Global South Job Ad

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University of Virginia
Department of French
Assistant or Associate Professor of French: Francophone Cultures of the Global South

The Department of French in the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Virginia invites applications for a position, at the rank of tenure-track assistant professor or tenured associate professor, in Francophone Cultures of the Global South. We are particularly interested in scholars whose work considers the exchange and flow of ideas and people between metropolitan France and one or more of France’s former colonies or territories, in the Caribbean and North Africa especially. Research specialization is open, though we are keen on hiring a colleague who studies how issues such as migration and immigration, diaspora, exile and marginalization, politics, race, gender, and religion, among others, inform and are in turn informed by various modes of cultural production—including but not limited to literature, film and other visual media, popular culture and music, journalism and social media—that transcend national borders across the Francophone world. We envisage welcoming a colleague who sees the relationship between France and the greater Global South through a transhistorical lens, particularly from the era of massive imperial expansion in the nineteenth century to the present day.

This position is one of several interdisciplinary lines focused on the Global South and sponsored by the Mellon Foundation. Candidates must demonstrate excellence in scholarly research and evidence of an ongoing program of publication. They must also be committed to outstanding teaching and mentoring at the graduate and undergraduate levels, and to providing service to the University, Department and the field. Native or near-native fluency in French is required. Fluency in another major language spoken in the Francophone Global South (Arabic or Creole, especially) is desirable. Applicants must have earned a Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree in the relevant field by the appointment start date of August 25, 2016.

Review of applications will begin immediately. The deadline for submission is midnight (EST) on December 4, 2015.

To apply candidates must submit a Candidate Profile through Jobs@UVa (https://jobs.virginia.edu), search on posting number 0617462 and electronically attach the following: a cover letter that describes the candidate’s research agenda and teaching interests, a curriculum vitae, and a writing sample of no more than 25 pages. Please also send three letters of recommendation, via Interfolio.com, to Ms. Maggie Stein, mas3av@virginia.edu.

Questions regarding the application process in JOBS@UVa should be directed to Ms. Stein at the address above.
The University will perform background checks on all new faculty hires prior to making a final offer of employment.

The University of Virginia is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Women, minorities, veterans and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.