

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY STUDIES – SOCIAL DOCUMENTATION
Assistant Professor

The [Department of Community Studies](#) at the University of California, Santa Cruz, invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track Assistant Professor position in the emerging field of social documentary. We seek candidates who are immersed in the field of social documentary, its histories and theoretical approaches, and whose expertise clearly addresses the role of documentary for civic engagement and social change. We expect the successful candidate to possess demonstrable experience with social science analysis along with technical production skills. Prior experience with and commitment to social documentary initiatives focused on contemporary public life in domestic or international settings is required of all applicants. In terms of technical expertise, we seek candidates versed in analog and digital documentary sound production. Candidates must have proficiency in audio, radio, internet, and broadcast sound environments, the design of emergent new media technologies, locative media, GPS-adapted systems, web-based interfaces as loci for social change, and/or other such intersections of audio and new media with a societal dimension.

The successful candidate will be expected to assume a major role in the Social Documentation M.A. Program, one of the first such graduate degree programs in the country that aims to be a laboratory for original research and production, knowledge acquisition and deployment, and the development of documentary practices informed by social science research and social justice dynamics. The Social Documentation M.A. Program was recently launched by the Community Studies department, a longstanding interdisciplinary undergraduate program emphasizing field study with community-based social justice organizations. The successful candidate will be expected to teach undergraduate courses in addition to those in the graduate program. We are especially interested in candidates whose work can contribute directly to one of the department's substantive foci. The successful candidate also will have the opportunity to work closely with allied interests on campus in oral history, anthropology, digital arts and new media. Candidates must share a commitment to working collaboratively in interdisciplinary environments with colleagues spanning the arts, humanities and social sciences. We welcome candidates with experience integrating their scholarly work with social change activism. The campus wishes to attract candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through their research, production, teaching, and service.

RANK: Assistant Professor

SALARY: \$53,200 to \$59,500, commensurate with qualifications and experience

POSITION AVAILABLE: July 1, 2008

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree required at the time of application. The successful candidate must be able to demonstrate evidence of excellent research potential, analytical work, and production of social documentaries and teaching expertise.

TO APPLY: Applicants should submit a detailed letter of application describing their research, production, and teaching interests and experience, curriculum vitae or placement dossier, samples of current work (research, writings and/or documentary projects), copies of teaching evaluations, course syllabi and three letters of reference*. (Instruct your references to **refer to position #374-08.**) Samples of work in audio or new media should be sent directly to the Search Committee Chair, via URL as well as on DVD. Applicants are invited to submit a statement addressing their contributions to diversity through their research, service, and/or teaching. *Reference letters may be sent under separate cover. All letters will be treated as confidential documents. Please direct your references to the UCSC Confidentiality Statement at: http://www2.ucsc.edu/ahr/academic_policies_and_procedures/cappm/confstm.htm

All application materials should be sent to:

Chair, Search Committee

Community Studies Department

University of California

1156 High Street

Santa Cruz, CA 95064

Please refer to position #374-08 in your reply.

CLOSING DATE: Applications must be **postmarked by Tuesday, January 15, 2008.** No faxed or emailed applications will be accepted. For further information contact Kathleen Tague (ktague@ucsc.edu), (831) 459-7019.

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Inquiries regarding the University's equal employment opportunity policies may be directed to: Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Office 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.

If you need assistance due to a disability please contact the Academic Human Resources Office at 499 Clark Kerr Hall (831) 459-4300. This position description is available in alternate formats, which may be requested from Academic Human Resources at (831) 459-4300.