

Postdoc Fellow, Indigeneity, Empires, and Environment, University of Texas

The University of Texas at Austin: College of Fine Arts: Department of Art & Art History

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Description:

Empires throughout history, inclusive of but not limited to European imperialism, fundamentally transformed nature and people's relations to the environment. Changes to the land and ecosystems by Indigenous and colonizing societies were material but also conceptual, technoeconomic, and visual. Empires, and critiques of them, in their multiple manifestations have changed the way land, water, air, plants (etc.) were perceived, known, and represented, as well as what social interventions were naturalized, such as racialization, enslavement, and resource extraction.

We seek a scholar of art history, visual culture, and/or built environments whose research engages with any period within the fifteenth through nineteenth centuries, whose scholarship cuts across political boundaries to consider the intersection of empire and ecosystems in the Americas, Asia, Africa and/or Oceania. Ideally, this scholar brings some combination of eco-critical, interspecies, archival, and/or archaeological methods to art historical research and teaching. This position would begin in Fall 2025 and run through the 2025-2026 or 2026-2027 academic year.

The post-doctoral fellow will conduct research, teach two courses per year, and advise students at all levels.

About the Department and UT:

The successful applicant will join a large and vibrant department, in which 18 scholars pursue research side-by-side with practicing artists and art educators, totaling nearly 50 tenure-track and professional-track faculty. The art history program alone serves roughly 100 undergraduate majors and 50 MA and PhD students. For further information, please visit us at <https://art.utexas.edu>.

The University of Texas at Austin is a flagship, tier-one, research institution situated in Austin, TX, a city known for its vibrancy, quality of life, and active engagement in the arts. The University has been awarded the Seal of Excelencia designating it as a Hispanic Serving Institution.

Qualifications:

- Ph.D in Art History or relevant cognate discipline conferred within the last three years
- A wide interest in the histories, theories, and methodologies of Art History
- Expertise in inter- and cross-disciplinary thinking
- Experience teaching and mentoring students from many backgrounds at the college level
- Potential for research and publication in this area of specialization

Application Instructions

Applicants must upload:

- letter of interest
- a curriculum vitae
- the names of three professional references (with phone and email contact information)
- a writing sample
- statements of research and teaching philosophy

Following initial review, the hiring committee will select a subset of applicants for further consideration who will be asked to provide three letters of recommendation and participate in an online interview.

Review of applications will begin 30 days after posting, though the position will remain open until filled. Please contact search committee chair Eddie Chambers eddiechambers@austin.utexas.edu with any inquiries about the position.

Application Process:

This institution is using Interfolio's Faculty Search to conduct this search. Applicants to this position receive a free Dossier account and can send all application materials, including confidential letters of recommendation, free of charge.

Apply Now: <https://apptrkr.com/5806824>

Location

Austin, TX

Open Date

Nov 07, 2024

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Reference:

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