



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ
HISTORY OF ART AND VISUAL CULTURE DEPARTMENT
Assistant Professor, History of Digital Media

The [History of Art and Visual Culture Department \(havc.ucsc.edu\)](http://havc.ucsc.edu), at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC), invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professorship in the History of Digital Media. We seek a teacher and scholar with expertise in the history and theory of one or more of the following areas: Internet culture, video games, digital imaging and design, social media, and related applications. Priority will be placed on hiring an interdisciplinary scholar who attends to the visual culture of digital media and analytically examines the social and historical contexts of its emergence. We welcome applications from scholars who specialize in any national or geographic area. Applicants must be capable of teaching a wide range of courses (large lecture to seminar) at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The department faculty support the investigation of art and visual culture from a variety of theoretical perspectives in the cultures of Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, the Mediterranean, and the Pacific Islands. The campus seeks candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through their research, teaching, and service. The position comes with a competitive salary and generous start-up package to fund equipment and research expenses.

The History of Art and Visual Culture Department is in the [Division of the Arts](#), which also includes Departments of Art, Film and Digital Media, Music, Theater Arts, and the M.F.A. Program in Digital Arts & New Media. There are opportunities for scholarly and teaching connections in these areas, as well as with colleagues and programs in the [Humanities](#) and [Social Sciences](#) divisions and the [Baskin School of Engineering](#). The campus operates on a schedule of three 11-week quarters per academic year, and the successful candidate will be expected to teach five 5-unit courses per year, or their equivalent, in accordance with the department workload policy. All members of the department are expected to advise and mentor students, actively engage in research, and undertake administrative service for the department, affiliated college, and university. The ability to contribute significantly to graduate education and the mentoring of graduate students is highly desirable.

We have a strong undergraduate major and a young, dynamic Visual Studies Ph.D. program. Under the Dean's leadership, our division is enjoying faculty growth, significant fundraising successes, new research centers, and is planning for a new Institute of the Arts and Sciences. The Arts Division supports faculty research through the Arts Research Institute <http://artsresearch.ucsc.edu/ari/> and the Arts Dean's Fund for Excellence <http://arts.ucsc.edu/funding/arts-deans-fund-for-excellence>; the campus supports research and teaching with grants awarded by the Committee on Research, the Committee on Teaching, and other groups.

RANK: Assistant Professor

SALARY: Commensurate with qualifications and experience; academic year (9-month) basis

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS: Ph.D. (or equivalent foreign degree) in art history, communications, media studies, visual studies, or a related discipline. (Ph.D. expected to be conferred by June 30, 2016).

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Demonstrated potential as a researcher/scholar; commitment to and talent for teaching and mentoring at the undergraduate and graduate levels; record of administrative service; and University teaching experience.

POSITION AVAILABLE: July 1, 2016, with academic year beginning September 2016. Degree must be conferred by June 30, 2017 for employment beyond that date.

TO APPLY: Applications are accepted via the UCSC Academic Recruit online system, and must include: 1) a letter of application outlining scholarly background as well as current and future research plans; 2) curriculum vitae; 3) a current publication or writing sample (chapter of dissertation if no publication); 4) descriptions or syllabi for three courses (one large lecture, one lecture/discussion, one seminar); 5) three current confidential letters of recommendation*. The university welcomes applicants' submission of an optional statement addressing their contributions to diversity through their research, service, and/or teaching. All requested materials must be submitted as PDF files.

Apply at <https://recruit.ucsc.edu/apply/JPF00299>

Refer to Position **JPF00299-16** in all correspondence.

*All letters will be treated as confidential per University of California policy and California state law. For any reference letter provided via a third party (i.e., dossier service, career center), direct the author to UCSC's confidentiality statement at <http://apo.ucsc.edu/confstm.html>

CLOSING DATE: Review of applications will begin on November 30, 2015.

To ensure full consideration, applications should be complete and letters of recommendation received by this date. The position will remain open until filled, but not later than 6/30/17.

UC Santa Cruz faculty make significant contributions to the body of research that has earned the University of California the ranking as the foremost public higher education institution in the world. In the process, our faculty demonstrate that cutting-edge research, excellent teaching and outstanding service are mutually supportive.

The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, age, or protected veteran status. UC Santa Cruz is committed to excellence through diversity and strives to establish a climate that welcomes, celebrates, and promotes respect for the contributions of all students and employees. Inquiries regarding the University's equal employment opportunity policies may be directed to: Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the University of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95064; (831) 459-2686.

Under Federal law, the University of California may employ only individuals who are legally able to work in the United States as established by providing documents as specified in the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. Certain UCSC positions funded by federal contracts or sub-contracts require the selected candidate to pass an E-Verify check. More information is available [here](#) or from the Academic Personnel Office (APO) at (831) 459-4300.

UCSC is a [smoke & tobacco-free campus](#).

If you need accommodation due to a disability, please contact the Academic Personnel Office at apo@ucsc.edu (831) 459-4300.