



ASSISTANT PROFESSOR – TENURE TRACK THEATRE HISTORIAN

The Department of Theatre Arts at Bradley University, a growing, NAST accredited comprehensive educational theatre program, seeks a dynamic, imaginative, and collegial Theatre Historian to join our creative team on a tenure-track line beginning August 16, 2010.

The ideal candidate will embrace a global perspective of theatre and have strong interest in the application of new media theory to theatre performance. We seek a candidate who can contribute to the creative and dynamic growth of the Theatre Arts program by teaching exceptional courses on all levels of theatre history and dramatic literature; through the enthused teaching of *Introduction to Theatre*, a large-section general-education fine arts course; and by fostering student research across the curriculum. Additionally, the ideal candidate will enjoy collaborating with students in the area of the candidate's creative expertise with possible opportunities to direct, perform, and author works; recruiting and mentoring student theatre scholars; attracting and interacting with notable guest artists and scholars funded through a richly endowed lectureship; and developing innovative projects and programs that further the mission and vision of excellence of the Department of Theatre Arts. Preference will be given to candidates with a strong research agenda and active record of publication. Experience in playwriting and directing is a plus.

Required qualifications include an appropriate terminal theatre degree, a record of successful university level teaching of appropriate theatre courses, a record of successful theatre and/or new media research and publication, and a record of successful creative leadership in professional and/or university theatre production.

Preferred qualifications include a PhD in theatre history and/or dramatic literature. ABD applicants may be considered, but are only eligible for tenure track status upon timely completion of the terminal degree. Also preferred is a record of successful college-level directing and of teaching introduction to theatre, theatre history, and dramatic literature. Experience teaching playwriting and/or performance-based courses is considered a plus. Additional assets are experience and interest in the application of new media theory to theatre performance, professional theatre experience, and international theatre experience.

Qualified candidates should submit a hard copy letter of application indicating interest, teaching and artistic philosophies, and qualifications for the position; *curriculum vitae*; three representative examples of scholarship (e.g. publications, conference presentations, dissertation chapters, and/or creative production); three current letters of recommendation; and complete contact information for three additional professional references to:

Search Chair
Department of Theatre Arts
Bradley University
Peoria, IL 61625

Candidates are encouraged to submit select examples of creative activity as part of their application packet as well (digital and on-line portfolios accepted.)

To ensure full consideration completed packets must be received by November 23, 2009. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Salary is competitive, commensurate with experience and qualifications.

The Department of Theatre Arts at Bradley University is an artistic and educational community that values creativity, innovation, and imagination fired by passion, balanced with excellence in craftsmanship, and tempered with discipline and knowledge. Our mission is to educate theatre artists and their audiences in the intellectual foundations, global traditions, and creative processes of the art of theatre. The Department of Theatre Arts is committed to being a prominent educational theatre program nationally recognized for our global perspective, our commitment to excellence in creative expression and scholarship, and for providing a multifaceted educational experience within a nurturing, student-focused environment. The Department is well supported and enjoys the reputation of creating dynamic and innovative works of theatre with significant accomplishments in the area of intermedial performance. (<http://oresteia.bradley.edu/>)

One of five departments in the Slane College of Communications and Fine Arts, the Department of Theatre Arts consists of 65 majors, six full-time faculty, three staff members, plus visiting artists and teachers. The Iben Endowed Lectureship generously supports visiting professionals throughout the year. Housed in the Hartmann Center for the Performing Arts, the Department of Theatre Arts produces a mainstage subscription series as well as a laboratory theatre season, which are well attended and supported by the university and civic communities. Additional facilities include the new high-technology Intermedia Center and the internationally renowned Caterpillar Global Communications Center, a multi-million dollar state-of-the-art facility that includes high-end intermedia computer labs, a videoconference center, Internet2 connectivity, digital audio and video editing bays, and multimedia-equipped and videoconference-enabled classrooms.

Bradley University, highly rated by U.S. News and World Report, is an independent, comprehensive university enrolling 6000 students. Founded in 1897, it is among the finest universities in the Midwest. Bradley combines the advantages of larger research universities with those of smaller liberal arts colleges. Midway between Chicago and St. Louis, Peoria is a metropolitan area of 350,000 people with a very active arts community which hosts many professional arts organizations including a renowned symphony, ballet, and Smithsonian-affiliated museum. The Peoria Civic Center houses convention facilities, a sports/concert arena, and a theatre that hosts Broadway touring productions. Peoria is home to several companies with international operations, major medical facilities, and a regional airport with direct connections to Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Atlanta, Las Vegas, Detroit, Minneapolis, Tampa, and Orlando.

Visit Bradley University online at: www.bradley.edu, the Slane College of Communications and Fine Arts at: <http://slane.bradley.edu>, and the Department of Theatre Arts at <http://slane.bradley.edu/theatre-arts>.

Bradley University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. The administration, faculty and staff are committed to attracting qualified candidates from underrepresented groups.

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