

Lecturer Position in Religious Studies

The Department of Religious Studies at Saint Mary's University invites applications for a Lecturer position in Religious Studies commencing July 1, 2012. The successful candidate will have in-depth knowledge of at least one religious tradition, competence to teach a wide range of subjects in Religious Studies, and a specialization in teaching and learning and/or education. Experience with alternative pedagogies, particularly online environments, is required. The successful candidate will hold a Masters level degree in the field and have demonstrated record of success in university teaching in both face-to-face and in technology-mediated environments. The Lecturer will be responsible for 5 full course equivalents over a calendar year. This teaching assignment may involve development of online courses and/or other curricular innovations. Service in the form of student advising and development of community outreach programs is also expected of the Lecturer.

The lecturer-stream position is new to Saint Mary's. Rather than engaging in disciplinary research, lecturer-stream faculty are expected to engage in scholarship that enhances teaching and service. Applicants must show commitment to a teaching-centered career, and understanding that this lecturer-stream post is not eligible for conversion at a later date to a research-oriented, tenure-track position. For more details on the lecturer stream, please refer to <http://www.smu.ca/administration/hr/collective.html>.

Saint Mary's is a public university with over 7,000 students, offering a variety of undergraduate and graduate degrees. Our university is committed to serving the local, regional, national and international communities, and integrating such activity as part of the learning environment for undergraduate and graduate students. The Faculty of Arts has gone through significant renewal in the past decade, with some 100 full-time faculty involved in innovative teaching and research. Alongside wide-ranging social science and humanities programs, interdisciplinary studies are prominent in the Faculty. All Arts facilities have been renovated or upgraded in the last decade. The Department Religious Studies has developed a strategic plan that puts its focus on religions in contemporary, global perspective. We have a very vibrant majors and honours program that has produced award-winning students who have gone on to successful graduate studies and exciting global research projects. We conduct a joint M.A. programme with Atlantic School of Theology that emphasizes scholarship doing research in the service of local communities. The department also supports several interdisciplinary programmes in Environmental Studies, Asian Studies, Women and Gender Studies and Atlantic Canada Studies. Saint Mary's University is committed to serving the local, regional, national and international communities, and integrating such activity into the learning environment for undergraduate and graduate students. Applicants are encouraged to consult faculty web pages to determine how, as potential hires, they might enrich our intellectual community. <http://www.smu.ca/academic/arts/religion/welcome.html>

Saint Mary's University is located in the historic port city of Halifax, Nova Scotia, a vibrant, urban community of over 350,000 people. Halifax is a major educational and economic centre for Atlantic Canada and is home to five universities. It is conveniently located to recreational areas and to other major urban centres in Canada and the Northeastern United States. For information about the University please see our website at www.smu.ca.

Although candidates of all nationalities are encouraged to apply, priority will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents (all applicants should clearly indicate their status as a Canadian citizen or permanent resident). Saint Mary's University is committed to the principles of employment equity.

Applicants are asked to submit a cover letter highlighting the congruence between their career aspirations and the nature of the Lecturer position, a curriculum vitae, a teaching portfolio including a statement of teaching philosophy that incorporates technology-mediated environments, sample syllabi, article reprints and any other documentation demonstrating dedication to teaching excellence. Applicants should also provide the names, addresses and contact information for at least three referees who are in a position to describe the candidate's suitability for this Lectureship. Application packages should be sent directly to: Dr. Nancie Erhard, Acting Chairperson, Department of Religious Studies, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 3C3. In addition, please send an electronic copy of the cover letter and CV as *pdf* attachments to nancie.erhard@smu.ca. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their files are complete. The committee will begin reviewing applications on April 12, 2012. (Early application is encouraged. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.)