The University of California, Merced, is the newest of the University of California system’s 10 campuses and the first American research university built in the 21st century. With more than 7,500 undergraduate and graduate students, UC Merced offers an environment that combines a commitment to diversity, inclusion, collaboration and professional development. With bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degree programs, strong research and academic partnerships, and community involvement, the UC Merced campus is continually evolving and requires talented, knowledgeable and dynamic educators, researchers, management and staff.

Ranked among the best public universities in the nation by U.S. News and World Report, UC Merced is uniquely equipped to provide educational opportunities to highly qualified students from the San Joaquin Valley and throughout California. The campus enjoys a special connection with nearby Yosemite National Park, is on the cutting edge of sustainability in construction and design, and supports the economic development of Merced and the region.

In Fall 2016, UC Merced broke ground on a $1.3 billion public-private partnership that is unprecedented in higher education. The Merced 2020 Project will nearly double the physical capacity of the campus by 2020, enhancing academic distinction, student success and research excellence. UC Merced is also building the Downtown Campus Center, a $33 million, three-story administrative building in the heart of Merced.

The School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts is seeking one new faculty member at the Assistant Professor (tenure-track) level in the history of Latin America and the Caribbean from the 19th to the 20th centuries; we especially welcome historians of Mexico to apply. Scholarly focus is open, but the following areas are of particular interest: comparative social history, gender and sexuality, race relations and racialized social systems, imperialism, or transnationalism and migration. Secondary emphasis on the environment, medicine, or the Digital Humanities are also welcome. The successful candidate will be expected to participate in both the History major and the Interdisciplinary Humanities Graduate Program, an interdisciplinary PhD that includes scholars in Latin American literature, anthropology, and Global Arts Studies. Candidates must be able to teach an undergraduate course in the History of Mexico, as well as graduate and undergraduate courses in the field appropriate to their research interests. The search committee is committed to hiring candidates who, through their research, teaching, and /or service will contribute to the diversity and excellence of UC Merced.

The History major at UC Merced currently has seven faculty members, whose research spans America, Africa, Europe and west Asia from the 15th to the 20th centuries. Our faculty are connected by a shared commitment to understanding the past through frameworks which cross national boundaries, and emphasize interconnections between near neighbors and distant nations. In addition to the major in history, historians also participate in the Interdisciplinary Humanities program, which offers the MA and Ph.D. UC Merced is a Hispanic serving institution, and some 55% of our current undergraduates are Hispanic, mostly of Mexican origin.
Candidates must have a PhD in Caribbean or Latin American History, or a related field, by the position start date as well as a record that demonstrates outstanding scholarly potential and evidence of effective teaching.

The anticipated start date for this position is July 1, 2018.

Applications must be submitted online. Completed applications must be received no later than November 15, 2017, in order to be considered. Applicants should submit 1) a cover letter; 2) curriculum vitae; 3) a contribution to diversity statement; 4) statement of research; 5) statement of teaching; 6) a writing sample; and, 7) a list of references with contact information including mailing address, phone number and e-mail address.

The contributions to diversity statement should describe your past experience, activities and future plans to advance diversity, equity and inclusion, in alignment with UC Merced’s mission to reflect the diversity of California and to meet the educational needs and interests of its diverse population. Some faculty candidates may not have substantial past activities. If that is the case, we recommend focusing on future plans in your statement. For additional information on what should be included on your Diversity Statement, please visit http://facultyexcellence.ucsd.edu/c2d/index.html#Are-there-any-guidelines-for-wr.

Applicants for the Assistant Professor level should arrange to have three letters of reference submitted online. After an application is submitted, the letters of reference should be electronically uploaded by the letter writers (instructions will be provided by the application system). Letters of reference should be received no later than December 1, 2017.

The University of California, Merced is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer with a strong institutional commitment to the achievement of diversity among its faculty, students and staff.

Salary is commensurate with education, experience, and UC academic salary scales.

For additional information, please contact Susan Amussen at samussen@ucmerced.edu.

Applicants will be notified when the final candidate has been selected.

To apply, please visit our UC Merced job posting at: https://aprecruit.ucmerced.edu/apply/JPF00552.