



PART-TIME NON-TENURE TRACK RELIGIOUS STUDIES INSTRUCTOR

Religious Studies Department

POSITION SUMMARY

The Religious Studies Department at Occidental College seeks part-time non-tenure track instructors to offer courses in the Fall semester of 2023 or the Spring semester of 2024 to teach 1-2 courses in Religious Studies.

SUMMARY OF DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND GOALS

1. We are seeking courses that will add breadth and diversity to our planned offerings. Courses that will be taught by existing faculty include: (in the Fall) Introduction to Islam; "Cults" and "Sects": New Religious Movements in the Americas; Displaced Peoples of the Mediterranean; Transpacific Movements and Activisms; "Good" Sex: History of Christian Sexual Ethics; (in the Spring) Living and Dying Well in Buddhist Traditions; Religion and Climate Change; History of the End of the World; and Spirit Possession. (To be clear: Applicants should not propose to teach these courses, but rather propose courses that add breadth and diversity *beyond* these courses.)
2. Applicants may propose courses already in our course catalog, courses of their own design, or a mixture of both.
3. Applicants should feel free to propose as many courses as they are prepared to teach to provide the selection committee with options to choose from.
4. Please also indicate which semester you are prepared to offer courses in. The new hire(s) may also be eligible to teach course(s) in the first-year seminar program, based on the Core Director's approval.

QUALIFICATIONS

Required:

- Applicants must be trained in Religious Studies or an affiliated field, either with a PhD or doctoral candidates in the ABD stage.

Preferred:

- Strong candidates will possess a record of or potential for teaching excellence. They will engage a variety of teaching approaches, as well as best practices to support the intellectual flourishing of all members of our diverse student body.

SALARY

EXPECTED SALARY: The salary is \$8,000 per 4 unit course.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications are due by 15 February 2023. Applications should include: (1) A cover letter describing your teaching experience and how many courses you are available and prefer to teach in each semester (Fall 2023 or Spring 2024); (2) Titles and paragraph-length descriptions of the courses you could teach at Occidental. The best descriptions provide us with a detailed and specific sense of the course topics and assignments. Again, you may include courses already in our course catalog, courses of your own design, or a mixture of both. For courses already in our catalog, please provide your own course description that indicates how you would teach the course. (3) Curriculum Vitae.

Please submit applications to Linh Vo, Department Manager at vol@oxy.edu no later than by 15 February 2023.

Inquiries about the position, about the Religious Studies department, or about current and proposed courses can be directed to the search committee Chair, Prof. Amy Holmes-Tagchungdarpa at tagchung@oxy.edu.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This position is included in the Non-Tenure Track Bargaining Unit, and the successful applicant will be a bargaining unit employee, subject to the terms of the College's Collective Bargaining Agreement with SEIU Local 721.

Compensation will be commensurate with experience and qualifications and consistent with the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. A comprehensive benefits package is available that includes: excellent health, dental, life, and retirement benefits; tuition benefits for the employee, spouse, domestic partner, and dependents; additional extras including use of gym facilities and the College Library. For a detailed description of benefits, please visit: <https://www.oxy.edu/offices-services/humanresources/benefits-information>.

Occidental is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not unlawfully discriminate against employees or applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, breastfeeding or related medical condition, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, age, marital status, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic characteristic or information, military and veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by state or federal law.

All qualified applicants will be considered for employment, including those with criminal histories, in a manner consistent with the requirements of applicable state and local laws, including the City of Los Angeles' Fair Chance Initiative for Hiring Ordinance.

Occidental College is committed to working with and providing reasonable accommodations to applicants with qualifying disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation because of a disability for any part of the application or employment process, please contact Human Resources (hr@oxy.edu).

As a condition of appointment to a faculty position, Occidental College requires that all candidates who have received a conditional offer of employment complete an application form (if they have not already done so) and consent to a background check. Satisfactory completion of a background check, along with preemployment verifications and references are required as a condition of employment, but only as permitted by federal, state, and local law, including the City of Los Angeles Fair Chance Initiative for Hiring Ordinance.