



Popular Culture and Cultural Translation

Tenure-Track Assistant Professor

The Department of Pacific and Asian Studies at the University of Victoria invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Popular Culture and Cultural Translation, with a prospective start date of January 1, 2022.

Criteria

We are looking for a scholar whose work crosses traditional regional and disciplinary boundaries, exploring popular culture – broadly construed – as it is translated and circulated within and beyond the Asia-Pacific. Preference will be given to applicants whose work addresses Southeast Asia, South Asia or Oceania in their relationship to other parts of Asia and the wider world; scholars with expertise elsewhere in the Asia-Pacific whose work complements or expands existing strengths in the Department are also encouraged to apply. Possible areas of expertise might include – but are not limited to – the study of new media, gaming, diasporic communities, the role of translation in disseminating pop culture, global fandoms, celebrity and/or pop music cultures, queer identification, global circulation of regional pop cultures, and local adaptations of global cultural forms. The successful candidate will hold a Doctorate in a field pertinent to the study of Popular Culture and Cultural Translation, and an approach to research and pedagogy that challenges nationally-bounded conceptions of language and culture. The candidate's accomplishments in these areas will be evident in their record of research, teaching experience, peer-reviewed publications, recognition for innovative research and/or pedagogy, success in securing research funding, participation in collaborative or intercultural scholarly endeavors, and agenda for future work in the field. Evidence of in-depth work with primary sources in their original language(s) and/or sustained field-based research is essential, as is evidence of a critical approach to the idea of popular culture itself. Interest in the development of experiential learning programs would be especially welcome (e.g., field schools, exchange).

Duties

The new appointment will: maintain an active and innovative program of research in the area of pop culture and cultural translation; teach and supervise students at the undergraduate and graduate levels; and be responsible for service and administrative duties commensurate with rank.

Application

To be considered, please submit a complete application package including:

- Cover letter that addresses the full scope of the job requirements (explaining your interest in the position; approach to popular culture and cultural translation; relevant experience; statement of diversity knowledge, experience and skills);
- Up-to-date curriculum vitae;
- Concise statement summarizing research agenda over the next 5 years (2-3 pages);
- Concise statement of teaching interests in the field of Popular Culture and Cultural Translation (1-2 pages);
- Two recent writing samples (e.g., articles, book/dissertation chapters);
- Evidence of teaching excellence (e.g., course reviews, sample syllabi, teaching awards).

Applicants should also arrange for 3 confidential letters of reference. All application materials, including letters of reference, should be submitted via email to paasapp@uvic.ca

Informal enquiries regarding the position may be sent to Richard Fox (paaschair@uvic.ca); questions regarding the application process should be addressed to (Jennifer Santos) paasadmin@uvic.ca.

The deadline for applications is **January 29, 2021**.

Additional information

The University of Victoria is consistently ranked in the top tier of Canada's research-intensive universities. Vital impact drives the UVic sense of purpose. As an internationally renowned teaching and research hub, we tackle essential issues that matter to people, places and the planet. Situated in the Pacific Rim, our location breeds a profound passion for exploration. Defined by its edges, this extraordinary environment inspires us to defy boundaries, discover, and innovate in exciting ways. It's different here, naturally and by design. We live, learn, work and explore on the edge of what's next—for our planet and its peoples. Our commitment to research-inspired dynamic learning and vital impact make this Canada's most extraordinary environment for discovery and innovation. Experience the edge of possibilities for yourself.

UVic is committed to upholding the values of equity, diversity, and inclusion in our living, learning and work environments. In pursuit of our values, we seek members who will work respectfully and constructively with differences and across levels of power. We actively encourage applications from members of [groups experiencing barriers to equity](#). Read our full equity statement here: www.uvic.ca/equitystatement

The University acknowledges the potential impact that career interruptions can have on a candidate's record of research achievement. We encourage applicants to explain in their application the impact that career interruptions have had on their record.

Persons with disabilities, who anticipate needing accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, may contact Faculty Relations and Academic Administration in the Office of the VP Academic and Provost at FRrecruit@uvic.ca. Any personal information provided will be maintained in confidence.

Faculty and Librarians at the University of Victoria are governed by the provisions of the Collective Agreement. Members are represented by the University of Victoria Faculty Association (www.uvicfa.ca).

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; in accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Please indicate in your application package if you are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

Please note that reference and background checks, including credential and degree verification, may be undertaken as part of this recruitment process.