Assistant Professor of English / Director, Writing Center
College of Arts and Sciences
English Department
Tenure Track

Application review begins October 8, 2012. The position remains open and applications will be reviewed until filled. Skype interviews anticipated early November; campus interviews anticipated mid- to late November. No plans to hold MLA interviews.

Founded in 1890, Whitworth has been consistently ranked among the top regional colleges and universities in the West. In its strong liberal arts undergraduate education and graduate programs, Whitworth unites a robust commitment to Christian mission and service, academic rigor, and care for students. A community of Christian scholars carries out the college’s mission “to provide its diverse student body an education of the mind and heart.” The English Department is situated within the College of Arts and Sciences, which bears primary responsibility for providing an education that is grounded in the great tradition of liberal arts and sciences and committed to the integration of faith and learning.

The English Department at Whitworth University seeks to instill in our graduates love of reading, love of writing, and sensitivity to the power and complexity of language. We ask our students to develop and demonstrate skill in research and textual analysis, along with the ability to write focused and cogent arguments. We offer a broad range of courses, including traditional courses in writing (such as fiction, poetry, and creative non-fiction) and literature (American, British, and world literatures); courses focused on literary critical theory; composition and rhetoric courses; and courses focused on film and media. The department is also the home of the university writing program, and it provides leadership both for the university writing center and for writing across the curriculum initiatives on campus.

Function:
We are looking for a teacher-scholar in Rhetoric and Composition to direct our Writing Center, advise the WAC program, and teach writing and rhetoric in the general education program, composition-rhetoric courses, and multimodal composition: administrative release and six courses per year beginning fall 2013. Secondary specialty in multi-modal composition preferred.

Responsibilities and Related duties:
Teaching responsibilities include a seven-course load (3-1-3) including a January term course that could be taught on or off campus. This load would include a 3-credit administrative release for directing the Writing Center. The candidate would be expected to teach Writing 1 (EL 110), Writing 2 (EL 210), Essay Writing (EL 346), rhetoric courses, the training course for Writing Center consultants (EL 420) and a course in multimodal composition. Administrative duties include overseeing the work of the writing center, creating and offering resources to assist faculty through the writing center, and advising the WAC task force.

Further responsibilities for this position include participation in departmental activities and governance: professional and research activities including state, regional and national professional associations; faculty assemblies, development days, retreats, committees, advising.
QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Ph.D. in English or relevant field before August 2013
- Evidence of two years’ experience in writing center administration, including experience in training writing center consultants
- Demonstrated evidence of effectiveness at college-level teaching
- A personal commitment to the Christian faith and to the integration of faith and learning, to the flourishing of both global and local church, and to service to the Christian community
- The ability and desire to establish a positive relationship with persons regardless of race, gender, physical limitation or religious belief
- A commitment to equal opportunity for all persons; and a commitment to the educational mission of Whitworth University as a Christian liberal arts institution affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA)
- Background check and educational verification required

APPLICATION PROCESS:
Please submit the following required application documents:

1. A letter of interest
2. Curriculum vitae
3. A list of names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of three references
4. Three letters of recommendation
5. Graduate and undergraduate transcripts (may be unofficial at this time; official transcripts will be required at the time a campus interview is extended)
6. Three recent student course evaluations
7. Brief writing sample indicative of area of scholarship
8. Syllabi from 3 different recent courses
9. A brief essay (approximately 300 words) addressing the relationship between your Christian faith and teaching (see HR link on Whitworth website for faculty faith essay guidelines (www.whitworth.edu/facultyfaithessay)

For more information, please contact the search committee chair, Doug Sugano (dsugano@whitworth.edu).

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Or by email attachment (preferably in MSWord format) to jobs@whitworth.edu.

Whitworth complies with all federal, state, and local nondiscrimination laws that are applicable to religious nonprofit institutions and does not engage in unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability. With our commitment to building a diverse community, the university encourages applications from populations underrepresented at Whitworth including members of racial/ethnic communities, women, and persons with disabilities.