

## **Tenure Track Appointment in African World Literatures with A Specialty in Francophone Sub-Saharan Literatures**

The Department of World Languages and Literatures and the Department of French

### **The Opportunity**

The Department of World Languages and Literatures and the Department of French in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Simon Fraser University invite applications for a full-time tenure-track faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor with a specialization in African World Literatures and an emphasis on Francophone Sub-Saharan Literatures to start July 15, 2023. This is a joint appointment, 50% in the Department of World Languages and Literatures/50% in the Department of French, housed in the Department of World Languages and Literatures.

The successful candidate will have near-native English and French and be required to teach four courses a year (2/2) at both lower and upper-division levels of the World Literature and French curricula. English is the language of instruction in the Department of World Languages and Literatures; French is the language of instruction in the Department of French. Critical theory and academic writing in the discipline are strong foci of both curricula.

The core duties of an Assistant Professor include research, teaching, and service. The typical workload distribution for tenure-track assistant professors at SFU is 40% research, 40% teaching, and 20% service.

### **Desired research area**

We seek to hire a candidate with research promise in African World Literatures with specialization in Francophone Sub-Saharan Literatures. The successful candidate will have a demonstrated command of at least a third language and literary tradition. Special areas of focus in scholarship may include but are not limited to:

- preservation of African languages and literatures in the context of world/comparative literatures
- African literatures as world literature
- pre/post-colonial African literatures in a comparative/worldly framework
- African oral literatures, folklores, and myths in the context of world literatures
- Comparative and translation studies
- critical race theory in international, transnational, diasporic, or global perspectives
- African theories and criticism and the global production of knowledge about African literatures, cultures, histories, and peoples
- transnational and global projects of social justice and anti-Black racism and violence; the global circulation and consumption of African and African diasporic literature, art, and culture
- African popular culture, including art performance and film studies
- African cosmopolitanism and pan-African mobilities and migrations

## About our departments

The Department of World Languages and Literatures offers a rigorous and innovative undergraduate program offering a Major, Minor, and Honours degree in the cross-cultural study of World Languages and Literatures. The Department of French offers a diverse and innovative undergraduate program offering a Major, Minor, and Honours, and a graduate Master of Arts program.

For more information please visit our respective websites: <http://www.sfu.ca/wll.html> and <http://www.sfu.ca/french/en.html>.

## Qualifications

The successful candidate must hold a Ph.D. by the appointment start date or shortly thereafter in World/Comparative Literature, French / Francophone Literature, or related discipline by the employment start date; however, PhD candidates with solid indication of imminent completion may be hired at the rank of Instructor and will be promoted to the rank of Assistant Professor upon completion of the PhD. They will have near-native English and French, with a demonstrated command of at least a third language and literary tradition. The ideal candidate will:

- Have demonstrated promise in research (such as publications in peer-reviewed journals, awards or external funding, participation in conferences, etc).
- Demonstrate keen interest in teaching, strong pedagogical skills, and effectiveness in fostering inclusive learning environments.
- Be able to teach African Literatures as world literatures.
- Be able to teach Francophone Sub-Saharan literatures in a worldly framework.
- Show strong potential for effective community engagement and meaningful collaborations with Black/African and/or Multi Racial Groups, communities, and organizations.

## How to Apply

Applications should be a single pdf file bookmarked with the following components:

- A cover letter
- A CV
- A research statement that describes the candidate's research experience, goals, and future program.
- Two writing samples
- A teaching dossier (including a one-page statement of teaching philosophy, example course outlines, and teaching evaluations, student supervision, or equivalent demonstration of teaching effectiveness).

Applications should be submitted by email attachment to the attention of the Chair, Dr. Azadeh Yamini-Hamedani, at [wll\\_admin@sfu.ca](mailto:wll_admin@sfu.ca). Applicants should also request three confidential letters

of reference to be submitted separately by referees by email to the same address. The deadline to receive applications is January 15, 2023. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

This is a junior faculty position. Only those eligible to be appointed or promoted to the rank will be considered. This position is subject to availability of funding. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.

Under the authority of the *University Act* personal information that is required by the University for academic appointment competitions will be collected. For further details see: [http://www.sfu.ca/vpacademic/Faculty\\_Openings/Collection\\_Notice.html](http://www.sfu.ca/vpacademic/Faculty_Openings/Collection_Notice.html)

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*We acknowledge the Squamish (Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw), Musqueam (x̓m̓əθk̓w̓əy̓əm), Tsleil-Waututh, Katzie, and Kwikwetlem peoples, on whose traditional territories Simon Fraser University's three campuses stand. By recognizing the Unceded Traditional Coast Salish territories, we aspire to create space for reconciliation through dialogue and decolonizing practices.*