Assistant Professor of Architectural History

The Department of Art at Swarthmore College invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in architectural history to begin Fall 2017. We seek an art historian who can teach a broad array of courses in architectural history in addition to courses in their historical specialty. We welcome candidates with research and teaching interests in cross-cultural encounters and interdisciplinary exchanges. The strongest applicants will be dedicated teacher-scholars with a well-developed secondary field of specialization, an interest in developing courses with thematic, geographical, and temporal breadth, and a commitment to pedagogically creative undergraduate teaching in a liberal arts context. The ability to teach courses that engage with built environments in the Greater Philadelphia area is highly valued. Teaching responsibilities will include first-year seminars, surveys, intermediate courses, and advanced seminars in the Art History program, as well as the supervision of student research projects.

We seek an individual who can enrich our current course offerings and complement our areas of expertise; we encourage applicants to familiarize themselves with our program’s current strengths on the College website: https://www.swarthmore.edu/art. Among the qualifications required for appointment is the Ph.D. degree in Art History or a closely related field. Outstanding candidates who are in the final stages of dissertation writing (ABD) will be considered with the expectation that the PhD is in hand by the time of employment. Successful teaching experience at the college level is desirable.

The Department of Art, with eight full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty members, offers rigorous Bachelor degrees in Art History and Studio Art. The faculty-to-student ratio at Swarthmore is 1 to 8. Courses in architecture attract a broad range of students at the College, including majors and minors in Art History, Studio Art, Engineering, Environmental Studies, Computer Science, and Sociology & Anthropology. Many of our majors have honed their architectural knowledge through courses taken in these programs and have pursued architecture and urban studies at the graduate and professional level.

Located in the immediate suburbs of Philadelphia, Swarthmore College is a highly selective liberal arts college whose mission combines academic rigor with social responsibility. The College offers a comprehensive and highly competitive compensation package, including a guaranteed semester of research leave with full support every fourth year.

Swarthmore has a strong institutional commitment to diversity and actively seeks and welcomes applicants with exceptional qualifications, particularly those with demonstrable commitments to a more inclusive society and world. We are particularly interested in candidates who can work effectively with students from diverse backgrounds. Applicants from traditionally underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply. For more information on Faculty Diversity and Excellence at Swarthmore, see http://www.swarthmore.edu/faculty-diversity-excellence/information-candidates-new-faculty.

By 15 November 2016, applicants should submit a cover letter describing their teaching and research interests, a current CV, and a writing sample. Applicants should arrange for their application and three letters of recommendation to be addressed to the Search Committee, Department of Art, Swarthmore College and submitted online at: https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/7884.

Applications received by 15 November will receive full consideration. The search will remain open until filled or closed. Inquire may be made to Tomoko Sakomura, Department Chair, at tsakomu1@swarthmore.edu.