**Assistant Professor in Theatre Arts**

**Full Time/Tenure Track**

**Position Description**

The J. William and Mary Diederich College of Communication at Marquette University invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor in Theatre Arts beginning fall 2014. The college is seeking a dynamic individual who can provide gravitas, expertise and leadership in our professionally oriented undergraduate acting program. We seek a colleague with inspiring ideas to teach and assist in developing the performance curriculum.

Successful applicants will have a demonstrated ability to teach a range of courses including, but not limited to, introductory to advanced acting courses. Expertise in voice, movement, stage combat, playwriting, directing or other performance-related area is desirable and experience in arts administration is a plus. Applicants should have relevant professional acting and/or directing experience.

The new faculty member will teach and perform professional creative work within the Digital Media and Performing Arts Department, which offers courses in theatre arts, digital media and media production. S/he will serve as the primary acting instructor helping to excite, inspire, and prepare students to become professional theatre artists.

The new faculty member will be joining a close-knit faculty committed to a collaborative, intensive, student-first, professionally oriented education in theatre that, in part, seeks social change through theatre. Commitment to high quality actor training within a nurturing atmosphere is a priority. Requirements of the position include teaching courses in performance and in a second area of interest/expertise, mentoring and advising students and assisting with recruiting at the regional and national level. The faculty member will also be expected to direct 1-2 productions a year within a five-production mainstage season. On-going creative work and/or scholarly research and service to the department, college, university and profession are required for retention and promotion and tenure.

Applicants must have 1) a terminal degree (MFA or PhD) from an accredited college or university, 2) a minimum of three years of university-level teaching experience, and 3) professional experience acting, directing or coaching. AEA, SSDC or SAG/AFTRA membership is desirable.

Review of applications will begin September 15, 2013 and will continue until the position is filled. Applications must be filed at: <https://employment.marquette.edu> (search for openings in College of Communication).

The Theatre Arts program is housed in the Evan P. and Marion Helfaer Theatre with a 228-seat mainstage theatre, dance/performance studio theatre, full scenic and costume shops, dressing rooms and faculty offices. An additional 89-seat performance classroom/theatre is also available on campus. Marquette University is accredited by NAST, and active in KCACTF.

The J. William and Mary Diederich College of Communication includes majors in advertising, communication studies, corporate communication, digital media, journalism, media studies, public relations and theatre arts. A $28 million gift from J. William and Mary Diederich has made possible the upgrade and upkeep of theatrical equipment, on-going guest artist support and generous support for faculty research, creative activity and teaching.

Marquette is an urban Catholic, Jesuit University dedicated to principles of excellence, leadership, faith, and service. It is located on the edge of downtown Milwaukee, home to an active and vibrant professional theatre and arts community, within 90 miles of Madison, Wisconsin and Chicago, Illinois.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:  (on-line applications only)

Before electronically submitting your materials be advised to review the application process at Marquette University’s Career Website <https://employment.marquette.edu>

Applications must include:

1. a cover letter that addresses interest in and qualifications for the position, including a statement explaining the candidate’s teaching philosophy and creative interests
2. a curriculum vita
3. evidence of teaching effectiveness
4. evidence of professional creative work or scholarly agenda and
5. names, addresses, e-mail, and phone numbers of at least three references.

Visit us at: <http://diederich.marquette.edu/COC/Theatre-Arts.aspx>

Marquette University is building a diverse academic community and encourages minorities, women, veterans, and persons with disabilities to apply. (An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer)