

Assistant Professor in Transnational Italian Studies

The Department of French and Italian at the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) invites applications for a full-time tenure-track Assistant Professor position in the area of “Transnational Italian Studies.” The expected start date is July 1, 2020.

We solicit applications from scholars of Italy with a primary research interest in transnational studies, and invite applicants working in any period in Italian Studies, Comparative Literature, History, Art History, Sociology, Anthropology, Global Studies, or other cognate fields as long as they can demonstrate a research focus in transnational issues and the capacity to teach courses with a strong cultural component.

Preferred fields of specialization include transnational / diasporic studies, migration studies, Mediterranean studies, translation studies, postcolonial theory. The successful hire will be expected to foster curricular and research integration with departments across the humanities and social sciences, from Global and International Studies and History to Art History, Sociology, Religious Studies, Film and Media Studies, and Black Studies, among others, as well as programs such as Comparative Literature and Middle Eastern Studies.

Required minimum qualification: ABD or equivalent at the time of application, and completion of the Ph.D. (or equivalent international degree) in one of the areas listed above by the start date of the position. Other requirements include: native or near-native competence in Italian and in English; demonstrated capacity for top-level research, teaching, and administrative service; research productivity commensurate with years of experience.

The successful appointee will teach courses in English and in Italian at the undergraduate level, and will actively perform service and participate in shared governance at the department and campus level. In addition, she/he/they will be expected to contribute to the curricular development of a “Transnational Italian Studies” track in the major.

All application materials should be submitted online via UC Recruit <https://recruit.ap.ucsb.edu/jpf01601>. The online application will require: (1) cover letter, (2) statement of research, (3) statement of teaching experience and philosophy, (4) curriculum vitae with full contact information, (5) writing sample in English (optional in Italian), (6) Statement of Contributions to Diversity (optional, but strongly encouraged). Applicants must also arrange to have 3 letters of reference submitted to the system on their behalf.

To ensure full consideration, all application requirements should be completed on or before November 4, 2019. Primary consideration will be given to applications received by this date, but the position will remain open until filled. Inquiries may be addressed to the department at: frit20@frit.ucsb.edu

Diversity, equity, and inclusion are core values at UC Santa Barbara. Our excellence relies on faculty, students, and staff who share our commitment to these values. Our program is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through research, teaching and service. We strongly encourage applicants to submit an optional Statement of Contributions to Diversity. These statements, if submitted, will be reviewed for evidence of teaching, research, professional and/or public service contributions that promote diversity and equal opportunity, such as effective strategies used for the educational advancement of students in various under-represented groups; demonstrated contributions to the advancement of equitable access and diversity in education; and contributions furthering diversity and equal opportunity in higher education through participation in such activities as recruitment, retention, and mentoring of scholars and students.

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 status, protected Veterans status, or any other characteristic protected by law.