

## Maine College of Art & Design Adjunct Faculty in Graphic Design

Maine College of Art & Design (MECA&D) seeks an instructor/adjunct professor to teach in the graphic design BFA program.

### **POSITION SUMMARY AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

An adjunct faculty member at the rank of Instructor or Assistant Professor of Graphic Design who will teach one class or two in the academic year. All faculty in the BFA program must be committed to contributing to the skill sets of visual literacy required for graphic design student success. Individualized attention and effective teaching are hallmarks of a MECA&D education which includes imparting a strong foundation of formal, aesthetic and conceptual skills across media applied in the professional practice.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

The successful candidate will hold a terminal degree (MFA) in Graphic Design or a related field, or will be a professional graphic designer with an equivalent record of creative achievement. College-level teaching experience in the discipline and/or an established record of professional accomplishment is desired.

Requirements include:

- The ability to independently teach an elective within the candidate's expertise while understanding the role of the course in the departmental sequence;
- The ability to support the program's core focus on typography, design methodology, and explorations in communication across multiple media;
- The ability to effectively motivate students to take risks and embrace a process of improvisation and experimentation within formal and conceptual design decisions. Familiarity with contemporary design issues, including inclusive pedagogies, issues around unconscious bias in design, and designing with accessibility in mind.

### **COMPENSATION & BENEFITS**

Compensation: \$4,000 to \$4,500 per 3-credit class

Benefits: Not Benefits Eligible

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Accepting applications on an ongoing basis.

Application materials must be sent digitally in a single PDF, not to exceed a 25MB file size.

Please email the document to [mcanfield@meca.edu](mailto:mcanfield@meca.edu). Place "Graphic Design Adjunct [LastName FirstName]" in the subject line.

### **The PDF must include:**

- (1) a cover letter which addresses teaching philosophy and experience;
- (2) curriculum vitae;
- (3) design portfolio and student work if available (link to URL accepted)
- (4) a diversity statement;
- (5) a list of three references with contact information, one of which must be a prior department chair/supervisor.

#### **DIVERSITY STATEMENT**

Maine College of Art recognizes that diversity is integral to the academic experience and strives to foster an inclusive culture defined by respect, equity and social responsibility. Successful candidates will have demonstrated experience in working with diverse populations, and supporting an inclusive and equitable community. Maine College of Art does not discriminate on the basis of gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, disability, genetic information, HIV status, race, age, religion, national or ethnic origin, or military/veteran's status in its educational programs, admissions policies, employment policies, financial aid, or other College administered programs. Candidates from historically underrepresented backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

#### **INSTITUTION**

Maine College of Art is an independent college of art and design located in the center of the thriving arts district of Portland, Maine. Established in 1882, the College currently enrolls approximately 500 students, the majority of whom are in the undergraduate program. About 1,200 students take classes through MECA's Continuing Studies Program annually. MECA's Joanne Waxman Library is an important resource of art and design oriented books and periodicals for the region. The Institute of Contemporary Art at MECA is a vibrant site for the exhibition of contemporary art.

MECA is characterized by its intimate learning community, its interdisciplinary nature and the breadth of its programs. It confers the degrees of Bachelor of Fine Arts in eleven majors, Master of Fine Arts in Studio Art, Master of Arts in Teaching, and the Salt Graduate Certificate in Documentary Studies. Our goal at MECA is to teach each student how to transform aspirations and values into a creative practice that serves as the foundation for a lifelong pursuit of personal and professional goals.

Maine College of Art is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD). The College's accreditation status with both agencies was renewed in 2016.