

Assistant Professor - Biocultural Medical Anthropology of Turtle Island/ Indigenous North America

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Job Category: Faculty - Tenure Stream (continuing)

Faculty/Division: Faculty of Arts & Science

Department: Dept of Anthropology

Campus: St. George (Downtown Toronto)

Description:

The Department of Anthropology in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at the University of Toronto invite applications for a full-time tenure stream position in the Biocultural Medical Anthropology of Turtle Island/ Indigenous North America. The appointment will be at the rank of Assistant Professor, with an expected start date of July 1, 2023.

Applicants must have a Ph.D. in Biological Anthropology, Biocultural Medical Anthropology, or a related area by the time of appointment or shortly thereafter, and have a demonstrated record of excellence in research and teaching. We seek a scholar whose research examines the health impacts of settler colonialism or historical/intergenerational trauma on the Indigenous people of Turtle Island. Candidates must have expertise in the health impacts of Canadian residential schools or American Indian boarding schools. Candidates' research must be able to speak to the pathways through which a trauma response is transmitted intergenerationally, as well as the role of cultural practices in disrupting and mitigating this response and promoting survivance. Candidates' research must demonstrate strong skills in quantitative analysis.

We seek candidates whose research and teaching interests complement and enhance existing faculty strengths in the St. George Department of Anthropology and in the tri-campus University of Toronto Anthropology Graduate Program. The successful applicant will be expected to develop and maintain an active, outstanding, innovative, independent, and externally funded program of research, to pursue excellence in teaching in the St. George Anthropology undergraduate program (<https://www.anthropology.utoronto.ca/>), and to participate actively in the tri-campus University of Toronto Anthropology Graduate Program (<https://www.anthropology.utoronto.ca/graduate/>).

The successful candidate will make a significant contribution to our undergraduate programs in medical anthropology and will successfully supervise and mentor graduate students studying medical anthropology from a biocultural and/or biological anthropology perspective.

Excellence in research will be demonstrated through published or forthcoming papers in top-ranked and field-relevant academic journals, the submitted research statement, presentations at significant conferences, invited lectures, research grants, accolades, or awards, and strong endorsements by referees of high stature, including one or more letters of support commenting on Indigenous community engagement.

Evidence for excellence in teaching will be provided through teaching awards and accomplishments as appropriate for stage of career; strong letters of reference; and the teaching dossier, including a teaching statement, sample course materials, and teaching evaluations.

Candidates are also expected to show evidence of a commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion, and the promotion of a respectful and collegial learning and working environment, demonstrated through the application materials.

Salary to be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Preference will be given to candidates who self-identify as Indigenous. Recognizing that there are a variety of terms that potential candidates may use to self-identify, the University uses the term “Indigenous” in this search, which forms part of the U of T Response to Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission, to encompass the people of Turtle Island, including those who identify as First Nations, Métis, Inuk (Inuit), Alaska Native, Native American, and Native Hawaiian people.

All qualified candidates are invited to apply online by clicking the link below. Applicants must submit a cover letter; a current curriculum vitae; a research statement outlining current and future research interests; a recent writing sample; and a teaching dossier which included a teaching statement, sample course materials, and teaching evaluations, as well as a statement of contributions to equity and diversity (as outlined below).

Equity and diversity are essential to academic excellence. We seek candidates who value diversity and whose 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 topics such as (but not limited to): teaching that incorporates a focus on underrepresented communities, the development of inclusive pedagogies, a discussion of how an applicant’s lived experience shaped their approach to research or teaching, or the mentoring of students from underrepresented groups.

Applicants must provide the name and contact information of three referees. Applicants must arrange to have three letters of reference (on letterhead, dated, and signed), and

one or more letters of support commenting on Indigenous community engagement, sent directly by the referee to anthro.officeofthechair@utoronto.ca with the Subject line “Biocultural Medical Anthropology position”. The letters must be received by the 10/27/2022, 11:59PM EDT. PLEASE NOTE: This search is not using the University’s automatic solicitation and collection functionality for reference letters.

Submission guidelines can be found at <https://jobs.utoronto.ca/content/Frequently-Asked-Questions/>. Your CV and cover letter should be uploaded into the dedicated fields. Please combine additional application materials into one or two files in PDF/MS Word format. If you have any questions about this position, please contact anthro.officeofthechair@utoronto.ca.

All application materials, including reference letters, must be received by the 10/27/2022, 11:59PM ET.

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, LGBTQ2S+ 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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