October 10, 2019

The Department of Philosophy invites applications for the position of:

Sessional Instructor
Spring Term 2020

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.

DURATION: January 1, 2020 – April 29, 2020

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: October 24, 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. Make sure you specify which positions you are applying for.

We have the following Sessional Instructor positions available:

1. COURSE: PHIL 105 – Critical Thinking (3 contact hours)
SCHEDULE: LECTURE (section J200 SFU NOW): Fri 17:30 - 20:20
LOCATION: Vancouver (Harbour Centre) campus
COURSE SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS:
   Teaching expertise: demonstrable ability to teach a critical thinking course with an emphasis on inductive reasoning, including introduction to the basics of probability and Bayes Theorem.

2. COURSE: PHIL 105 – Critical Thinking (2 contact hours; supervision of TA required)
SCHEDULE: LECTURE (section D900): Mon 10:30 - 12:20
LOCATION: Surrey campus
COURSE SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS:
   Teaching expertise: demonstrable ability to teach a critical thinking course with an emphasis on inductive reasoning, including introduction to the basics of probability and Bayes Theorem.
3. **COURSE:** PHIL 120W – Moral and Legal Problems (3 contact hours)  
**SCHEDULE:** LECTURE (section E200): Tue 17:30 - 20:20  
**LOCATION:** Vancouver (Harbour Centre) campus  
**COURSE SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Teaching expertise: demonstrable ability to teach an introduction to a range of moral and legal issues, such as: Is it wrong to break the law? Should pornography and recreational drugs be illegal? Do animals have rights? Is there a duty to admit immigrants? Are there duties to the world’s poor? Are indigenous peoples owed reparations?

4. **COURSE:** PHIL 150 – Great Works in the History of Philosophy (3 contact hours)  
**SCHEDULE:** LECTURE (section D900): Fri 9:30 - 12:20  
**LOCATION:** Surrey campus  
**COURSE SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Teaching expertise: demonstrable ability to teach a thematic survey of some classical texts in the history of Western philosophy, from late Antiquity to the 19th century. Themes may include the nature of the human being, the role of God in philosophical thought, conceptions of the good life, and others.

5. **COURSE:** PHIL 300 - Introduction to Philosophy (3 contact hours)  
**SCHEDULE:** LECTURE (section E100): Tue 16:30 - 19:20  
**LOCATION:** Burnaby campus  
**COURSE SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Teaching expertise: demonstrable ability to teach a broad range of philosophical topics that would be of interest to and at a suitable upper division level for students with no prior experience in philosophy.

**GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS (in addition to Course Specific Qualifications):**

- PhD (or ABD status) in Philosophy  
- Demonstrable teaching experience and/or practical experience in the philosophical area covered by the course, as documented in a current *resume/curriculum vitae* and example detailed course outline.  
- Teaching expertise: see Course Specific Qualifications.  
- 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.