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Assistant Professor of English (Cultural Rhetorics), Tenure Track, Fall 2026

Chapman University: Faculty Affairs: Wilkinson College of Arts,
Humanities, and Social Sciences: English

Location

Orange

Open Date

Jul 15, 2025

Salary Range or Pay Grade

\$87K - \$105K

Description

The Wilkinson College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at Chapman University invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor of English with a specialization in Cultural Rhetorics and Composition, beginning Fall 2026.

Chapman University is a nationally-ranked, R2 Carnegie Classified, private institution offering traditional undergraduate and graduate programs in the heart of Orange County, one of Southern California's most diverse and vibrant regions. Chapman's campuses are home to nearly 10,000 students representing 50 states, three territories, and 87 countries. The 11 schools and colleges of Chapman, including Schmid College of Science and Technology, offer 65 bachelors, 53 master, and six doctoral programs, along with nearly 60 minors and 17 accelerated and bridge programs. Classes are taught by the more than 1,100 dedicated faculty members who are leaders in their fields, including Nobel Prize recipients, MacArthur Fellows, National Medal of Science honorees, former U.S. Supreme Court clerks, and Emmy, Grammy, and Academy Award winners.

The English Department offers an undergraduate major that integrates cultural studies, literature

and rhetoric, and MA and MFA degree programs at the graduate level. The English Department is also home to a **Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) program** (<https://account.interfolio.com/170526>) where a graduate student would be able to participate in preparing and mentoring GSIs. Tenure-track faculty members are expected to develop and maintain an active research and publication agenda for future tenure consideration and are evaluated on their scholarship, teaching, and service.

The mission of Wilkinson College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences is to foster rigorous inquiry among our students through a curriculum grounded in the liberal arts that is scholarly, creative, interdisciplinary, and experiential. Wilkinson College plays an important and unique role in the educational journey of every Chapman student and aims to ensure that graduates are prepared to assume their responsibility as global citizens, acting knowledgeably and providing compassionate leadership in our community and world. More information about Wilkinson College is available at www.chapman.edu/wilkinson.

Responsibilities:

- Lead a rigorous research, extramural grant-seeking, and publication program, which could include publishing books and/or articles in peer-reviewed journals, depending on the candidate's specialty areas.
- Teach general education courses as well as courses that support the English BA and MA.
- Advise and mentor students in these programs.
- Actively participate in departmental, college, and university service.
- Create an inclusive and welcoming learning environment that respects and values the perspectives of all students.
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Qualifications

Required Qualifications

We seek a candidate whose research and teaching focus on Cultural Rhetorics (such as African American/African Diasporic Rhetorics, Asian/Asian-American Rhetorics, Indigenous/Native American Rhetorics, Latinx Rhetorics), with a complementary focus on Emerging Technologies. Additional complementary areas of interest include Disability Studies, Health Rhetorics, Social Justice, Discourse Analysis, Legal Writing, and other areas that reflect innovative experiences in rhetoric and composition.

- Ph.D. in English, Rhetoric and Composition, or a related field by August 2026 from an accredited institution.
- Strong potential for impactful scholarly contributions to the field.
- Commitment to teaching and mentoring.

Desirable Qualifications

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- Prior teaching experience at the collegiate level

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Application Instructions

Qualified candidates are invited to electronically submit the following:

- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae
- List of references

Candidates may be asked to submit additional materials including reference letters and writing samples.

Inquiries may be directed to the Search Committee Chair, Ian Barnard (barnard@chapman.edu (<mailto:barnard@chapman.edu>)). Please use "Assistant Professor of English" as the email subject line.

Review of applications will commence on October 15, 2025, and will continue until the position is filled. This position is contingent upon final budget approval. Salary is competitive and will be commensurate with experience. The salary range for this position is \$87K - \$105K. Successful completion of a background check is required for the final candidate.

Application Process

This institution is using Interfolio's Faculty Search to conduct this search. Applicants to this position receive a free Dossier account and can send all application materials, including confidential letters of recommendation, free of charge.

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