



University of Missouri–St. Louis

## **E. DESMOND LEE ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP IN CONTEMPORARY ART UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI–ST. LOUIS**

The University of Missouri–St. Louis, a public metropolitan research university located in Missouri’s most populous and economically vital region, is seeking applications for the E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professorship in Contemporary Art. The endowed professor will develop collaborative educational programs that link the University of Missouri–St. Louis with the local arts community, including such institutions as the Contemporary Art Museum, the Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts, the Sheldon Art Galleries, and the Saint Louis Art Museum. This position will continue the tradition of the University of Missouri–St. Louis as a leader in establishing a vibrant network of creative partnerships with cultural institutions in the St. Louis region. The professorship is one of 35 Endowed Professorships comprising the Des Lee Collaborative Vision.

The successful candidate will hold a doctorate in art history or a closely related discipline, and will demonstrate significant experience in museum or community arts development and programming. The preferred candidate will present a compelling record of teaching, significant scholarship through an active record of publications and/or exhibitions, and flourishing collaborative links with the wider community. The successful candidate must be innovative and visionary, with a commitment to bringing contemporary art to a diverse student body and community audiences of various ages and attitudes about art.

The endowed professor will teach three courses per academic year within the Department of Art and Art History, including a comprehensive range of courses in contemporary art. The successful candidate will be expected to maintain high levels of research and/or creative productivity and community engagement, and perform University and community service. The holder of the professorship will also administer and lead a student travel study program, develop collaborative partnerships within the St. Louis community, and actively fundraise in support of these programs. This position is a twelve-month, tenure track faculty appointment. Salary and rank will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The application review process is currently underway and will continue until the position is filled. The start date is negotiable. Applicants should send a letter of application that describes their qualifications and interests, a CV, and names and contact information for three references to Patricia Zahn at [dlev@umsl.edu](mailto:dlev@umsl.edu).

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