Assistant Professor of Spanish – Mexican Studies

The Department of World Languages and Cultures at the University of Utah invites applications for a tenure-line Assistant Professor of Spanish in Mexican literatures and cultures to begin July 1, 2024. The period of specialization is open, but we welcome applications from 19th and 20th c. scholars. Candidates with expertise in border studies, hemispheric studies, and / or Indigenous / Afro-Latinx studies are encouraged to apply. In addition to a candidate grounded in the literatures and cultures of Greater Mexico, complementary expertise in Chicanx Studies is highly desirable. We are especially interested in candidates with a strong theoretical background who incorporate interdisciplinary and novel approaches. Knowledge of an indigenous language is considered a plus.

The successful candidate will be a scholar with an active research agenda and a high level of academic engagement in the field. Teaching excellence and native or near-native fluency in Spanish and English are required. The teaching load is two courses per semester (2-2), encompassing both graduate and undergraduate-level courses in Spanish and our Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies Program. Candidates must have a Ph.D. in Spanish or Latin American Studies or a related field in hand by time of appointment.

Complete applications will include a cover letter, CV, writing sample, teaching statement, diversity statement (no more than one page), and contact information for three references. Letters of recommendation will be requested from the three references listed on the application for candidates who advance to the interview stage. Candidates can apply here, and all applications must be received by November 3, 2023. Questions may be addressed to Prof. Talía Dajes, chair of the search committee (t.dajes@utah.edu).

A diverse scholarly community stimulates innovation and educational excellence. The College of Humanities and the Department of World Languages & Cultures work to maintain a respectful, inclusive, and supportive environment where everyone can flourish. We are actively working to increase our diversity and to promote belonging and community for all. We value constructive input and welcome feedback from our community.

Located in metropolitan Salt Lake City in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains, the University of Utah is the state's flagship R1 research institution and a member of the Association of American Universities. The university emphasizes exceptional scholarship, quality teaching, and professional service. It serves over 34,000 students from across the U.S. and the world, with over 72 major subjects at the undergraduate level and more than 90 major fields of study at the graduate level, such as law and medicine. The university's language programs benefit from and serve the state's extensive K–12 Dual Language Immersion program, which includes Spanish.

Known for its proximity to seven world-class ski resorts within 40 minutes of campus, the University of Utah encourages an active, holistic lifestyle, innovation, and collaborative thinking to engage students, faculty, and business leaders. Salt Lake City is a vibrant, major metropolitan area with a diverse, multicultural population and numerous cultural and outdoor activities.