

OKLAHOMA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
POSITION DESCRIPTION

Visiting Assistant Professor of English

Department: Division of Language and Literature

OBU Mission Statement

OBU transforms lives by equipping students to pursue academic excellence, integrate faith with all areas of knowledge, engage a diverse world, and live worthy of the high calling of God in Christ.

Core Commitments

Oklahoma Baptist University achieves its mission through a shared commitment to the following expectations. All employees are expected to embrace these expectations and to model them in their behavior.

- *Commitment to the essentials of the Christian faith*
- *Commitment to active membership in a local evangelical church*
- *Commitment to the vision and mission of Oklahoma Baptist University*
- *People are treated with dignity and respect*
- *Relationships are built on honesty, integrity, and trust*
- *Excellence is achieved through teamwork, leadership, and a strong work ethic*
- *Efficiency is achieved through wise management of human and financial resources*

Overview

For a one-year visiting appointment beginning August 1, 2021, Oklahoma Baptist University seeks an active or emerging Christian scholar of literature, rhetoric/composition, or creative writing with a strong commitment to teaching undergraduates. The successful candidate will teach core curriculum courses in composition and literature and may have opportunity to teach upper-level literature or writing courses. A generalist committed to teaching core courses is preferred; applicants with ability to teach courses in British literature, multicultural or non-Western literature, Western literature surveys, and/or creative writing will also be welcome. The expected teaching load is 12 credit hours per semester. University-owned housing may be available if relocation is required.

Essential Functions

- Teach core curriculum and upper-level undergraduate English courses
- Keep accurate class records and submit reports and grades
- Keep regular office hours for advising students

Other Duties

- Maintain an active program of professional development, including attendance at professional conferences, presentations, and/or scholarly or creative publication

Qualifications

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Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Must be able to teach multiple English courses, including composition and literature courses
- Possess and demonstrate strong interpersonal skills, communication skills, and pedagogy for diverse student populations
- Be able to conduct a college classroom to maximize the student learning experience
- Be able to adjust teaching methods to meeting student needs
- Be able to work effectively with college age students in individual advisement as well as small and large class environments
- Be proficient in office technology, office software (including various Microsoft tools), and classroom presentation software

Education and Experience

- **Required:** Master's degree in English or M.F.A. in Creative Writing
- **Preferred:** Ph.D. in English, Rhetoric/Composition, or Creative Writing, or hours toward the Ph.D.
- **Preferred:** Experience teaching undergraduates in a Christian liberal arts institution