



# SCHOOL OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

CSU BAKERSFIELD

**Position:** Assistant Professor of Art (with an emphasis on 2D Art and Media)

**Job#:** 23/24 AH 02

**Type:** Tenure-Track

**Academic Year:** 2023-2024

**Available:** August 2023

**Location:** Department of Art and Art History  
School of Arts and Humanities  
California State University, Bakersfield  
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**Contact:** Professor Sarah Vanderlip  
Chair, Search Committee

**Deadline:** Applications are due by **February 6, 2023**.

**University Background:** CSU Bakersfield, founded in 1970, is a regional, comprehensive university serving the southern San Joaquin Valley of California. CSU Bakersfield's service area covers nearly 25,000 square miles and is home to a socially and ethnically diverse population of over 11,000 students. CSU Bakersfield is the only four-year degree granting institution within a 100-mile radius. Due to this, CSU Bakersfield has a vital role in educational attainment, economic development, and quality of life within the region.

The accolades CSU Bakersfield has received include Third Way's #5 Most Economic Mobility Index (2022), Washington Monthly's #13 Best Bang for the Buck for Western Colleges and #26 Best Master's University (2022), Best Value Schools' #21 Most Affordable 4-Year Colleges (2022), and US News and World Report's #25 Top Public School in the West (2022).

CSU Bakersfield serves 9,800 undergraduate students and 1,400 graduate, credential, and post-baccalaureate students. 63.5% of CSU Bakersfield's students are Hispanic/Latinx, 21.5% are Caucasian, 7.1% are Asian, 4.9% are African-American, 2.3% are multiracial, 0.5% are American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 0.2% are Hawaiian/Pacific Islander. CSU Bakersfield is a federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI).

**Commitment to Diversity:** The Department of Art and Art History within the School of Arts and Humanities at CSU Bakersfield is committed to academic and inclusive excellence and diversity within the faculty, staff, and student body.

**School Information:** Comprised of seven departments (Art & Art History, Communications, English, History, Modern Languages & Literatures, Music & Theatre, and Philosophy & Religious Studies), the School of Arts & Humanities at California State University, Bakersfield, provides thriving academic degree programs to approximately 1,000 students as well as core areas of General Education for the approximately 11,000 students at the university. In addition to classroom instruction, the departments in the School host art exhibits, dramatic productions, and concerts as well as "The Runner" (the Student Newspaper) and student broadcasting programs. Departments often invite distinguished visiting artists and speakers to present to university-wide audiences. Students benefit from high impact practices in the School (including opportunities for Undergraduate Research). The School also offers three M.A. programs (English, History, and Spanish). Lastly, the School houses the Institute for Basque Studies, the Public History Institute, and the Institute for Religion, Education, and Public Policy (all of which also link to the broader community in Kern County).

**Department Information:** The mission of the CSUB Department of Art and Art History is to encourage research, innovation, and experimentation among our students and to foster an environment ripe for learning and risk-taking. The Art and Gallery Programs complement the University's larger mission by offering CSUB students an opportunity to engage

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in advanced, creative discourse both local and international in scope. The Art Program has a strong presence in the local community but is also designed, in part, to expose the campus and community to the culture and currents of the Los Angeles art hub that lies just 90 minutes away. The Visiting Artist Lecture Series brings in nine speakers each year to complement and enhance classroom learning. The Visiting Sculptor on Campus Program brings one artist each year to work directly with students to build a public art installation on campus. The Art faculty is comprised of seven tenure-track professors, two full-time lecturers, and three full-time staff, who serve over 125 Art majors as well as the university as a whole. The department maintains state-of-the-art facilities for sculpture, ceramics, painting, drawing, printmaking, photography and digital media, as well as semi-private senior studio spaces.

**Position Description:** The Department of Art and Art History seeks an outstanding candidate to teach all levels of undergraduate Painting and Drawing with an emphasis on the medias' contemporary and theoretical contexts. The selected applicant will teach introductory and advanced level undergraduate courses in Painting, Drawing, and 2-D foundations as well as a possible general education course in Art Appreciation. The candidate will be expected to teach three studio courses per semester in addition to service to the department and university.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- Demonstrated commitment to teaching undergraduates from diverse socioeconomic, cultural, and academic backgrounds, including first-generation students.
- MFA in painting, drawing, or other relevant area
- Minimum of two years university teaching experience beyond graduate assistantship

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Strong exhibition history and evidence of ongoing professional research

**Application:** Complete submissions will consist of two .PDF documents. The first document should contain a letter of interest addressing research goals and relevant teaching and work experience, a CV, names and contact information for three references, a teaching statement including strategies of fostering an inclusive classroom, and a sample syllabus for an upper-division undergraduate painting course. The second document should contain twenty labeled images of the candidate's artwork. Combined, these two documents may not exceed 20 mb. Applications should be submitted via email to Department Chair Jesse Sugarmann ([jsugarmann@csub.edu](mailto:jsugarmann@csub.edu)) with the position number cited in the subject line.

**Compensation:** Salary and rank are dependent on qualifications and experience. CSUB offers a generous benefits package (e.g., excellent health, dental, vision, and retirement benefits.)

**Background Check:** A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed satisfactorily before any candidate can be offered a position with the CSU. Failure to satisfactorily complete the background check may affect the application status of applicants or continued employment of current CSU employees who apply for the position.

**Mandated Reporter:** The person holding this position is considered a "mandated reporter" under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.

**Clery Act:** CSUB's annual crime report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus, in certain off-campus centers, such as our Antelope Valley Satellite Campus and on property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from CSUB. The report also includes policies concerning security on campus, such as alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, reporting crimes, sexual assault, and other subjects. Additionally, a daily log of offenses is maintained and can be reviewed at the front desk of the Department of Public Safety. You can obtain a copy of the annual report by contacting the Department of Public Safety/University Police at (661) 654-2111 or by logging on to their website at: <https://www.csub.edu/compliance/Clery>.

**EEO Statement:** CSUB is committed to Equal Employment Opportunity. Applicants will be considered without regard to gender, race, age, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, marital status, disability or covered veterans' status.