



**Saint Mary's University**  
**Faculty of Arts**  
**Department for the Study of Religion**  
**Tenure-Track Position in the Study of Religion**

The Department of Religious Studies at Saint Mary's University [SMU] invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position at the Assistant Professor level, focusing on either the following:

- a) Christianity and Indigeneity in North America,
- b) Christianity in the African diaspora
- c) Christianity and contemporary social justice movements.

Demonstrated research on Indigenous communities in Canada, particularly the Mi'kmaw people, or on African diaspora communities in Canada, particularly the African Nova Scotian community, is ideal; lived experience as a member of these communities is a scholarly asset. The department envisions a colleague who does active community-based research and can teach compelling courses on topics such as race and indigeneity, colonialism and imperialism, social justice and contemporary social issues in the area of Christianity.

The successful candidate must be able to supervise honours and MA students in research. Applicants should present a teaching portfolio demonstrating the ability to teach introductory and senior/graduate level courses in Religious Studies. Applicants should hold a completed Ph.D. in Religious Studies, Anthropology, Sociology, History, or a related field. ABD candidates will be considered with reasonable assurance of completion before the commencement of the appointment on January 1, 2023.

This position strengthens our development of a department focused on religions in contemporary, global perspective. The Department for the Study of Religion provides BA honours, major, minor, and concentration programs, and in conjunction with Atlantic School of Theology conducts an innovative MA program in Theology and Religious Studies. Our students have a strong record of successful grant awards for graduate studies. The Department also supports and has faculty who are cross-listed to interdisciplinary programs, such as Atlantic Canada Studies Environmental Studies, Women & Gender Studies, Asian Studies and International Development. Applicants are encouraged to become familiar with the department: <https://www.smu.ca/religion/index.html>.

Saint Mary's University is one of Canada's top primary undergraduate universities known for its international collaborations, leadership in entrepreneurship, and research that benefits local and global communities. Our programs in Arts, Science, Graduate Studies, and the Sobey School of Business are among Canada's best and feature professors who are committed to the success of their students. Saint Mary's provides our 7,000 students with a place that fosters possibility, excellent research opportunities, and distinguished graduate and professional programs combined with a caring community. Saint Mary's is community-focused with strong values, operating the way the world should. We embrace diversity, are committed to sustainability, and bravely tackle the issues that matter to society.



With students from as many as 118 different countries and partnerships with institutions in dozens of other countries, Saint Mary's University is a leader in international and intercultural education. Nestled in the heart of Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Canada's east coast, Saint Mary's University is marked by iconic buildings, green spaces, and fresh ocean air. Our campus is based in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq, and is global in reach and influence. The Saint Mary's University community is committed to a prosperous future for the world—a world without limits.

At Saint Mary's University equity and diversity are integral to excellence and enrich our community. As an institution committed to fostering an environment of inclusion and respect, we welcome applications from women, Indigenous peoples, racialized persons/visible minorities, persons with disabilities, persons of minority sexual orientation or gender identity and others who might contribute to the growth and enrichment of our community.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, preference will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. If you require accommodations during the recruitment process, please contact Human Resources at [hr@smu.ca](mailto:hr@smu.ca).

Applicants are asked to submit a curriculum vitae, teaching portfolio (including recent student evaluations if available as well as a course outline for a course relevant to those in this ad), and one example of published work. In a cover letter applicants should clearly indicate how their experience and academic credentials in teaching and research meet the criteria for the position.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their files are complete. Consideration of application materials will begin October 1, 2022 and will continue until the position is filled. Applications with names for three referees and complete contact information (email, postal address, telephone) should be sent in PDF format to [religion@smu.ca](mailto:religion@smu.ca) AND cc'd to the department chair at [alec.soucy@smu.ca](mailto:alec.soucy@smu.ca).