



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Position Title: Assistant Professor in Integrative, Religious, and Intercultural Studies (IRIS)

Summary:

The Integrative, Religious, and Intercultural Studies Department at Grand Valley State University invites applications for tenure-line faculty member (assistant professor) with specialization in political ecology, science and technology studies, and/or ethical practice studies with a social justice, social innovation, or transformative approach to broadly serve the department's growing graduate program in Social Innovation and its undergraduate programs in Integrative Studies (formerly Liberal Studies), Religious Studies, and Intercultural Competence. The expected start date is August 2020. This position is intended to complement existing strengths in a vibrant department that practices and understands interdisciplinary studies as drawing from multiple disciplinary locations, working across and for cultural communities, and engaging with varied methodological and theoretical frameworks.

Work that connects experiences of individuals/groups within the United States to broader regional/global perspectives, including transnational, diasporic and comparative work, is particularly welcomed. Examples may include African and African American Studies, Indigenous and/or Native American Studies, LatinX Studies, Migration Studies, or the like.

Required Qualifications:

- Demonstrated teaching expertise at the undergraduate level, including writing intensive classes and training on ethical research practices.
- Demonstrated interdisciplinary teaching that connects to disciplines like the physical or life sciences, literature, philosophy, writing/rhetoric, history, and/or the social sciences.
- Demonstrated research experience and/or academic training in an interdisciplinary field of study such as political ecology, science and technology studies, and/or ethical practice studies with a social justice, social innovation, or transformative approach.
- Experience working with underrepresented and diverse populations as well as a commitment to social justice work within these populations.
- Commitment to serving diverse communities of learners and teaching within GVSU's General Education Program.
- Strong potential for teaching excellence at both undergraduate and graduate levels.
- Demonstrated commitment to collaborating with colleagues from diverse, disciplinary/interdisciplinary and field backgrounds on teaching and/or research.
- Strong interest in hybrid and online teaching, as well as in traditional, face-to-face settings.

- A completed PhD or the equivalent in a relevant field by the time of appointment (August 2020).

Preferred Qualifications:

- Demonstrated teaching experience at the graduate level.
- Professional experience facilitating cross-sector collaboration in diverse community settings.
- Experience with liberal education and integrative learning.
- Experience mentoring undergraduate and graduate student research.
- Experience supervising community-based learning experiences, internships, and/or practicum work by undergraduate and graduate students.
- Demonstrated ability or strong potential to teach a range of core courses within two or more of the department's academic programs which include: Integrative Studies (undergraduate major, BA or BS), Religious Studies (major, BA or BS, and minor), Intercultural Competence (digital badge), and the Professional Master of Arts in Social Innovation. Examples may include: LIB 100 (Reflect, Connect, Engage), REL 100 (Religions of the World), ITC 100 (Introduction to Intercultural Competence), LIB 201 (Diversity in the U.S.), LIB 301 (Interdisciplinary Research Methods), LIB 312 (Dialogue), LIB 400/401 (Global Visionary Thinkers/American Visionary Thinkers), SI 600 (Cultures of Social Innovation), SI 610 (Research Methods for Social Inquiry), and/or SI 620 (Case Studies in Social Innovation).
- Demonstrated ability or strong potential to teach one or more of the following advanced undergraduate and graduate courses: LIB 310 (Creativity), LIB 322 (Wicked Problems of Sustainability), LIB 323 (Design Thinking), LIB 330 (Ideas of Nature), LIB 331 (Person and Profession in a Global World), LIB 341 (Leadership for Social Change), LIB 342 (Food Matters), REL 340 (Religion and Popular Culture), SI 630 (Engaging Diversity Through Social Innovation), and SI 650 (Place and Environmental Justice).
- Interest in working with non-traditional and adult learners.
- Interest in contributing to the department's global and community-based learning, study abroad, and international partnership initiatives. These include programs in Spain and Chile.
- Candidates from diverse backgrounds and with diverse experiences are encouraged to apply.

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Salary: Competitive Range with benefits

Campus: Allendale

Department/Division: Integrative, Religious, and Intercultural Studies/Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies

Application Deadline: Review of applications will begin on December 1, 2019.

How To Apply: Apply online at jobs.gvsu.edu and click "Apply now". Include curriculum vitae; cover letter addressing required and preferred qualifications; research precis (1 page); teaching philosophy statement (1 page); and three letters of recommendation. (Please note only specified documents should be uploaded). Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the Integrative, Religious, and Intercultural Studies Department: One Campus Drive, 324 Lake Ontario Hall, GVSU, Allendale, MI 49401. Any inquiries should be sent to Dr. Melanie Shell-Weiss, Search Committee Chair, IRIS Department, shellm@gvsu.edu. Please see <http://www.gvsu.edu/iris> for more information.

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