

RWS Faculty Position Description 2021-2022

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR—RHETORIC AND WRITING STUDIES

About the University of Texas at El Paso

The University of Texas at El Paso is a Carnegie R1 and Community Engaged research university at the heart of the U.S.-Mexico border region that is increasing access to excellent higher education. UTEP enrolls nearly 25,000 students – 83% of whom are Hispanic and half of whom are the first generation in their families to attend college.

The city's border location makes it an ideal venue for academic programs and research studies on topics of national interest such as bilingual education/language acquisition, border environment and immigration, environmental sustainability and infrastructure, health disparities, and international trade and commerce.

The Paso del Norte region's center for intellectual capital, UTEP is one of the major economic engines in the region, adding \$1.4 billion to the local economy annually.

El Paso's active arts and culture community features the state's longest-running symphony orchestra, a nationally recognized chamber music festival, art galleries, museums, and a full schedule of seasonal events and festivals. UTEP adds to the arts and entertainment scene with an award-winning dinner theater, music and dance productions, contemporary and student art galleries, and a natural history museum.

For sports fans, the UTEP Miners offer exciting Division I college athletics at several campus venues including Sun Bowl Stadium, the Don Haskins Center, Kidd Field, University Field and the Helen of Troy Softball Complex. Southwest University Park, located a mile away in lively downtown El Paso, is home to the El Paso Chihuahuas, the Triple-A affiliate of the San Diego Padres, and the El Paso Locomotive, a professional soccer team founded in 2019.

Job Description

The Department of English at The University of Texas at El Paso invites applications for a tenure-track, assistant professor position in Rhetoric and Writing Studies to begin Fall 2022. Preferred areas of expertise include Global Rhetoric and Visual Rhetoric with priority given to applicants with experience in border, non-western, and/or cultural rhetorics, social justice approaches to research and teaching, and anti-racist pedagogy. We seek a colleague who will work with the intellectual interests of our burgeoning population of international students in the RWS PhD program and build on the department's traditional strengths in Borderlands Rhetoric. The successful candidate will join a Rhetoric and Writing Studies program that, in addition to First Year Writing, includes a new Bilingual Professional Writing Certificate Program, an undergraduate Rhetoric and Writing Studies minor, a newly proposed undergraduate major in Technical Writing and User-Experience, a graduate Technical and Professional Writing Certificate Program, as well as master's and PhD programs in Rhetoric and Writing Studies.

Requirements

- A Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Composition, Rhetoric and Writing Studies, or a closely related field required at the time of appointment.
- A demonstrated commitment to teaching and research excellence
- Evidence of scholarship in the area(s) of Global Rhetoric and Visual Rhetoric

Application Instructions

Applicants must submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, teaching philosophy statement, a statement of contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and contact information for three (3) professional references. Review of applications will begin on November 1 and will continue until the position is filled. For information on the position, please contact Dr. Lauren Rosenberg, Chair of Search Committee, lmrosenberg@utep.edu.

To apply, please visit <https://www.utep.edu/employment>

Additional Information

Hiring decisions are subject to final budget approval.

In keeping with its Access and Excellence mission, The University of Texas at El Paso is committed to an open, diverse, and inclusive learning and working environment that honors the talents, respects the differences, and nurtures the growth and development of all. We seek to attract faculty and staff who share our commitment.

The University of Texas at El Paso is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity in employment or the provision of services in accordance with state and federal law. Discrimination on the basis of sex includes an employee's or prospective employee's right to be free from sexual harassment under Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972.