

Assistant Professor in Scenic Design and Technical Direction, Department of Theatre

Application Date: Review of applications will begin May 15, 2016 and continue until the position is filled.

Type: Full Time, Tenure Track

The Department of Theatre at Valparaiso University invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position at the level of Assistant Professor, in Scenic Design and Technical Direction, with a primary specialization in set design and technology, and secondary specialization in lighting. Position begins August 1, 2016.

The successful candidate has had production experience in both professional and academic settings. S/he will be experienced in successful collaboration and problem-solving, able to work effectively with faculty, staff, students, and guest artists in the development of artistically and educationally successful shows. Key responsibilities will include 1) design and oversee construction of sets and lights for four theatre productions and one dance concert each year, 2) teach core theatre curriculum in Basic Stagecraft, Scenery and Lighting, Introduction to Theatre, and 3) as the technical director, this individual will select and manage student assistants and oversee day to day operations in the scene shop. The curriculum also provides opportunities to develop courses in areas of specialization. Experience facilitating production processes and managing budgets is highly desirable.

Qualifications: MFA in Scenic Design/Theatre Technology and with significant demonstrated experience in lighting design.

Valparaiso University is a top-ranked comprehensive private institution in Northwest Indiana near the Indiana Dunes, one hour from Chicago's Loop. Founded in 1859, the university offers a thorough grounding in the liberal arts as well as professional training and graduate study, helping students find their own paths to lifelong personal, spiritual, and professional growth.

Candidates should be interested in working at a university engaged in issues in Christian higher education in the Lutheran tradition. In addition to strong academic qualifications and excellence in teaching, the University highly values experience in working across cultural and other significant differences. Successful applicants will demonstrate a commitment to cultural diversity and the ability to work with individuals or groups from diverse backgrounds. Valparaiso University does not unlawfully discriminate and aims to employ persons of various backgrounds and experiences to help constitute a diverse community. Its entire EOE policy can be found at <http://www.valpo.edu/equalopportunity/index.php>. Employment at Valparaiso University will require a satisfactory criminal background check

Please submit 1) a letter of application that presents (a) description of approach to design in a team setting, and (b) statement of teaching philosophy at the liberal arts undergraduate level, 2) curriculum vitae, 3) names of three references, and 4) access to portfolio materials, which may be electronic or web-based, to Interfolio at <http://apply.interfolio.com/35067>.