The department of English, Theatre, and Communication at Adams State University is seeking to fill a tenure-track assistant professor position in mass communication (Position #FA8009). The successful candidate will be prepared to teach courses in basic single-camera video production, non-linear audio and video editing, field production, digital filmmaking, and other media production courses in the candidate’s area of interest. Such courses may include music video, documentary, short film, etc. Candidate will also be expected to advise the student media organization Grizzly Video Productions. The ideal candidate will also have some background in media theory (such as New Media, rhetorical analysis, film and/or television theory, etc.) and the ability to teach other media courses, including our general education survey course, COMM 255 Fundamentals in Media Communication. Candidates with the ability to teach multiple modes of writing (composition, screenwriting, narrative writing, journalism), and/or candidates with animation/special effects knowledge are especially desired. We are looking for a colleague who has the ability and desire to develop community outreach programs and to develop working relationships with other campus stakeholders, such as athletics.

Candidates should demonstrate that they possess (a) a commitment to student-centered instruction, and mentoring; (b) a commitment to furthering the university’s mission of Inclusive Excellence, (c) the potential to maintain a research record that is commensurate with level of experience, and (d) a vision for expanding programs and other initiatives. The successful candidate must demonstrate that they are equity minded practitioners with the ability to communicate effectively and collaborate with diverse faculty, staff, and students within the English, Theatre, and Communication department and across campus. The department offers access to a mentoring program, professional travel opportunities, and summer teaching stipends for faculty.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Ph.D. or MFA (terminal) degree in Communication, Media Production, Journalism, or related field. ABD considered.
- Ability to teach courses in basic single-camera video production, non-linear audio and video editing, field production, digital filmmaking, and other media production courses in the candidate’s area of interest.
- Demonstrated commitment to achieving excellence in teaching and advising undergraduates/graduates.
- Record of scholarly or creative activity and potential for continued scholarly/creative growth.
- Evidence of valuing equity, treating cultural diversity as an asset, and promoting inclusiveness.

Preferred Qualifications

- Knowledge of other types of media theory, such as New Media, rhetorical analysis, film and/or television theory, etc.
- Ability to teach other media courses beyond production, including our general education survey course, COMM 255 Fundamentals in Media Communication.
• Experience in other areas of media writing, such as composition, screenwriting, narrative writing, or journalism
• Ability and desire to engage in community outreach, such as service learning, developing community media events or programs, etc.
• Ability and desire to develop relationships with other campus stakeholder, particularly with the campus athletics program

Anticipated Start Date:
August 21, 2014

Rank/Salary:

Salary range is low 40s, commensurate with qualifications and experience. Adams State University offers a competitive benefits package.

Departmental and Campus Information:

The English, Theatre, and Communication department offers undergraduate degrees in English, with Emphases in Mass Communication, Creative Writing, Liberal Arts, and Secondary Education, and degrees in Theatre. We have university-wide support to expand programs and further the vision of educating diverse students.

Located in Alamosa, Colorado, Adams State University is a state-supported Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) located in the vast San Luis Valley, designated the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area (http://sdcnha.org/js). Alamosa is located approximately 4 hours from Denver, 1.5 hours from Taos, New Mexico and 2.5 hours from Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The university is dedicated to fostering Inclusive Excellence, the recognition that the university’s success depends on valuing, engaging, and including the rich diversity of students, staff, faculty, and administrators. Given the university’s mission and student body composition, the department is actively seeking qualified applicants who have experiences, skills, and/or personal attributes that reflect perspectives that can further broaden our students’ educational experience. We encourage qualified applicants with experience in ethnically diverse settings, who possess varied language skills, or who have a record of research that supports diverse communities, or a record of teaching a student population that includes historically underrepresented groups and other at-risk populations to apply. Additional information about the university and the department may be found at www.adams.edu/academics/.

To apply: Candidates should submit a cover letter that specifically describes their qualifications with reference to the above criteria, providing examples. Candidates should address their interest in and qualifications for this position, as well as address how they would work in a multicultural classroom and university setting and contribute to the mission and vision of ASU. Candidates should also submit a curriculum vitae, a brief course description of a Media Production Course that the candidate would develop once at ASU; a portfolio of the candidate’s production work on DVD; a list of five professional references; and three current letters of reference.
Send all materials to:
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c/o Bobbi Maul
Media Production Search Committee
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Review of applications will begin January 20, 2014 and will continue until the position is filled.

Adams State University is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for its students, faculty, staff and visitors, and to protecting its funds, property and other assets. Well-informed hiring decisions contribute to this effort. Therefore, Adams State University has adopted a policy on background screening for its prospective, continuing, and returning employees as well as students in certain circumstances. Offers of employment will be contingent upon the completion of an acceptable background check. The information received in response to a background check will be treated as confidential, to the extent provided for by law.