



**The University of Utah
Department of Modern Dance**

Announcement of Position for Assistant Professor (Lecturer)

- FACULTY OPENING:** Modern/Contemporary Dance
- POSITION TITLE:** Assistant Professor (lecturer), full-time auxiliary faculty position with a one-year renewable appointment (up to 2-years) with the possibility of extension.
- START/END DATES:** mid-August 2012 – early May 2014
- POSITION DESCRIPTION:** The position includes teaching all levels of contemporary dance technique, choreography and improvisation, choreographing for students at a professional level, advising and mentoring students, and performing various Departmental service duties. An ability to teach ballet for contemporary dancers is also desired. Other areas of specialty are welcomed and will be considered. The Department has a strong interest in a candidate who offers diverse cultural and aesthetic perspectives not currently represented in the Department, who is a working artist, and who has a deep understanding of the current dance field.
- QUALIFICATIONS:** MFA or commensurate professional experience required. Previous university experience preferred. Candidates must demonstrate a willingness to fully engage with faculty and students.
- SALARY:** Commensurate with qualifications and experience.
- APPLICATION PROCESS:** Applications must be submitted electronically. To apply, go to <http://utah.peopleadmin.com/postings/11815>. Applicants are asked to submit the following materials: 1) a letter of introduction which addresses the position description and qualifications in relation to one's own qualifications and professional experience, as well as areas/courses the candidate would be most interested in and qualified to teach, 2) a resume or vitae, 3) a one-page teaching philosophy statement, 4) list of three references with names, titles, relationship, addresses, and e-mail and phone contacts, 5) a DVD of work samples which may include performance, choreography or other public presentations of work (if work is available for viewing on-line, please include URLs). DVDs must be mailed separately from the electronic application materials to: Assistant Professor Lecturer Search Committee, Department of Modern Dance, University of Utah, 330 S. 1500 E. Rm #106, Salt Lake City,

Utah, 84112-0280. Please included a self-addressed, stamped envelope if DVD is to be returned

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 17, 2012. Application screening will begin on this date and continue until position is filled.

GENERAL INFORMATION: The Department of Modern Dance at the University of Utah is consistently ranked as one of the top dance programs in the nation with a long and distinguished history of excellence. The in-depth course of study within the BFA and MFA programs successfully prepares dancers for the many opportunities and challenges of the profession. The Department currently has approximately 90 BFA and 20 MFA students. Graduates of these programs go on to work nationally and internationally as performers, choreographers, artistic directors, teachers, technologists, videographers, and administrators. The mission of the Department of Modern Dance is to foster the growth and development of students and faculty as dance artists, critical inquirers, and engaged community members who advocate and promote dance as an essential part of society. The Department is distinguished by its commitment to excellence, professionalism, humanism, and a lively spirit of creative inquiry. For further Department information visit www.dance.utah.edu.

The Department of Modern Dance is part of the College of Fine Arts, which also houses the Departments of Art & Art History, Ballet, Film & Media Arts, and Theatre, and the School of Music. The University of Utah, a Research Intensive University with over 31,000 students, is situated in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains overlooking Salt Lake City. Salt Lake City has a vibrant professional dance community, offering students and professional dancers opportunities for involvement and development, as well as spectacular outdoor environments and exceptional recreation activities to enjoy.