The Department of Literature at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) invites applications for an Assistant (tenure track) Professor specializing in 20th/21st century Latin American literatures and cultures. We seek scholars working in 20th/21st century Latin American literature and culture with interdisciplinary interests that may include media studies (old and new), popular culture, indigeneity, transatlantic studies, Spanish-based creative writing, poetry and poetics, gender, and critical race and ethnic studies. We are particularly interested in candidates who can contribute to existing departmental and divisional/university-wide strengths in any of the following approaches and areas: Mexico, Central America and the Hispanophone Caribbean, Andean Countries.

We seek scholars embarked on a clear research trajectory, with demonstrated teaching excellence. Candidates will be expected to teach a range of large undergraduate lecture courses as well as smaller courses and seminars in both English and Spanish, and to contribute significantly to graduate education and the mentoring of graduate students. The successful candidate must be able to work with students, faculty and staff from a wide range of social and cultural backgrounds. We are especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community.

This position carries a five-course equivalency workload, which normally means teaching four courses over three quarters and carrying other academic and service responsibilities.

RANK: Assistant Professor

SALARY: Commensurate with qualifications and experience

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS: Ph.D. or equivalent foreign degree (expected to be conferred by January 1, 2016) in Latin American literatures and Cultures or a related field of study; a record of research and scholarly productivity, including book in preparation; a record of college teaching; and the ability to teach in both Spanish and English.

POSITION AVAILABLE: July 1, 2016, with academic year beginning September 2016. Degree must be conferred by January 1, 2016 for a July 1, 2016 appointment.

TO APPLY: Applications are accepted via the UCSC Academic Recruit online system, and must include an informative letter of application (clearly outlining your educational background, teaching experience, and publication record), a curriculum vitae, two syllabi/description of proposed literature courses (one in Spanish and one in translation), a short representative writing sample in either English or Spanish of no more than 25 double-spaced pages, and three current confidential letters of recommendation.*

Applicants are invited to submit a statement addressing their contributions to diversity through research, teaching and/or service. Documents/materials must be submitted as PDF files.

Applying at https://recruit.ucsc.edu/appapply/JPF00289
Refer to Position #JPF00289-16 in all correspondence.

*Candidates who have not yet earned their PhD are encouraged to apply. In these cases, a letter of support from the candidate’s advisor is required.

CLOSING DATE: Review of applications will begin on October 12, 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 6/30/2016

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