

Department of English

Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) in Diasporas and the Imagination

The Department of English invites applications for a tenure-track appointment at the Assistant Professor or Associate Professor rank to be nominated for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC). The field of specialization is Diasporas and the Imagination. We are interested in applicants who demonstrate the potential for major and transformative scholarship in the field of Diasporic and/or World Literature in English (and in translation) within and across periods, genres and regions. Following York's strategic research prioritization of forging a just and sustainable world, we seek scholars who engage notions of authority and sovereignty, subjectivity and citizenship, globalism and displacement, and social justice as they are expressed through World and/or Diasporic contemporary and/or historical literatures, with attention to the political, economic, religious, ethno-cultural and social forces that condition, and come to light in, cultural production and expression. Interdisciplinary and intermedial approaches are especially welcome.

The successful applicant will have a PhD in English Literature or relevant discipline, demonstrated excellence or promise of excellence in teaching and scholarly research and the active, ongoing, and substantial research portfolio of an emerging world-class researcher with a demonstrated capacity for leadership and the potential to achieve international recognition in the field. The candidate will have demonstrated the potential for excellence in World Literature and Diasporic writing from a variety of global perspectives that may include but should not be limited to North America, with demonstrated excellence in the field's theoretical and critical paradigms. Preference will be given to those with experience supervising graduate students and/or the potential to attract, develop, and retain excellent students and future researchers. The successful applicant will direct courses in World Literature and Diasporic writing at all levels, contribute to curricular development in her/his area of specialization, and participate actively in the graduate program. The successful applicant shall be eligible for prompt appointment to the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

This CRC is expected to develop research linkages within and beyond York. Productive research trajectories may include collaborations with scholars in Fine Arts, particularly with York's Future Cinema Lab or Virtual Centre for Imaginative Ethnographies; York's Centre for Asian Research; the Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies; York's Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean; York's Harriet Tubman Institute for Research on Africa and Its Diasporas; and/or York's Israel and Golda Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies.

Ranked among the world's top English departments, York's English Department is a large, vibrant, and diverse community of prize-winning scholars with a global research profile and particular expertise in Twentieth-Century Studies, Transnational Modernity, and World Literature in the 20th and 21st Centuries, Renaissance Literature, Drama, Canadian Literature, Victorian Literature and Culture, Modernisms, and Creative Writing. York University is located in Toronto, Ontario, a centre of creativity and commerce with an exceptionally diverse population.

Established by the Government of Canada, the Canada Research Chairs (CRC) program seeks to attract outstanding researchers to Canadian universities. The Tier 2 CRC is for candidates who are within 10 years of having completed their PhD, emerging world-class researchers, acknowledged by their peers as having the potential to lead in their field, and having demonstrated the potential to achieve international recognition and attract students and trainees. The awards have 5 year terms and are renewable once. Appointments to these Canada Research Chair positions are subject to review and approval by the Canada Research Chairs Secretariat. Complete details about the CRC program can be found on the CRC website at www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/.

The start date for this position is July 1, 2015. Salaries will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. All York University positions are subject to budgetary approval. The deadline for applications is December 11, 2014.

Candidates should submit a signed letter of application, an up-to-date curriculum vitae, specific research plan, statement of research leadership plans, and a sample of the applicant's written work (no longer than 25 pp.) and arrange for three signed letters of reference to be sent directly to:

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