Job Opening – Senior Editor, Premodern and World History, Religion

University of California Press seeks a Senior Editor for our lists in premodern history, world history, and religion. The successful candidate will also bring creative ideas for developing a complementary acquisitions area that builds on the renowned interdisciplinary strengths of UC Press.

Responsibilities

- Implement a strategic vision for the future of our premodern history and world history lists.
- Identify opportunities for growing the list in complementary, interdisciplinary area(s).
- Develop a network of scholars, authors, and agents for the purpose of obtaining manuscripts.
- Sign, develop, and transmit 20-25 scholarly, academic trade, and trade books per year.
- Judge whether projects are publishable editorially and financially; obtain critical readings; present them before the faculty Editorial Committee.
- Collaborate with Sales and Marketing staff to effectively position titles; conduct market research.
- Work with Production staff to ensure proper preparation of manuscripts and set schedule priorities.
- Supervise the work of an editorial assistant.
- Travel to academic conferences and visit campuses.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree and/or equivalent experience/training.
- Proven knowledge of scholarly publishing; 5-7 years of experience acquiring books in trade or scholarly publishing.
- Entrepreneurial skills to identify, create, develop, and evaluate book concepts and proposals that have a high degree of editorial or financial impact.
- Skills in understanding and using financial models to determine and demonstrate financial viability and goals of assigned projects.
- Excellent interpersonal skills to establish and maintain strong working relationships with internal and external parties.
- Analytical, critical thinking, project management, and problem resolution skills. Strong negotiation skills.
- Knowledge and understanding of industry standards for editorial acquisitions to successfully manage book projects through all stages of the publishing process (including publishing contracts, negotiating terms, the form of manuscript acceptable for production, etc.).
- Has capability to fundraise for book projects.

Location: Oakland, CA; hybrid
Benefits: Health, Dental, Vision, and Retirement

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Qualified candidates please submit a resume and cover letter online.