Department of English Language and Literature: Assistant Professor in Critical Digital Studies

The Department of English Language and Literature in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Waterloo invites applications for a probationary position in Critical Digital Studies at the rank of Assistant Professor, with a preferred start date of July 1, 2023. We are looking for a colleague with expertise in critical approaches to digital media who will contribute to our research and teaching in this area, as well as to the Department more broadly. Potential areas of expertise might include, in no particular order of preference, critical internet studies, critical data studies, responsible innovation, critical design, technopolitics, critical game studies, and Science and Technology Studies (STS). Applicants with other relevant areas of expertise will also be considered. A focus on digital technology and Indigeneity, postcolonialism, race, gender, class, sexuality, disability, environment, or any combination of these topics, is especially welcome. Applicants for this position must have a completed PhD in English or a cognate field by time of appointment and provide evidence of research and/or research-creation potential and achievement commensurate with their experience and a strong teaching record in relevant areas.

This position will offer a wide range of teaching opportunities, from first-year writing and communication courses that draw students from both Arts and STEM disciplines, through to undergraduate courses in digital media studies and graduate teaching and supervision of doctoral students in the Department of English. The current teaching load is 2 + 2. The salary range for this position at the rank of Assistant Professor is $90,000 to $120,000. Negotiations beyond this salary range may be considered for exceptionally qualified candidates.

The successful candidate will provide teaching, supervision and mentorship in our unique PhD degree, which integrates literary studies, rhetoric, media theory and design, and writing studies. In addition, the successful candidate will teach courses related to our MA degrees, particularly the MA in Experimental Digital Media (XDM) and the MA in Rhetoric and Communication Design; as well as courses related to our undergraduate degrees, particularly the Honours BA in Rhetoric, Media, and Professional Communication. Since the Department promotes an integrated research culture, secondary expertise in rhetoric, literature, or writing studies is welcome.

Research opportunities include those available at the Critical Media Lab, where the successful candidate will have access to extensive resources for digital design (http://criticalmedia.uwaterloo.ca) and at the university-wide Games Institute (https://uwaterloo.ca/games-institute/).

Applications are due by November 22, 2022. Please address applications to Professor Jay Dolmage, Chair, Department of English Language and Literature, University of Waterloo. Application materials must be submitted online as PDF files through https://ofas.uwaterloo.ca. Please include a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and a teaching dossier and/or link to an e-portfolio. Long-listed candidates will later be asked for three letters of reference to be uploaded.

The University of Waterloo acknowledges that much of our work takes place on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee peoples. Our main campus is situated
on the Haldimand Tract, the land granted to the Six Nations that includes six miles on each side of the Grand River. Our active work toward reconciliation takes place across our campuses through research, learning, teaching, and community building, and is centralized within our Indigenous Initiatives Office.

The University values the diverse and intersectional identities of its students, faculty, and staff. The University regards equity and diversity as an integral part of academic excellence and is committed to accessibility for all employees. The University of Waterloo seeks applicants who embrace our values of equity, anti-racism and inclusion. As such, we encourage applications from candidates who have been historically disadvantaged and marginalized, including applicants who identify as Indigenous (e.g., First Nations, Métis, Inuit/Inuk), Black, racialized, people with disabilities, women and/or 2SLGBTQ+.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply, including Indigenous candidates from across Turtle Island. For all other candidates, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

The University of Waterloo is committed to accessibility for persons with disabilities. If you have any application, interview or workplace accommodation requests, please contact Professor Jay Dolmage at englishchair@uwaterloo.ca.

If you have questions regarding the position, the application process, assessment process, or eligibility, please contact Professor Jay Dolmage, englishchair@uwaterloo.ca.

More information about the Department is available at https://uwaterloo.ca/english/.

Three reasons to apply: https://uwaterloo.ca/faculty-association/why-waterloo.