Asst./Assoc. Textual Editor Longer Job Description

Background

The Peirce Edition Project ([http://www.iupui.edu/~peirce](http://www.iupui.edu/~peirce)) is a unit of the Institute for American Thought (IAT) in the Indiana University School of Liberal Arts. It produces a 30-volume chronological and critical edition of the writings of American philosopher and scientist Charles S. Peirce (1839–1914), in both print and electronic formats. Peirce is acknowledged worldwide as one of America’s most rigorous and original thinkers. He left behind a large collection of publications and unpublished manuscripts, covering all manner of topics in the hard sciences (e.g., mathematics, geodesy, physics, chemistry, astronomy) and the humanities (e.g., logic, philosophy, metaphysics, cosmology, history of philosophy and of the sciences, linguistics, semiotics, psychology, cognitive sciences). The *Writings of Charles S. Peirce* are a selective but comprehensive edition designed to document the development of Peirce’s thought and promote the critical study of his intellectual growth and interdisciplinary impact.

The IAT ([http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/iat](http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/iat)) is a humanities research facility with an internationally acclaimed concentration of resources and scholarship. It unites the teaching faculty, editing specialists, and research holdings of the Peirce Edition Project, the Santayana Edition, the Works of Josiah Royce, the Frederick Douglass Papers, and the Center for Ray Bradbury Studies with related academic programs in American Studies, Professional Editing, and American Philosophy.

Indiana University - Purdue University at Indianapolis is an urban university of 30,000 students. IUPUI is an EEO/AA employer, M/F/D with a strong commitment to diversity; we encourage a diverse applicant pool for this position.

Job Description

The Peirce Edition Project is seeking an Assistant or Associate Textual Editor whose primary responsibility is to assist the Edition’s Textual Editor in the following tasks: tracing the genealogy of manuscripts bearing on philosophy, logic, mathematics, and much else; collating parallel texts, identifying copy-texts to be used as base-texts in the edition, and building an argument for their selection; describing the physical characteristics of a document according to bibliographical standards; editing transcriptions according to standard textual theory guidelines (this is neither copy editing nor academic editing); building the textual apparatus of a scholarly edition, including the record of editorial interventions, textual notes, rejected substantives; regularizing and normalizing texts; maintaining the Project’s
editorial guide as policies and procedures evolve.

Job Position and Title
This is a faculty position classified administratively as Research Associate. The Research Associate will receive the title of Assistant or Associate Textual Editor, depending upon qualifications and experience. This is a two-year, grant-funded position, which may be continued if the grant is renewed and the candidate meets expectations.

Starting Salary:
$34,000.00 to $38,000.00 on a twelve-month contract plus generous fringe benefits, renewable annually. For information on benefits see: http://www.hra.iupui.edu/HRA/Benefits/Default.asp

Academic Preparation
Required: A master’s degree in English, history, or philosophy with a minor or certificate in textual studies, or professional or scholarly editing (or equivalent)
Preferred: a Ph.D. in the same.

Required Qualifications
Considerable writing skills and competence in textual analysis. Candidates whose principal skills are limited to copy-editing need not apply.
Knowledge of critical textual theories.
Experience in scholarly editing, whether documentary or critical: knowledge of copy-text theory, multiple-text collation techniques, presswork stages, bibliographical description methods.
Understanding of the different components of a textual apparatus, their aims, uses, and compilation methods.
Demonstrated interest in the humanities.
Computer skills, including word processors and page layout software.

Preferred Qualifications
Three to five years experience working with a scholarly edition.
Well organized, capable of working under pressure and deadlines, and able to communicate efficiently with editors and production staff.
Ability to learn quickly and conform to the demands of complex critical editions.
Knowledge of the editing/publishing trade, of current electronic and web-based publishing technologies, and familiarity with the Textual Encoding Initiative (TEI) are plusses.

**Reporting Relationship**

The position reports to both the Textual Editor and the Director & General Editor of the Peirce Edition Project. The Assistant/Associate Textual Editor is expected to collaborate with all Project editors and staff.

**Contact Information**

Send letter of interest, resume, writing sample on a textual studies subject or scholarly editing sample, and three reference names with contact information to mrujuwa@iupui.edu. Applications must be received electronically by 30 August 2010.