

Tenure-track Assistant Professor in Social Justice and Community Studies

The Department of Social Justice and Community Studies (SJCS) at Saint Mary's University, on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people, invites applications for a tenure-track appointment at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor, with a start date of July 1, 2023. We seek a critically engaged scholar with a demonstrated teaching and research commitment to Indigenous knowledges and methodologies.

The successful candidate will demonstrate strong skills and/or experience with anti-colonial/decolonizing research and working with Indigenous communities, and an ability to teach undergraduate courses in their areas of expertise, strengthening the Department's [course offerings](#) and community-engaged focus. A PhD is preferred, but candidates with a Master's degree plus university teaching experience and/or relevant professional experience will be considered. If a PhD is in progress the candidate will complete their PhD by the position start date. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, preference will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.

Position duties include teaching from Indigenous pedagogy at the undergraduate (and potentially graduate) level, mentoring and supervising Indigenous and other students, conducting Indigenous-centered research, community-engaged scholarship and relationship building, and service to the department, University, and community. The Department of SJCS is committed to equity and diversity as essential to academic excellence. Lived experience of colonization and Indigeneity, particularly on Turtle Island, will be a crucial dimension in considering applicants, and we encourage applications from individuals who self-identify as Indigenous.

The [Department of SJCS](#) houses a range of scholarly interests in Social Justice and Community Studies, and collaborative relations with Indigenous communities locally and beyond. Central to the Department's work is an emphasis on social justice and community engagement, a commitment to advancing rigorous scholarly understandings of how local and global social realities are shaped by unequal power relations, and the aim of building stronger relations with and between diverse Indigenous peoples, African Nova Scotians, immigrant peoples, and historically settled white Nova Scotians and Canadians. The successful candidate for this position will play a key role in building capacity in this work, including through community engagement and teaching in the Department's Major and Honours programs. SJCS welcomes innovative, collaborative, and non-dominant approaches to knowledges and methodologies in teaching, research, and service.

How to apply:

Applicants should submit an application package consisting of the following six items only, merged into one file:

1. a letter of application clearly addressing the criteria above, including how the applicant's qualifications, expertise, and lived experience will enrich a) the Department's teaching needs, b) the intellectual culture of the Department, c) student training and mentoring, d) the wider community (including Indigenous community engagement) and the University;
2. a curriculum vitae;

3. a teaching dossier including evidence of teaching effectiveness and mentoring (e.g. peer and/or student course evaluations, teaching letters of reference), and course syllabi for courses taught and/or proposed that directly address the criteria above;
4. examples of recent scholarly writing, community research, or reports relevant to Indigenous community;
5. graduate school transcripts (unofficial can be used to apply; official required for hiring);
6. the names and contact information for three referees (who can be asked for reference letters if the applicant is selected for an interview).

Applications with one merged file should be emailed to sjcs@smu.ca but addressed to the Chairperson, Department of Social Justice & Community Studies. SJCS will consider applications until the position is filled. Only complete applications will be considered. Applicants are welcome to contact the Department Chair care of sjcs@smu.ca for clarification on the position or application prior to submission. We thank all applicants for their interest, but only those being considered for an interview will be contacted.

About Saint Mary's University:

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. For information about the University, visit <http://www.smu.ca>.

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. If you require accommodations during the recruitment process, please contact Human Resources at hr@smu.ca.