The Department of Theatre at The University of South Dakota invites applications for a nine month term position (Visiting Assistant Professor) in Acting to commence August 2020. The successful candidate will teach beginning through advanced acting, stage voice, dialects, acting/voice for camera and other media, and auditioning, with opportunities to teach other courses depending on curricular needs and specialization areas. The person will serve as dialect/vocal coach for all department productions requiring one. Depending on interest and experience, other means of participating in production season may be an option. The successful candidate will guide students toward a career in the theatre, will coordinate and serve as the lead recruiter for the B.F.A. acting program, and will assist with recruitment for the other areas in the department. Participation in Inclusive Excellence by undertaking outreach to diverse communities (multicultural student organizations, Native American community, LGBTIQ community, Latinx community, veterans, women, etc.) on and off campus is encouraged. Faculty members are evaluated in the areas of teaching, research/creative scholarship and service with an emphasis on successful academic advising and mentoring of students in and out of the classroom. All faculty are expected to be active in research/creative endeavors, and to serve on
departmental, college, and university committees.

Qualifications: MFA in Theatre with an emphasis in acting is required; PhD with appropriate training and experience may be considered. A minimum of three years of university teaching of acting at all levels, beginning through advanced, and a substantial background in one or more major voice-training programs, such as Lessac, Linklater, Rodenburg, Berry, etc. are required. Professional acting experience and membership in professional unions such as AEA, SAG, and/or AFTRA are preferred.

Review of applications will begin March 27, 2020, and will continue until the position is filled.

Applications will only be accepted on-line at https://yourfuture.sdbor.edu. Include on the website a letter of application, curriculum vitae, statement of teaching philosophy, and the names and phone numbers of three current references.

Send a digital portfolio (CD, DVD, or flashdrive) that includes at least two contrasting examples of your own acting and at least one example of coaching undergraduate student actor(s) to:

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Located in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts, the Theatre Department is part of the College of Fine Arts, which also includes the departments of Art and Music. A faculty of ten serve eighty-five theatre majors in a program that offers the BFA in Acting, Musical Theatre, Design and Technology and Theatre-General, as well as the MFA degree with specializations in directing and in design/technology with emphases in scene design, lighting/sound design, costume design, and technical theatre. The University is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST) and is affiliated with the Black Hills Playhouse, a 75 year old summer stock theatre located in Custer State Park, and the South Dakota Shakespeare Festival which provides free Shakespeare in the park in Vermillion.

Located in southeast South Dakota, USD is the flagship liberal arts institution for the State of South Dakota (enrollment over 10,000) and is composed of the College of Fine Arts, College of Arts and Sciences, Schools of Business, Education, Law, Medicine and Graduate School.
Diversity and Inclusiveness are values that are embraced and practiced at the University of South Dakota. Candidates who support these values are encouraged to apply.

EEO/AA Policy

USD is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer committed to increasing the diversity of its faculty, staff, and students.

Contact Information

Please reference AcademicKeys in your cover letter when applying for or inquiring about this job announcement.

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