Curator: Southwestern & Mexican Photography Collection

The Alkek Library at Texas State University is seeking applicants for the position of Photography Curator, Wittliff Collections. Reporting to the Director of the Wittliff Collections, this position serves as the Curator of the Southwestern & Mexican Photography Collection and is responsible for a wide variety of duties designed to strengthen and develop the holdings and public outreach programs of the Southwestern & Mexican Photography Collection at the Wittliff Collections.

**About the Wittliff Collections:** The Wittliff Collections are a dynamic archival, exhibition, research, and public events center devoted to collecting, preserving, and sharing the Southwest’s literature, music, and film, and the photography of the Southwest and Mexico. For more than 25 years the Wittliff Collections have fostered the “Spirit of Place” by celebrating the creative legacies of the region’s leading artists. We instruct and inspire current generations as well as those to come, while illuminating the importance of the southwestern and Mexican imagination in the wider world.

**About the Southwest & Mexican Photography Collection:** Considered one of the world’s foremost collections of the photographic arts of Mexico and the Southwest, particularly in its holdings of artistic, documentary and journalistic photography from Mexico. The collection currently holds more than 20,000 prints and 25,000 negatives representing over 200 photographers’ work.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Aggressively build the photography collection through purchase and donation while working collaboratively with the Wittliff Collections Director and Founding Donor. Build relationships with current and prospective Wittliff Collections photographers. Communicate extensively in Spanish with Mexican photographers. Travel in the Southwest and Mexico for collection development. Work with the Photography Archivist and Library staff to ensure proper acquisitions procedures for collection materials. Curate exhibitions and develop associated public programming. Contribute to newsletters, brochures, and press releases about the Photography Collection. Assist as needed with the Southwestern & Mexican Photography Book Series with UT Press, including editing of select volumes. Conduct tours of the Wittliff Photo gallery for a wide variety of visitors including donors, writers, classes, faculty, and others. Provide instruction on photographic collections to university classes. Provide reference service and access to photograph holdings to patrons on-site, via phone, mail, email. Assist with copyright and permissions. Engage in professional activities in accordance with Texas State University’s standards for promotion for professional librarians and curators.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Required:**
- Master's degree in relevant field relating to photography and art;
- Knowledge and passion for Southwestern & Mexican photography and photographic history;
- Experience in a curatorial position, related museum/archive, or field-related experience;
- Public speaking ability;
- Research ability;
- Demonstrated excellent verbal and written skills in both English and Spanish;
- Demonstrated ability to establish rapport with a variety of donors, photographers, staff, patrons, visitors, faculty and students;
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively in a team environment;
Willingness to travel extensively;
Ability to effectively use computer hardware and software;
Knowledge of standard office procedures and equipment;
Ability to lift or push heavy objects weighing 30lbs.

Preferred: Publishing record on photography and photographic history;
Knowledge of photographic preservation & conservation policies and practices;
Experience curating photography exhibitions;
Experience editing photography publications.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.
Advancement in rank is available through the Librarian/ Curator Career Ladder. Available ranks include Assistant Curator, Associate Curator, and Curator. Benefits include monthly contribution to health insurance/benefits package and retirement program. No state or local income tax.

BACKGROUND CHECK: Employment with Texas State University is contingent upon the outcome of a criminal history background check. This includes transfers and promotions from within.

Application information:
Apply online at http://jobs.hr.txstate.edu

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