



Assistant Professor, Limited Term Appointment, Department of Dramatic Arts

About Brock University

Brock University is located on the Traditional Territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples. This Territory is covered by the One Dish One Spoon Wampum Agreement and the Upper Canada Treaties. We express our gratitude and respect for the honour of living and working with Indigenous people. In all that we do, Brock University strives to honour and support the Indigenous peoples of whose Traditional Territory Brock University is located. Our commitment to Reconciliation and Decolonization are one of four strategic priorities of Brock's 2018-2025 Strategic Plan. These priorities include fostering a culture of inclusivity, accessibility, reconciliation and decolonization. At Brock, "we believe that a diverse and welcoming learning community is built upon the foundation of exceptional students, faculty, staff and alumni. This requires that Brock be attractive and welcoming to people of all identities and accepting of the unique histories and experiences of Indigenous people within the Canadian state."

The Brock University experience is second to none in Canada. Located in historic Niagara region, Brock offers all the benefits of a young and modern university in a safe, community-minded city, with beautiful natural surroundings. With over 19,000 students and more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs in seven diverse Faculties, Brock excels at providing exceptional experiential learning opportunities and highly rated student and campus life experiences.

What We Offer

Brock University offers competitive salary and benefits and ample support for research. Research resources include conference support, start-up funding, subscriptions to major databases, and access to various research funding vehicles. For candidates considering relocation, moving expenses will be administered according to the Collective Agreement.

About the Position

The Department of Dramatic Arts at the Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts, Brock University, invites applications for a twelve-month limited term appointment (starting July 15, 2022) as Assistant Professor, with expertise in decolonizing, anti-racist, anti-oppressive, and/or anti-supremacist approaches to Theatre Studies. Specific areas of research and creative specialization may include any aspect of theatre history, criticism, and/or making.

About the Department of Dramatic Arts (DART)

Our approach to teaching and learning emphasizes praxis, that is, the integration of theory and practice, and all of our course offerings combine practical work with background research and theoretical engagement.

Building on important initiatives of recent years, in January 2022, the Department of Dramatic Arts (DART) committed to transforming its approach to post-secondary theatre education through an intersectional, anti-supremacist understanding of equity. Our commitment consists of a ten-year, iterative process, beginning in 2022, of reviewing and revising of the Department's recruitment and hiring practices; its pedagogical approaches, curriculum design, and production practices; and its performance programming and community engagements.



DART offers a BA Honours in Dramatic Arts. For Honours students, Concentrations are available in Drama in Education/Applied Theatre, Performance, and Production and Design. The Department also offers a four-year (20 credit) BA with Major Dramatic Arts degree and a three-year BA Pass degree, as well as two concurrent BA (Honours)/BEd programs over six years and a Co-op option. For more information, see <https://brocku.ca/miwsfpa/dramatic-arts/>.

Located at the center of Canada's beautiful Niagara peninsula in St. Catharines, Ontario, we are a community of learners and researchers with a strong and expanding regional base, with excellent resources in cultural, social, and athletic enrichment. Canadian and American metropolitan centres are within easy distance. In the summer of 2015 the Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts, including the Department of Dramatic Arts, moved to its new comprehensive facility in downtown St. Catharines, adjacent to a new regional performing arts centre built by the City of St. Catharines.

Duties

The successful candidate will teach four of DART's five required Theatre and Performance Studies courses: DART 1P91 Introduction to Theatre and Performance; 1P92 Performance as Cultural Practice I; 2Q92 Performance as Cultural Practice II; 3Q91 Contemporary Theatre and Performance; and/or 3Q92 Foundations in Performance Studies.

They will contribute Departmental service in the area of Theatre and Performance Studies curriculum renewal, specifically by bringing decolonizing, anti-racist, anti-oppressive and/or anti-supremacist approaches to the design and delivery of these courses, including by suggesting revisions to existing course calendar descriptions.

It is expected that the successful candidate will engage with students, colleagues, community groups, and/or the broader theatre and theatre scholarship communities through research and creative/critical activities. The Department is committed to providing mentorship, resources, and service opportunities to support the successful candidate's program of research and professional development during their tenure in this position.

Qualifications

The successful candidate will hold a PhD (ABD may be considered) in Theatre Studies or a related discipline, with demonstrated expertise in decolonizing, anti-racist, anti-oppressive, and/or anti-supremacist approaches to the study, practice, and teaching of theatre and performance. A strong researcher or artist-researcher portfolio and demonstrated excellence in student-centred approaches to post-secondary theatre pedagogy are essential. Additional expertise in curriculum development or community-engaged creative research will be an asset.

Application Process

Please apply online using the "Apply" button. Applications should include a covering letter outlining research, teaching, and administrative experience. Additional materials will include a current curriculum vitae, one sample research publication or a creative research portfolio, and a teaching dossier. In addition, candidates will provide the names and contact information of three referees who will be contacted in the



event of a short listing. A single PDF document is preferred. (Note the file maximum of 5MB per upload; supplemental application information beyond the 5MB limit can be sent to: dramatic@brocku.ca). Applications should be submitted electronically through the Brock Careers website at the following link:

https://brocku.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/brocku_careers/job/St-Catharines-Main-Campus/Assistant-Professor--Limited-Term-Appointment--Department-of-Dramatic-Arts_JR-1011774

Applications should be addressed to:

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The closing date for applications is **12:01am on June 20, 2022**. The last business day to apply is Friday, June 17, 2022.

Our Commitment

Brock University is actively committed to diversity and the principles of employment equity and invites applications from all qualified candidates. Women, Aboriginal peoples, members of visible minorities, people with disabilities and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) persons are encouraged to apply and to voluntarily self-identify as a member of a designated group as part of their application. LGBTQ is an umbrella category and shall be read to include two-spirited people. Candidates who wish to be considered as a member of one or more designated groups can fill out the Self-Identification questions included in the questionnaire at the time of application.

Please note that Brock University requires all employees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 if they are working on campus and/or in-person with other employees, students or members of the public. As a condition of being hired, employees in these types of roles will be required to provide proof of full vaccination, or provide proof of a bona fide medical or Human Rights Code exemption.

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

We will accommodate the needs of the applicants and the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) throughout all stages of the selection process, as outlined in the Employee Accommodation Policy <https://brocku.ca/policies/wp-content/uploads/sites/94/Employee-Accommodation-Policy.pdf>. Please advise: talent@brocku.ca to ensure your accessibility needs are accommodated through this process. Information received relating to accommodation measures will be addressed confidentially.

We appreciate all applications received; however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. At this time, initial interviews will be conducted virtually.



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