

Religious Studies/ Gender Studies – Assistant Professor (Indigenous Spiritualities and Feminisms) – Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador

Location: St. John's Campus.

The Departments of Religious Studies and of Gender Studies are seeking to fill a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level in the area of Indigenous spiritualities and feminisms, commencing January 1, 2024.

Job Description:

The teaching and researching of and by Indigenous peoples on cultures, religions and spiritualities, land-based practices, and feminisms are central components of efforts to decolonize and indigenize the university and broader society, and to address the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Report. Moreover, Indigenous spiritualities, feminist praxes, and land-based pedagogies have been crucial to processes of Indigenous resistance to and healing from the violent history and ongoing processes of colonization. At the time of appointment, candidates will have completed a PhD or equivalent degree in a relevant field and have demonstrated competence in method and theory in the study of religious and/or spiritual traditions. The main criteria for selection are research and teaching excellence in Indigenous religions and spiritualities, land- or territory-based theories and pedagogies, and/or Indigenous anti-/decolonial feminisms. In particular, we are looking for applicants who can conduct and teach Indigenous community-based research methods and who prioritize a deep knowledge of the languages, politics, and cultures of Indigenous groups.

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to expand course offerings in the Departments of Religious Studies and Gender Studies, and to work with Memorial's Indigenous Student Resource Centre (ISRC), the emerging network of Indigenous scholars, and the Office of Indigenous Affairs (OIA). The successful candidate will also have the ability to be an active member of our Religious Studies, Gender Studies, and interdisciplinary MPhil (Humanities) graduate programs through supervising theses and teaching at the graduate level.

Memorial University is committed to employment equity, diversity, inclusion and anti-racism, and encourages applications from all qualified candidates, including: women; people of any sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; Indigenous Peoples; visible minorities, and racialized people; and people with disabilities. All applicants are invited to identify themselves as a member of an equity-deserving group(s) as appropriate. Applicants cannot be considered as a member of an equity-deserving group(s) unless they complete an employment equity survey. Memorial is committed to providing an inclusive learning and work environment. If there is anything we can do to ensure your full participation during the application process please contact equity@mun.ca directly and we will work with you to make appropriate arrangements.

About Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador:

We acknowledge that the lands on which Memorial University's campuses are situated are in the traditional territories of diverse Indigenous groups, and we acknowledge with respect the diverse histories and cultures of the Beothuk, Mi'kmaq, Innu, and Inuit of this province. This land acknowledgment was created collaboratively with Indigenous groups of the province and with staff from the Indigenous Student Resource Centre (ISRC). Memorial has an all-Indigenous Committee for Ethics Impacting Indigenous Groups to ensure research, including classroom research, meets high standards of ethics and responsibility. For more information, including on the university's Indigenous Strategy, see the Vice President (Indigenous) website: <https://www.mun.ca/indigenous/>

Memorial University is the largest university in Atlantic Canada. As the province's only university, Memorial plays an integral role in the education and cultural life of Newfoundland and Labrador. Offering diverse undergraduate and graduate programs to almost 18,000 students, Memorial's St. John's campus provides a distinctive and stimulating environment for learning in the capital city, which has a vibrant cultural life and access to a wide range of outdoor activities.

Application Process:

Applications must include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, a statement of research interests (2 pages maximum), a statement of teaching interests/philosophy (2 pages maximum), one sample publication, and contact information for three references (no letters required at this stage).

Given the requirements of this position, applicants are also invited to include a statement about their relations to ancestors and ancestral lands, and/or current affiliations and working relationships with Indigenous communities and/or nations in their application materials.

Send applications by August 1, 2023, via mail or email to:

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All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian Citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. Salary and benefits are in accordance with the Collective Agreement with Memorial University of Newfoundland Faculty Association (MUNFA). For more information about MUNFA, see <https://munfa.ca/>. This position is subject to final budgetary approval.