

University of California, Los Angeles
Graduate School of Education and Information Studies
Department of Information Studies
Assistant Professor of Information Studies
Specializing in Media Archival Studies

The Department of Information Studies of the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies at UCLA invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor of information studies specializing in Media Archival Studies (MAS). The Department of Information Studies' MAS specialization focuses on the full range of historical to contemporary media-making contexts and formats and the unique challenges they pose, from 19th-century optical and sound-recording devices to today's emerging sound, image, video, and multiplatform/ transmedia formats. The successful applicant will have research and teaching interests in information studies that relate to any aspect of media archival studies and the range of relevant media formats, materials, and systems, both digital and analog. These interests might include, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- the nature, history, and role in society, of collections of media artifacts, formats, recordings, and systems;
- the nature, history, and role in society of technologies for the production, transmission, organization, storage, discovery, retrieval, presentation, and creative use of works in a diverse range of media forms;
- the uses and users of media collections and archives;
- the appraisal, description, arrangement, documentation, curatorship, conservation, restoration, preservation, and exhibition of media materials, resources, and collections, and of textual, visual, and material artifacts associated with them;
- the design, use, and evaluation of data, metadata, and digital/media asset management systems for media resources, records, collections and archives;
- public programming and outreach for media collections and archives;
- the provision of equitable access to cultural heritage in all media formats and systems;
- community, ethnic, and Indigenous collections, memory-keeping traditions, and archives;
- the management of media collections and archives in commercial (e.g., studio) and nonprofit (e.g., library special collections, museum) settings;
- policy development and analysis for media collections and archives;
- the evolving identity, values and mission of media archive professionals and institutions;
- social, economic, political, and legal aspects of the management of media collections and archives; and
- international and institutional collaboration, policymaking, and standards development for media collections and archives.

The Graduate School of Education and Information Studies (GSE&IS) is one of the top-ranked schools in the U.S., and supports internationally recognized research centers such as the Center for Information as Evidence. Within the school, the Department of Information Studies is an innovative, interdisciplinary locus for theory and research in information studies, where media archival studies is situated within a broader landscape that includes archival studies, data science and curatorship, information ethics and policy, new media and Internet studies, archival, museum and community informatics, cultural preservation, technology studies, digital humanities, and

textual and visual studies, among other areas. The Department's faculty is among the most productive and highly-cited in the field, and the Department is a founding member of the iSchool Caucus. At UCLA, the Department has close ties with the Center for Digital Humanities, the Ethnomusicology Archive, the UCLA Library Digital and Special Collections, the UCLA ethnic studies resource centers, the Institute for Digital Research and Education (IDRE), and the UCLA Film & Television Archive, among other units. Students conduct internships at a wide variety of cultural organizations across Los Angeles.

The Department offers the Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) degree with a specialization in Media Archival Studies, as well as MLIS specializations in archival studies, library studies, informatics, and rare books/print and visual culture. The Department also offers the Ph.D. in Information Studies, and a growing undergraduate program. All faculty in the Department teach at both master's and doctoral levels; the successful candidate's research and teaching will help foster the growth and excellence of the Department's academic programs at all levels. The appointee will teach four four-unit courses per year or their equivalent, in accordance with the Department's workload policy, including core courses in the MLIS and Ph.D. programs, and core seminars in the MAS specialization of the MLIS. Other duties include graduate student advising and mentoring; active engagement in research, scholarship, and/or creative work; and active participation in administrative and governance responsibilities for the Department, the School, and the University. For more information on courses offered by the department, visit: <http://is.gseis.ucla.edu/programs/course-offerings/>.

The School and the Department have strong commitments to the rich and varied multicultural communities of the Southern California region, and a reputation for merging research and practice in statewide, national, and international outreach and service. We seek a scholar who will make the most of Los Angeles' unique advantages as a setting for research that links media archival studies to public engagement, and for creating international connections, especially with the Pacific Rim and Latin America. We particularly encourage applications from those whose research and teaching address the practices, perspectives, and needs of diverse populations, as defined by the University of California (<http://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/governance/policies/4400.html>).

Rank: Assistant Professor.

Starting date: July 1, 2016. (Teaching duties begin late September 2016.) This position is contingent upon final budgetary approval.

Qualifications: A Ph.D. in information studies or a closely related field is preferred; a terminal degree in other relevant fields (e.g., M.F.A.) will be considered. Candidates should demonstrate a strong record of (or potential for) scholarly publication and/or creative work; a well-developed agenda for continuing research, scholarship, and/or creative work; university-level teaching experience or potential for teaching excellence; and the ability to seek extramural funding for their research and scholarship.

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience. UCLA also has an attractive benefits package.

To apply: On-line applications only. Please apply online at <https://recruit.apo.ucla.edu/apply/JPF01716> with a letter of application, outlining scholarly background, current and future research plans and contributions to diversity through research, teaching, and/or service; a curriculum vitae; and samples of publications. Please also send a list of at least three people who can write confidential letters of recommendation should they be requested.

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For informal inquiries, please contact Professor Michelle Caswell, Chair of the Search Committee, at caswell@gseis.ucla.edu.

Application deadline: Review of applications will begin on December 1, 2015. To ensure full consideration, applications should be complete and letters of recommendation received by this date. The position will remain open until filled, but not later than June 30, 2016.

The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, age or protected veteran status. For the complete University of California nondiscrimination and affirmative action policy see: UC Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action Policy. We encourage applications from members of underrepresented groups.