

Assistant Professor / Creative Writing

This position is: OPEN

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Position Summary

The Department of English at Eastern University invites applications for a tenure-track, Assistant Professor of English, with an emphasis in fiction and creative writing, beginning August, 2023. Candidates should have an MFA or PhD in Creative Writing, with a strong publication record, and be able to demonstrate excellence in teaching creative writing workshops and composition courses at the undergraduate level. Candidates with additional expertise in areas such as Composition and Professional Writing are especially encouraged to apply. Primary responsibilities include teaching 8 courses per year between semesters and summer; mentoring and advising students; and engaging in service to the department and university. Eastern University is a Christian University of the liberal arts, sciences, and professional studies located in St. Davids, PA.

Responsibilities

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Teaching will be the primary responsibility of this position. We are looking to build on existing strengths in the department and meet increasing student interest in the areas of composition, creative writing, and fiction. The successful candidate will demonstrate a keen understanding of the place of fiction and creative writing in the broader liberal arts tradition, and will be committed to developing students' understanding, abilities, and love for the written word. Additional responsibilities will include service to the department and university, mentoring and advising students, helping promote the department on campus, and engaging in the scholarly life of the department. Applicants should be willing to participate in the academic community of Eastern University and the faculty of friends within the College of Arts and Humanities. In addition, as a professor at a Christian liberal arts university, the successful applicant should be willing to support the integrated intellectual, moral, aesthetic, and spiritual formation of students.

Qualifications

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Applicants should possess an MFA or earned doctorate in Creative Writing (or evidence of likely completion thereof prior to August 2023), evidence of outstanding teaching, and a record of publication appropriate to their experience in the field. Applicants should possess a desire to write and publish, as well as a passion for the vision of liberal arts education outlined in the position responsibilities. To be considered, please submit applications electronically to the

following address: eujobs@eastern.edu. Please include a cover letter of application (detailing your work as a writer, teaching experience, and your approach to teaching in a diverse and inclusive environment), a current CV, a statement of teaching philosophy, a writing sample (including a substantial portion of a creative text), and a list of at least three references. Kindly do not send letters of reference at the initial stage. Please remember to include the job number in the subject line. Fullest consideration will be given to materials received by January 15. Review of applications will begin immediately thereafter. Applicants must be able to sign Eastern University's doctrinal statement. The university complies with federal and state guidelines of nondiscrimination in employment; members of protected classes encouraged to apply.

English Department

The English Department of Eastern University provides opportunities for shared inquiry into the fundamental questions of life within the context of Christian faith. We practice a discussion-based pedagogy centered on primary sources in courses at all levels.

About Eastern University

Eastern University is a Christian university of the arts and sciences that integrates faith, reason and justice for students in its undergraduate, graduate, Seminary, urban, professional and international programs. **Applicants should have a religious commitment compatible with its mission and be willing to endorse by signing Eastern University's doctrinal statement.** The university complies with federal and state guidelines of nondiscrimination in employment; members of protected classes encouraged to apply.

Background Checks

Standard University employees are required to complete the background clearance process. Employment is contingent upon the successful results of an employment background screening. The employment background screening may include but is not limited to your consumer credit history (for positions that work with the university finances or alumni funds only), verification of education and professional credentials, criminal history, driving history, residency, immigration status, performance, references, and other qualities pertinent to your qualifications for the following position.

Youth Clearances are required for positions with direct contact with children and essential personnel positions. Employees working with or around minor age children are required to complete the youth clearance process which includes the following four child protection clearances:

- 1) Affidavit;
- 2) FBI Criminal Record Check;
- 3) Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Child Abuse History Clearance and;
- 4) Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check.

In accordance with state laws, Act 73 of 2007, Act 153 of 2014, Act 168 (relating to the Child Protective Services Law), school employees of Eastern University who will have "direct contact with children" must complete the background check process prior to employment. Results must be submitted within ten days of receipt.

Description Disclaimer

This description is intended to describe the general level and nature of work performed by the person/people assigned to this position. It is not to be construed as an exhaustive list of duties and responsibilities of the person/people so assigned.