Assistant Professor in Transnational History

The Department of Historical and Cultural Studies at the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) invites applications for a full-time tenure-stream position in the area of transnational history. The appointment will be at the rank of Assistant Professor, beginning on July 1, 2020, or shortly thereafter.

Applicants must have a Ph.D. in History or a closely related discipline by the time of appointment or shortly thereafter and demonstrate a considered engagement with transnational history both conceptually and methodologically. Regional and period specialization are open, but a significant element of the applicants’ current and future research must focus on transnational dynamics and phenomena beyond the Global North, with evident attention to relevant archives and, when appropriate, vernacular languages. The successful candidate’s research and teaching interests will complement our department’s strength in the study of mobilities of people, objects, ideas, and practices within and across imperial formations, and will share our commitment to non-Eurocentric, decolonial pedagogy. Candidates must be prepared to teach both historical surveys (thematic, period-specific, and/or regional) and more specialized undergraduate and graduate courses - either interdisciplinary or discipline-based that fit our curricular needs. Demonstrated ability to contribute meaningfully to more than one of our programs in African Studies, Classical Studies, Food Studies, Global Asia Studies, and Women and Gender Studies is a plus. Special consideration will be given to scholars who bring critical and interdisciplinary methods, grounded in archival research, to the study of gender and/or migration.

The successful candidate must be engaged in innovative and independent research of a recognized international caliber and will be expected to establish an outstanding, competitive, and externally funded research program. Candidates must provide evidence of research excellence as demonstrated by a research statement, a record of publications in top-ranked and field relevant journals or forthcoming publications meeting high international standards, presentations at significant conferences, and awards and accolades, as well as strong endorsements from referees of high standing.

Evidence of excellence in teaching will be provided through a teaching dossier consisting of a teaching statement, sample course syllabi, and the teaching evaluations submitted as part of the application, as well as strong letters of reference. 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 will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The multidisciplinary Department of Historical and Cultural Studies is located at the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC), a comprehensive university and a fully integrated part of the tri-campus system of the University of Toronto, one of the world’s leading research universities. Building upon the expertise of our faculty and the extensive resources of the university, HCS is uniquely positioned to nurture
interdisciplinary and critical scholarship and teaching, drawing students from across the world and situated in one of the most diverse metropolitan regions in North America. For more information about the Department, please visit http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/hcs.

Alongside an undergraduate appointment at UTSC, the successful candidate will be appointed to an appropriate graduate unit at the University of Toronto, including but not limited to History, Classical Studies, East Asian Studies, or the Women & Gender Studies Institute. The incumbent will teach and supervise both undergraduate and graduate students and develop courses at all levels.

All application materials should be submitted online at http://uoft.me/academicopportunities (Job#1903614). Applications must include a cover letter, current curriculum vitae, a research statement that explicitly addresses the candidate’s understanding of transnational history, a writing sample (up to 25 pages, single spaced), and a teaching dossier (including a teaching statement, two sample syllabi of relevant courses, as well as evidence of teaching strength from recent courses taught).

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 topics such 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. All application materials should be combined into a single PDF/MS Word file and submitted online.

Applicants must also arrange to have three letters of reference sent directly by the referee via email (on letterhead and signed) to transnational-history@utsc.utoronto.ca by the closing date.

Submission guidelines can be found at: http://uoft.me/how-to-apply. Further inquiries about the position can be directed to Prof. E. Natalie Rothman, Chair at hcschair@utsc.utoronto.ca. All application materials, including reference letters, must be received by October 31, 2019.

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.

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