



Assistant Professor - History of the Horn of Africa

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Job Category: Faculty - Tenure Stream (continuing)

Faculty/Division: Faculty of Arts & Science

Department: Department of History (51%) and African Studies/New College (49%)

Campus: St. George (Downtown Toronto)

Description:

The Department of History and the African Studies Program, New College, in the Faculty of Arts & Science at the University of Toronto invite applications for a full-time tenure stream position in the area of the History of the Horn of Africa. This will be a joint appointment between the Department of History (51%) and New College (49%). The appointment will be at the rank of Assistant Professor and will commence on July 1, 2021, or shortly thereafter.

Applicants must have earned a PhD in History by the time of appointment, or shortly thereafter, and have a demonstrated record of excellence in research and teaching. We seek candidates whose research and teaching interests complement and strengthen existing strengths in the Department of History and the African Studies Program. Applicants are encouraged to review the research and teaching profiles of current faculty members in the [Department of History](#) and the [African Studies Program](#). Chronological specialization is open. We seek applications from historians who situate their research firmly in the Horn of Africa and whose work seeks to decolonize the field of African history and African studies. Research that places the region within the wider field of African history or that reaches out to the Red Sea or to Western Asia is particularly welcome. The successful candidate will be expected to pursue innovative and independent research at the highest international level and to establish an outstanding, competitive, and externally funded research program.

Candidates must provide evidence of research excellence, which can be demonstrated by a record of publications in top-ranked and field-relevant journals or forthcoming publications meeting high international standards, the submitted research statement, presentations at significant conferences, awards and accolades, and strong endorsements from referees of high standing.

Evidence of excellence in teaching will be provided through teaching accomplishments, the teaching dossier including a teaching statement, sample course materials, and teaching evaluations submitted as part of the application, as well as strong letters of reference.

Candidates are also expected to show evidence of a commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion, and the promotion of a respectful and collegial learning and working environment demonstrated through the application materials.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

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All qualified candidates are invited to apply online by clicking the link below. Applications must include a cover letter, a current curriculum vitae, a recent article or chapter-length writing sample, a research statement outlining current and future research interests, and a teaching dossier to include a teaching statement, sample course materials, and teaching evaluations. Equity and diversity are essential to academic excellence. We seek candidates who value diversity and whose research, teaching and service bear out our commitment to equity. Candidates are therefore also asked to submit a 1-2 page statement of contributions to equity and diversity, which might cover topics such as (but not limited to): research or teaching that incorporates a focus on underrepresented communities, the development of inclusive pedagogies, or the mentoring of students from underrepresented groups.

Applicants must arrange to have three letters of reference (on letterhead, dated, and signed) sent directly by the referee via email to history.chair@utoronto.ca by the closing date. PLEASE NOTE: this search is not using the University's automatic solicitation and collection functionality for reference letters.

Submission guidelines can be found at: <http://uoft.me/how-to-apply>. If you have questions about this position, please contact Professor Alison K. Smith, at history.chair@utoronto.ca.

All application materials, including reference letters, must be received by January 28, 2021.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

Diversity Statement

The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

As part of your application, you will be asked to complete a brief Diversity Survey. This survey is voluntary. Any information directly related to you is confidential and cannot be accessed by search committees or human resources staff. Results will be aggregated for institutional planning purposes. For more information, please see <http://uoft.me/UP>.

Accessibility Statement

The University strives to be an equitable and inclusive community, and proactively seeks to increase diversity among its community members. Our values regarding equity and diversity are linked with our unwavering commitment to excellence in the pursuit of our academic mission.

The University is committed to the principles of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). As such, we strive to make our recruitment, assessment and selection processes as accessible as possible and provide accommodations as required for applicants with disabilities.

If you require any accommodations at any point during the application and hiring process, please contact uoft.careers@utoronto.ca.

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