities for experiential types of learning.

The mission of the University of Montana Western is to provide innovative interdisciplinary education through experiential learning that combines theory and practice. Montana Western services citizens of all ages with its academic, community service, and lifelong-learning programs. As part of the global community, Montana Western encourages diversity, international awareness, environmental responsibility, and mastery of technology as a gateway to the world.

Dillon, a community of 5,000 people, is known for outstanding public schools, safe environments, recreational opportunities and an excellent quality of life.

*The University of Montana Western is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and encourages applications from qualified women, minorities, veterans and people with disabilities. Qualified candidates may request veterans, or disabilities preference in accordance with state law. Reasonable accommodations are provided in the hiring process for persons with disabilities. Finalists for this position will be subject to a criminal background investigation.*