May 29, 2019

The Department of Philosophy invites applications for the position of:

Sessional Instructor
Fall Term 2019

Please note that all Sessional Instructor positions involve membership in the Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU); and are subject to both sufficient enrollment in the course, and budgetary authorization. The Department of Philosophy follows Article XIV (E.2) of the TSSU-SFU Collective Agreement when hiring Sessional Instructors.

COURSE: PHIL 320 – Social and Political Philosophy (3 credit/contact hours)
SCHEDULE: LECTURE (section E100): Thursday 17:30 – 20:20
LOCATION: Burnaby campus
DURATION: Aug. 28 to Dec. 24, 2019

RESERVE SESSIONAL INSTRUCTOR POSITION: Yes ☐ No ✓
While priority will be given to Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows in awarding this RESERVED position, all Sessional Instructors are encouraged to apply. In the event the position is not filled by a Graduate Student or Postdoctoral Fellow, it will be filled by another qualified applicant in accordance with Article XIV E of the Collective Agreement.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 12, 2019 (by 5 pm)
Please send applications to the attention of the Chair, Department of Philosophy, as follows: via e-mail at philmgr@sfu.ca; or by mail to WMC 4625, Simon Fraser University, 8888 University Drive, Burnaby BC, V5A1S6

SUPERVISION OF TEACHING ASSISTANTS: NO (this course does not have tutorials, therefore passages referring to working with TAs are not relevant for this job posting)

QUALIFICATIONS:

- PhD (or ABD status) in Philosophy
- Demonstrable teaching experience and/or practical experience in the philosophical area covered by the course from this job posting, as documented in a current resume/curriculum vitae and example detailed course outline.
- Teaching expertise: demonstrable ability to teach an issue or selection of issues in social and political philosophy. Contemporary or historical readings or a mixture of these can be used. Possible topics include: justice, the law and legal systems, sovereignty, power and authority, democracy, liberty and equality. The course could also focus on the views of historically important political philosophers, such as Plato, Aristotle, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Burke, Bentham, Mill, Marx, and others.
- Knowledge of relevant teaching methods.
- If relevant, the ability to supervise Teaching Assistants in accordance with the TSSU-SFU Collective Agreement.
DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

- A current resume/curriculum vitae.
- A list of past courses taught at SFU and/or another University or College, and a Supervisor’s evaluations of the applicant’s performance when teaching those courses.
- An example of a detailed (e.g., week by week) course outline.
- Three current letters of reference, including at least one from a department/school/program for which courses have been taught.

Note: If the applicant has recently taught for the Department of Philosophy at SFU, only an application e-mail, a relevant list of courses taught in the past and a course outline are required.

REQUIRED EMPLOYMENT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Works closely with the Undergraduate Chair, and with Teaching Assistants if relevant.
- Delivers instruction, the content of which is approved by the Chair.
- Manages electronic and/or other platforms for the effective delivery of instruction.
- If relevant, oversees Teaching Assistants while adhering to TSSU guidelines.
- If relevant, holds regular meetings with Teaching Assistants to ensure continuity and cohesiveness in the course.
- Holds regular office hours for students.
- Undertakes the grading of assignments and examinations per the grading policies/practices of the department and, if relevant, oversees the work of Teaching Assistants to ensure that grading standards are maintained and that marks are both appropriate and uniformly applied.
- Compiles final examination and Term marks, and submits the final grades for students in the course.
- Manages grade appeals, as necessary, in a timely manner.

OTHER INFORMATION: The department may interview a short list of candidates. Some qualifications/documents may be waived for graduate students enrolled in the Philosophy Department.

EQUITY: The University is committed to the principle of equity in employment. (See Policy GP 19.)

PRIVACY:
The information submitted with an application is collected under the authority of the University Act (R.S.B.C. 1996, c.468, s. 27(4)(a)), applicable federal and provincial employment regulations and requirements, the University’s non-academic employment policies and applicable Collective Agreements. The information is related directly to and needed by the University to initiate the employment application process. The information will be used to contact references supplied by an applicant, evaluate an applicant’s qualifications, and complete the employment process by making a hiring decision. Applicant information may also be disclosed to the TSSU in accordance with Article XIII F.3.1.b of the Collective Agreement. If you have any questions about the collection, use and disclosure of this information please contact the Associate VP, Human Resources, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6. Telephone 778-782-3237.