



3-Year Contract Lecturer Post in History @ Wits University

Founded in 1917, the Department of History has a long and well-established reputation for producing scholarship of international quality and for intellectual excellence, leadership and relevance. Over the past few decades, the Department has developed a focus on the social history of Africa. Simultaneously, it has maintained its traditional expertise in world history. We offer a lively and rigorous postgraduate and undergraduate teaching programme, with a key intellectual focus on southern African history, the Global South and transnational history, urban and rural South Africa, liberation history, gender and popular culture, and environmental history.

The Department is looking to recruit for the position of Lecturer on a three-year contract. The ideal candidate should be an inspiring, imaginative, and enthusiastic teacher at all levels and be keen to teach courses in African and/or global history. We especially welcome applicants who have a research interest in any aspect of African history. Candidates with an interest in pre-colonial or pre-industrial African history would be an advantage. Our department is also eager to develop its capacity in political economy, public history, health and environmental history, and transnational history.

Qualifications & Experience: A PhD in History is required. [In exceptional cases, we might consider a candidate demonstrably close to completion of a PhD that is currently under examination.] University undergraduate teaching and postgraduate supervision experience as well as peer-reviewed publications (either published or forthcoming) will be an added advantage.

Expectations: Teaching undergraduate and postgraduate courses, postgraduate supervision, administrative responsibilities, an active research programme and the capacity to publish. The candidate will be expected to teach and supervise beyond their immediate area of expertise. The Department envisages a candidate who strongly upholds the tenets of collegiality, dedication to pedagogy and service to the discipline, Department and University more broadly. The candidate will also be able to demonstrate the ability to develop new and innovative teaching and research avenues.

To apply, please submit:

- i) a formal cover letter of motivation, which includes an overview of teaching experience and philosophy, as well as current and future research agenda.
- ii) an up-to-date detailed CV, including the names and contact details of three referees.
- iii) a single-authored writing sample (journal article, dissertation chapter, chapter in an edited collection, or book chapter: in press or published)

Internal employees are invited to apply directly on Oracle by following the path: iWits /Self Service application/‘Apply for a job,’ or following this link: <https://iwits.wits.ac.za/>.

External applicants are invited to apply, by registering their profile on the Wits i-recruitment platform located at <https://irec.wits.ac.za> and submitting their application on the same web address.

Commencement date to be negotiated with the successful candidate. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience and based on published WITS pay scales.

The University is committed to employment equity and therefore blacks and females are encouraged to apply. Preference may be given to appointable applicants from the underrepresented designated groups in terms of the relevant employment equity plans and policies of the University. The University retains the right not to make an appointment and to verify all information provided by candidates. All appointment decisions will be made on merit, following a fair and competitive process.

Closing Date: 7th July 2023

Correspondence will only be entered into with shortlisted candidates.

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