



# California State University, Fresno

College of Arts and Humanities

English

Vacancy # 13313

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## Poetry Assistant Professor

California State University, Fresno is an engaged University. We focus on broadening students' intellectual horizons, fostering lifelong learning skills, developing the leaders of tomorrow, promoting community involvement, and instilling an appreciation of world cultures. We nurture cultural competence by celebrating the rich diversity of the campus community and welcoming the participation of all. Members of the University community are expected to work effectively with faculty, staff and students from diverse ethnic, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. For information on the University's commitment and dedication to creating a university known for its integrity, civility, equity, respect and ethical behavior, please visit: <http://www.fresnostate.edu/academics/diversity>

- Available for Academic Year: 2018/2019.
- Fresno State has been recognized as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI); an Asian American/Native American/Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI); and has been designated to the Community Engagement Classification by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.
- Faculty members gain a clear path to tenure through the University's Probationary Plan Process.
- Salary placement depends upon academic preparation and professional experience.
- California State University, Fresno is a vibrant and growing campus. When necessary, the University may decide to make more than one faculty appointment from a single search.

### Position Summary:

Poets are invited to apply for the tenure-track position of Assistant Professor of English in the College of Arts and Humanities at California State University, Fresno. Appointment begins August 2018.

The successful candidate will teach creative writing both at the undergraduate level—where we have just begun a creative writing emphasis—and at the graduate level, in a diverse and flourishing three-year MFA program in the heart of the Central Valley of California. The new hire will, along with the other creative writing faculty, chair theses, help form or structure a publishing class to fit our new publishing track, help mentor creative writing TAs, advise student groups, facilitate and help organize readings and other events, and oversee recruitment. Successful candidates will work in a program committed to intersectional teaching, scholarship, and community building.

### Overview:

Our MFA program combines studio and academic approaches in a substantial, residential, 54-unit degree program, providing students with critical workshop experience and a solid background in literature. We feel the best education for the artist includes learning the history as well as the contemporary work in the discipline, training in the theoretical and formal approaches to the profession, and practicing the craft of writing with extensive peer and faculty critique.

Faculty typically teach three 4-unit courses per semester and advise MFA theses. Faculty may apply for assigned time course reductions to support creative and scholarly work. Active service in the MFA program, department, college and university is expected.

The Department of English also offers an undergraduate minor in creative writing and additional opportunities to teach special topics courses in literature.

### Required Education:

M.F.A. or Ph.D. in creative writing –with poetry as a concentration. Degree must be completed by August 17, 2018.

### Required Experience:

- Evidence of teaching excellence at the undergraduate level.
- Significant publications, including at least one book of poetry either published or under contract with a reputable literary publisher.
- The ability to work effectively with faculty, staff, and students from diverse ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, and to engage with diverse communities in the San Joaquin Valley region.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Preference will be given to candidates who bring the potential to teach form and theory and special topics courses that include a diversity of cultural and ethnic perspectives.
- Preference will also be given to candidates who show experience working with students whose narratives are underrepresented in academia and the publishing world.

**Application Procedures:**

Review of applications will begin November 1, 2017, and will continue until the position is filled. To apply, applicants must complete an on-line application at <http://jobs.fresnostate.edu> and attach the following: 1) a cover letter specifically addressing required experience and preferred qualifications; 2) a curriculum vitae; 3) a statement of teaching philosophy; 4) a 20-page sample of poetry; and 5) names and complete contact information for three professional references. Finalists will be required to submit: 1) Official transcripts and 2) Three current letters of recommendation (dated within the last 12 months). For inquiries, contact Tim Skeen, Search Committee Chair; California State University, Fresno; Department of English, College of Arts and Humanities, 5245 N Backer Ave, MS PB 98; Fresno, CA 93740-8001; E-mail: [tskeen@csufresno.edu](mailto:tskeen@csufresno.edu)

**Other Requirements:**

In compliance with the Annual Security Report & Fire Safety Report of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, California State University, Fresno has made crime-reporting statistics available to applicants, students, and employees on-line at <http://www.fresnostate.edu/police/clery/index.shtml>. Print copies are available by request from the Campus Police Department.

A background check (including criminal records check) must be completed satisfactorily for this position. An offer of employment may be withdrawn or employment may be terminated based upon the results of the background investigation.

The person holding this position is considered a "mandated reporter" under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 Revised July 21, 2017 as a condition of employment. You can obtain a copy of this Executive order by accessing the following web site: <http://www.calstate.edu/eo/EO-1083.html>.

**Equal Employment Opportunity:**

California State University, Fresno is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We consider qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, medical condition, disability, marital status, or protected veteran status.