NOTICE OF VACANCY
Department of Dance
Western Michigan University

POSITION: Modern/Jazz Dance Technique and Theory

RANK: Assistant Professor, tenure track

SALARY: Commensurate with qualifications and experience

QUALIFICATIONS: MFA, or MA in Dance or related field with commensurate experience, is required. A minimum of three years teaching experience in modern and/or jazz dance at the college or conservatory level is required. Professional modern and/or jazz dance performance experience is required; a minimum of five years professional performance experience is preferred. Ability to teach modern and jazz dance technique from beginning through advanced levels is required. Ability to teach vernacular dance is required. Ability to teach in at least one or more of the following related areas is required: music for dancers, world dance with origins in the African diaspora, dance management, dance pedagogy, improvisation/contact improvisation, dance history, dance kinesiology, dance composition, or dance technology. The ability to teach music for dancers is preferred. An interest in dance and social engagement and/or the intersection of dance and technology is desired.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Teach all levels of modern and/or jazz dance technique, vernacular dance, and dance theory courses. Additional responsibilities may include choreographing concert works; staging works from established dance repertoire; serving as rehearsal director for Great Works Dance Project. Engage in on-going scholarly/creative research and actively contribute to the life of the department, college, and university. Maintaining an active career in the profession is essential. Strong interpersonal, communication skills, and the ability to work with and mentor a diverse student body are necessary. Other teaching and non-teaching assignments will be determined by the needs of the department and the qualifications of the applicant.

APPOINTMENT DATE: August 2019

DANCE DEPARTMENT: The Department of Dance, along with the Schools of Art and Music and the Department of Theatre, is a part of the College of Fine Arts and has 7 full-time faculty, department chair, visiting guest artist, 2 staff, 2-4 part-time instructors, 120 majors, 50 minors, Degree programs include the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance, dance minor, and an online certificate in dance studio management. The department maintains a tri-focus in its technique offerings, including ballet, jazz, and modern dance to the advanced level. Programmatic features of the department include the Great Works Dance Project, a program designed to bring the work of renowned ballet, jazz and modern dance choreographers to Western Michigan University, and WMU National Choreography Competition. Western Michigan University is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Dance.
UNIVERSITY: Western Michigan University, a Carnegie-designated Doctoral/Research-Extensive university, is among the nation's fewer than 200 research universities included in this top classification. WMU enrolls more than 23,000 students, and has more than 800 faculty. The University consists of seven degree granting colleges, a graduate college and an honors college. It is located in Kalamazoo, Michigan, a culturally active metropolitan community of 250,000, located midway between Detroit and Chicago.

APPLICATION: Complete on-line application at: www.wmujobs.org/

REQUIRED APPLICANT DOCUMENTS:

A. Cover letter highlighting your qualifications. Cover letter must include description of stylistic approaches to technique training and online video links to teaching and choreographic samples (No reels, please). Curriculum vitae. List of references

B. Other: Two current letters of reference and samples of syllabi.

Additional materials may be requested.

DEADLINE: Review of complete applications will begin November 30, 2018. Position open until filled.

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