

OBLATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

San Antonio, TX

Position Description

Full-Time Faculty Position: Assistant Professor of Scripture

Summary of Position

Oblate School of Theology, a Roman Catholic school of Theology and Ministry serving the Southwest United States, invites applications for an Assistant Professor of Scripture with a preferred start date of August 2025. A specialization in the New Testament is preferred. The course load is five graduate classes per year.

The candidate should possess a firm commitment to the robust Catholic tradition of interpretation that is both attentive and responsive to the complex challenges confronting the Church as it proclaims the gospel. Research in a variety of specializations and issues is welcome, including, but not limited to areas such as the Synoptic Gospels, Acts of the Apostles, and Hermeneutics.

Critical scholarship in service of the pastoral needs of the Church and the Catholic faithful is particularly valued. In view of these pastoral needs, the ideal candidate will be comfortable with fostering inter-cultural approaches to Scripture (Hispanic, Asian, or African-American Hermeneutics.) Teaching responsibilities also include elective courses in one's area of expertise, especially as they support the MA in Sacred Scripture and the Graduate Certificate in Sacred Scripture. The candidate would also be open to undertaking some advising and administrative duties relating to the field of Sacred Scripture in other degree programs.

The successful candidate will be a Roman Catholic in good standing, who meets the requirements of *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* and is willing to request or possesses a *mandatum*. See: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-education/guidelines-concerning-academic-mandatum> He or she will also be willing and able to work with colleagues in all aspects of graduate professional theological education in an ecumenically diverse setting. This includes serving on faculty committees, advising and mentoring students, and directing theses and dissertations for the MA, DMin, and PhD programs.

Inspired by the charism of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the Oblate School of Theology educates, forms, and renews men and women to “preach the Gospel to the most abandoned.” Established in 1903, OST is a vibrant and complex educational institution that provides theological and ministerial leadership in both academic and professional degrees. Its PhD program in Spirituality has grown exponentially in the ten years since its beginning. In the MDiv program, the school is committed to the pastoral and theological education and formation

of students from seven dioceses and seven different religious orders who are studying for priesthood. Other established programs include academic degrees such as the MA in Theology, the MA in Spirituality, and the recently launched MA in Sacred Scripture. Professional programs include the DMin, the MDiv, the MA in Pastoral Ministry, and the Maestría de Artes en Ministerio Pastoral which is offered bilingually in Spanish and English. OST likewise resources the local church with several vibrant lay certificate programs. Institutes such as the Sankofa Institute for African American Pastoral Leadership, the Institute for the Study of Contemporary Spirituality, and the Instituto de Formación Pastoral provide academic homes for students studying across the degree programs.

Accountability

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean

Department

Faculty

Education and Experience

- Doctorate in Theology – Biblical Studies

Skills and Qualifications

- Demonstrated excellence in teaching and scholarly research in the area of New Testament
- Demonstrated sensitivity to and ability to work with the diverse academic, socioeconomic, cultural, ecumenical, and ethnic backgrounds of members of the school community.
- Demonstrated commitment to innovative pedagogy in diverse formats (hybrid, online, face-to-face).
- Interest in the predominately Hispanic cultural milieu of the church in the Southwestern U.S.
- Fluency in both Spanish and English is desirable.

To Apply

To apply, please submit a C.V., a cover letter addressing your teaching and research interests, and a list of three references to **facultysearch@ost.edu**. References will not be contacted until the final stages of the process. Applications will be reviewed by October 15, 2024.