The Department of Literature at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) invites applications for a Visiting Assistant Professor for the 2016-17 academic year, with the possibility of a one-year renewal. We seek a scholar in comparative literary and cultural studies with competence in Italian and one (or more) additional language literature(s) relevant to the candidate’s intellectual focus. Period open (excluding Renaissance/early modern), but teaching and research expertise in Dante is desirable. Research areas may also include: poetry, prose fiction and drama; visual culture; Mediterranean Studies; material culture; travel; twentieth- and twenty-first century literature; cinema and new media; migration, diaspora, colonialism and post-colonialism; communism, fascism; social movements; relations between Italy and Africa, Asia, and the Middle East; gender, race and sexuality; or digital humanities. The successful candidate will be expected to pursue research, have clearly demonstrated university teaching experience at the undergraduate level, teach large undergraduate lecture courses in English and smaller courses in both Italian and English, and contribute to a small but vibrant interdisciplinary Italian Studies Program and an innovative graduate program in Literature by teaching, advising and mentoring students, and collaborating in creative event programming. The applicant must be able to work with students and faculty from a wide range of social and cultural backgrounds. The campus is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through writing, research, teaching, and/or service. This position carries a four-course workload over three quarters; in addition the selected candidate will pursue an active program of research and writing and will perform significant departmental service.

**RANK:** Visiting Assistant Professor I - III

**SALARY:** $58,500 - $65,400, commensurate with qualifications and experience.

**BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:** All candidates must have Ph.D. in hand, or equivalent foreign degree in Italian literature or related field of study at time of appointment; demonstrated research, experience teaching in both Italian and English at the university level.

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:** Teaching and research expertise in Dante is desirable.

**POSITION AVAILABLE:** July 1, 2016 with academic year commencing Fall 2016. Appointments are contingent upon availability of funding.

**TERM OF APPOINTMENT:** The initial appointment is for one year, with the possibility of extension through June 2018. Should the hiring unit propose reappointment, a review to assess performance will be conducted.

**TO APPLY:** Applications are accepted via the UCSC Academic Recruit online system, and must include: an informative letter of application in English (clearly outlining your educational background, teaching experience, and publication record), curriculum vitae, two syllabi/descriptions of proposed courses in Italian literature (one taught in Italian and one taught in English), a writing sample in English of no more than 25 doubled-spaced pages, and three letters of recommendation.* Applicants are encouraged to submit a statement addressing their teaching philosophy and their contributions to diversity through writing, research, teaching, and/or service. This position carries a four-course workload over three quarters; in addition the selected candidate will pursue an active program of research and writing and will perform significant departmental service.

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Refer to Position #JPF00343-16T 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.htm](http://apo.ucsc.edu/confstm.htm).

**CLOSING DATE:** Review of applications will begin on March 14, 2016. 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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