Department of English & African Studies Program - Faculty Advertisement #387

Assistant Professor – African Literatures in English

The Department of English and the African Studies Program, New College at the University of Toronto invites applications for a joint full time tenure stream position (51% English & 49% New College) in the area of African Literatures in English. The appointment will be at the rank of Assistant Professor, with an expected start date of July 1, 2021.

Applicants must have earned a PhD in English Literature by the time of appointment, or shortly thereafter. The successful candidate must have a demonstrated record of excellence in both teaching and research. The successful candidate will be expected to pursue innovative and independent research at the highest international level and to establish an outstanding, competitive, and externally funded research program.

The successful candidate will be joining a department with a historically strong presence in postcolonial literature, committed to strengthening its profile in that area even further. The Department of English and the African Studies Program offer the opportunity to teach and to pursue research at the highest level. We seek candidates whose research and teaching interests complement and strengthen our existing strengths in the Department of English and the African Studies Program. The successful candidate will be joining a vibrant scholarly community at the University of Toronto committed to anti-racist research and pedagogy. The candidate must be able to teach postcolonial literature, postcolonial theory, or African literature at the intersection of other aspects of literature, theory and African Studies.

Candidates must provide evidence of research excellence which can be demonstrated by a record of publications in top-ranked and field relevant journals, the submitted research statement, presentations at significant conferences, awards and accolades, and strong endorsements from referees of high standing.

Evidence of excellence in teaching will be demonstrated by a strong statement of teaching philosophy, sample course materials, excellent teaching evaluations, and strong endorsements from referees of high standing. A teaching dossier which includes these materials must be submitted as part of the application.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

For more information about the Department of English, please visit www.english.utoronto.ca; for the Program for African Studies, please visit http://www.newcollege.utoronto.ca/academics/new-college-academic-programs/african-studies/.

All qualified applicants are invited to apply by clicking on the link below. Applications must include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, teaching dossier (including a statement of teaching philosophy, sample course materials and teaching evaluations), statement outlining current and future publication interests, and a substantial writing sample (e.g., article or book chapter). Equity and diversity are essential to academic excellence. We seek candidates who value diversity and whose research, teaching and service bear out our commitment to equity.
Candidates are therefore also asked to submit a 1-2 page statement of contributions to equity and diversity, which might cover such topics as (but not limited to): research or teaching that incorporates a focus on underrepresented communities, the development of inclusive pedagogies, or the mentoring of students from underrepresented groups.

Applicants must provide the name and contact information of three references. The University of Toronto’s recruiting tool will automatically solicit and collect letters of reference from each once an application is submitted. Applicants, however, remain responsible for ensuring that references submit letters (on letterhead, dated and signed) by the closing date, November 30, 2020. They should be addressed to Professor Paul Stevens, the Chair of the Search Committee.

If you have questions about this position, please contact Professor Paul Stevens, Chair of the Department of English at paul.stevens@utoronto.ca.

Submission guidelines can be found at: http://uoft.me/how-to-apply. We recommend combining documents into one or two files in PDF/MS Word format.

All application materials, including reference letters, must be received by the closing date of November 30, 2020.

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All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

Diversity Statement
The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

As part of your application, you will be asked to complete a brief Diversity Survey. This survey is voluntary. Any information directly related to you is confidential and cannot be accessed by search committees or human resources staff. Results will be aggregated for institutional planning purposes. For more information, please see http://uoft.me/UP.

Accessibility Statement
The University strives to be an equitable and inclusive community, and proactively seeks to increase diversity among its community members. Our values regarding equity and diversity are linked with our unwavering commitment to excellence in the pursuit of our academic mission.

The University is committed to the principles of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). As such, we strive to make our recruitment, assessment and selection processes as accessible as possible and provide accommodations as required for applicants with disabilities.

If you require any accommodations at any point during the application and hiring process, please contact uoft.careers@utoronto.ca.

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