



CAL STATE LA

Tenure-Track Faculty Position
College of Arts and Letters

Position:

Department of Liberal Studies

Assistant Professor, with priority given to candidates with expertise in culturally-relevant science pedagogy in K-8 education in areas relevant to Education, Humanities, Social Sciences, or Ethnic Studies disciplines.

Starting Date:

August, 2022

Minimum Qualifications:

- 1) An earned Ph.D. in Education, Science Studies, American Studies, Ethnic or Gender Studies, Disability Studies, or a relevant discipline in the Sciences or Humanities is required; however, applicants nearing completion of the doctorate (ABD) may be considered. For appointment, the doctorate must be completed by the date of appointment (8/18/2022).
- 2) Evidence of successful undergraduate teaching experience.
- 3) Evidence of scholarly expertise in Critical and/or Socio-cultural Studies, focusing on Critical Science Pedagogy in K-8 education or K-8 teacher education/preparation.

Preferred Qualifications:

- 1) Evidence of experience developing community engagement partnerships and programs with schools or education-related organizations.
- 2) Evidence of experience with public science and community engagement approaches to scholarship and teaching.
- 3) Evidence of experience, training, or scholarly activity in science and/or STEM pedagogy.
- 4) Evidence of experience, training, or scholarly activity in working with bilingual, biliterate, bicultural urban communities
- 5) Evidence of expertise in teaching and scholarly activity for social justice and educational equity, emphasizing intersectionality of multiple positionalities (including but not limited to, race, class, gender, sexuality, ability) with a focus on the knowledge and practices of African American, Indigenous, people of color who have historically been excluded from STEM disciplines.

Duties:

The primary professional responsibilities of instructional faculty members are: teaching, research, scholarship and/or creative activity, and service to the University, profession and to the community. These responsibilities generally include: advising students, participation in campus and system-wide committees, maintaining office hours, working collaboratively and productively with colleagues, and participation in traditional academic functions.

The successful candidate will initially be expected to teach undergraduate Liberal Studies courses in the major core and in their area of expertise; develop, maintain, and support partnerships with local schools or education-related organizations; mentor undergraduate students related to education fieldwork experience; actively participate in program and curriculum development, including collaboration with faculty across the university related to undergraduate teacher preparation; and maintain an active research profile.

The successful candidate will be committed to the academic success of all of our students and to an environment that acknowledges, encourages, and celebrates diversity and differences. To this end, the successful candidate will work effectively, respectfully, and collaboratively in diverse, multicultural, and inclusive settings. In addition, the successful candidate will be ready to join faculty, staff, students, and administrators in our University's shared commitment to the principles of engagement, service, and the public good.

Salary:

Initial salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The University:

California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) is one of 23 campuses within the California State University system. The University is the premier comprehensive public university in the heart of Los Angeles. Cal State LA is ranked number one in the U.S. for the upward mobility of its students, and is dedicated to engagement, service, and the public good. We offer nationally recognized programs in science, the arts, business, criminal justice, engineering, nursing, education, ethnic studies, and the humanities. Our faculty have a strong commitment to scholarship, research, creative pursuits, community engagement, and service.

Our 240,000 alumni reflect the City and County's dynamic mix of populations. The University has one of the most diverse student populations of any college or university in the nation. As a federally recognized Hispanic-Serving Institution, and Asian-American, Native American, and Pacific Islander-Serving Institution, Cal State LA recognizes the transformative power of education and embraces its duty to identify and serve the needs of all of its students. The University is committed to creating a community in which a diverse population can live, work and learn in an atmosphere of civility and respect for the rights and sensibilities of each individual.

The College:

The College of Arts & Letters at Cal State LA, is an engaged, diverse, and creative community committed to transforming lives through the study and practice of the arts and humanities. The College is home to nationally acclaimed undergraduate and graduate programs in the humanities and the visual, media, and performing arts, delivered by an award-winning faculty committed to helping students reach their full potential academically, professionally, creatively, and personally. Our nine departments (Art, Communication Studies, English, Liberal Studies, Modern Languages and Literatures, Music, Philosophy, Television, Film & Media Studies, and Theatre and Dance) include programs that lead to Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees, Bachelor and Master of Music degrees, and Master of Fine Arts degrees.

The Department:

The Liberal Studies Department at Cal State L.A. offers a Bachelor of Arts degree with options in:

- Elementary Subject Matter Teacher Preparation that allows students to acquire a broad-based education in multiple subjects with integrated teaching credentials from the Charter College of Education for elementary education or special education and a California State elementary subject matter waiver.
- Interdisciplinary Studies in Culture and Society that allows students to acquire an in-depth understanding of how ideology and discourse shape cultural traditions and social institutions.

All Liberal Studies options place a strong emphasis on developing student skills in writing, information literacy, and analysis of diversity across disciplines, institutions, and media.

Required Documentation:

Please submit the following to the Search Committee Chair at the email address below:

- 1) A cover letter specifically addressing minimum and preferred qualifications.
- 2) A narrative statement describing your commitment to working effectively with faculty, staff, and students in a multicultural/multiethnic urban campus environment with a substantial population of students who are among the first-generation of their family to attend a college or university.
- 3) A curriculum vitae.
- 4) A list of three professional references.
- 5) A University Application for Employment Form (www.calstatela.edu/academic/position).

Finalists will be required to submit:

- 1) Official transcripts.

Employment is contingent upon proof of eligibility to work in the United States.

Application:

Review of applications will begin **November 8, 2021**, and will continue until the position is filled.

Please email all application materials in a single PDF to: LBSsearch@calstatela.edu. Please type "Liberal Studies Science Pedagogy Application" in the subject line.

Please address all questions to the search committee chair, Michael Willard, at: mwillar@calstatela.edu and 323-343-4100.

Note: The person holding this position is considered a "mandated reporter" under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.

CSU requires faculty, staff, and students who are accessing campus facilities to be immunized against COVID-19 or declare a medical or religious exemption from doing so. Any candidates advanced in a currently open search process should be prepared to comply with this requirement. The systemwide policy can be found at <https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/9779821/latest/> and questions may be sent to OfficeHRM@calstatela.edu.

A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed satisfactorily before any candidate can be offered a position with the CSU. Failure to satisfactorily complete the background check may affect the application status of applicants or continued employment of current CSU employees who apply for the position.

In addition to meeting fully its obligations under federal and state law, Cal State LA is committed to creating a community in which a diverse population can live, work and learn in an atmosphere of tolerance, civility and respect for the rights and sensibilities of each individual. To that end, all qualified individuals will receive equal consideration without regard to economic status, race, ethnicity, color, religion, marital status, pregnancy, national origin or cultural background, political views, sex, sexual orientation, gender identification, age, disability, disabled veteran or Vietnam era veteran status.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/TITLE IX EMPLOYER

Upon request, reasonable accommodation will be provided to individuals with protected disabilities to (a) complete the employment process and (b) perform essential job functions when this does not cause undue hardship.