

Visual Resources librarian (Univ of South Florida, Tampa)

Head, Visual Resources Library, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

The School of Art and Art History at the University of South Florida invites applications for a full-time Assistant or Associate Librarian (non-tenure-track). We seek a dynamic leader with excellent communication skills to serve as Head of our Visual Resources Library and as liaison with the main campus library. Appointed rank is dependent on qualifications; salary is highly competitive and commensurate with experience. The Visual Resources Library supports an art history and studio faculty of 18, of which the librarian is an integral part. The School's digital systems are state-of-the-art and we have an excellent technical support staff. The VRL's transition from analog to digital images is already well advanced. Preferred start date is May 1, 2007 (negotiable).

Duties: The Head of the Visual Resources Library reports to the Director of the School of Art and Art History and is responsible for the overall management and administration of the library, including budget development, systems administration and planning, supervision of personnel (hiring, training, and evaluation of staff), and user services. The Head of the VRL oversees image production, cataloging and standards compliance, and metadata management, working with the Director and the faculty in setting collection development policies and priorities. The VRL Head is expected to maintain up-to-date familiarity with new systems and standards and to conduct relevant research. (VRL librarian is eligible for substantial faculty research grants and funded professional development leave.)

Minimum qualifications: Graduate degree from an ALA-accredited Library or Information Science program or international equivalent. An undergraduate degree/focus or a graduate degree in art history, art, architecture, or visual studies. Minimum of 3 years of experience in a visual resources library or university/special library with emphasis on digital collections management.

Preferred qualifications: Graduate degree in art history. Foreign language skills relevant to image cataloging. Familiarity with best practices regarding copyright as it relates to visual resources in academic settings. Experience with visual resources cataloging practices, including VRA Core categories and standards, CCO guidelines and interpretations, TGN, AAT,

ULAN, LCSH, LCNAF authorities. Knowledge of digital systems management and MDID. Experience supervising library personnel. Ability to work collaboratively with diverse campus communities. At the Associate level, a demonstrated record of published scholarship, presentations to professional groups, or service in professional organizations.

Facilities: The Visual Resources Library collections include traditional formats such as slides, videotapes, DVDs, periodicals, and books as well as a growing digital image collection. VRL staff includes 2 full-time and 1 to 2 part-time assistants, as well as work-study students. The library is a member of the IRIS cataloging co-operative developed and maintained at Brown University. IRIS, a Filemaker cataloging database, is supported by programming assistance and periodically updated. The digital asset management system, MDID 2, is installed on a sixteen terabyte server maintained by the college computing staff and one full-time technical staff in the School of Art and Art History. Four technically enhanced classrooms with digital projection, touch screens, and surround sound provide excellent facilities in support of a digital environment. (Web: library.arts.usf.edu)

To apply: Send a letter of intent describing research interests and management experience, CV, and three letters of reference. The School of Art and Art History values and supports diversity: applicants from underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply. For full consideration, applications should be received by January 3, 2007. Applications received after this date will be advanced only in cases of compelling merit.

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