

Eastern Illinois University
Position Announcement
Digital Initiatives Coordinator and History Instructor

Location

Charleston, IL

Open Date

November 5, 2021

Description

Eastern Illinois University seeks a Digital Initiatives Coordinator and History Instructor to fill a new interdisciplinary library position that integrates digital history and librarianship. The successful candidate will develop a collaborative program between the History Department and Library Services that builds information literacy skills in survey history classes and supports digital history in upper division courses.

The position requires teaching 12 hours of History courses per academic year. Course assignments are established with the Chair of History. Within the library, the Digital Innovation Librarian will be a key team member in the library's Center for Student Innovation (CSI). The CSI is an interdisciplinary learning laboratory that includes an active learning classroom, virtual reality equipment, video and audio recording equipment, and a small maker space. The CSI will be the primary laboratory for this position and the office is adjacent to the CSI.

As this is an emerging institutional initiative, the selected candidate will work closely with the Dean of Library Services to explore opportunities that will support the mission of the CSI such as exhibit preparation, collection development, library instruction, or scholarly communication.

The position's home is in Library Services, and the position is evaluated under criteria developed for evaluating both duties as a member of the library faculty and for evaluating teaching responsibilities in the History Department. This is a 10-month appointment, working August through May. The position is eligible for an initial three-year contract and renewable annually thereafter pursuant to the EIU-UPI collective bargaining agreement.

Qualifications

Required:

- Master's degree in History
- Experience teaching history or demonstrated ability to teach history courses at the university level.
- Recent coursework or experience in digital history or digital humanities
- Interest in public, community-engaged digital work
- Experience building and maintaining cross-campus connections and initiatives
- Excellent communication skills
- Commitment to equity and inclusion and promoting diversity

Preferred:

- ALA accredited MLS, or PhD in History, or significant progress toward a PhD in History.
- Experience working in a professional position in an academic library.

Application Instructions

The review of applications will begin December 13, 2021, and continue until campus interviews are scheduled. A letter of application and a resume (complete with names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of at least three professional references) will constitute a complete application file. Application materials should be submitted via Interfolio: <http://apply.interfolio.com/98483>. For questions regarding this search, please contact Todd Bruns, Search Committee Chair, at tabruns@eiu.edu.

The University and Community

Eastern Illinois University takes pride in creating a warm, welcome environment for all faculty, staff and students. Established in 1895, EIU boasts a rich, 125-year tradition of preparing students for their personal and professional goals. A traditional regional residential institution, EIU offers a superior education at a relatively low cost while consistently earning high rankings and distinctions for its affordability, academic program quality, career placement rates, campus safety, online degree options, student support, and sustainability initiatives. EIU focuses on individualized attention and superior student relationships, and has earned recognition as the highest-ranking independent public regional university in Illinois and a place among the Midwest's top public regional universities according to *U.S. News and World Report*. EIU hosts more than 175 student organizations on campus, and offers a variety of cultural events, NCAA Division I athletics, and active research opportunities for its students to enjoy and to thrive. EIU has become recognized for providing the resources of a large institution while creating the kinds of individual relationships that support student and alumni success.

Eastern Illinois University is located in Charleston, Illinois – a comfortable and safe east central town within a two-to three-hour drive of three major metropolitan areas -- Chicago, Indianapolis, and St. Louis.

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