

## Assistant Professor, Department of Drama Tenure-track Specializing in Acting / Directing and Theatre History

Qualified applicants with a focus on **Acting / Directing** with a strong specialization in **Theatre History** are invited to apply for a full-time tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor in the Department of Drama in the College of Arts and Science at the University of Saskatchewan to begin July 1, 2024.

As the successful candidate, you will be active as an artist/scholar/educator in all aspects of the life and work of a department that is embarking on a dynamic phase of renewal. In addition to teaching acting classes across all areas of the undergraduate acting program, you will be responsible for collaborating with your colleagues to develop an integrated approach to acting and production in the department. This collaboration will include directing a production in the Greystone Theatre season in rotation with other faculty members. Your expertise in acting and directing will be a valued asset for the department's strong training in established theatrical practices, while your specialization in theatre history will open new doors to research, self-production, and new/emerging work in our theatre season. Additional strengths in one or more of these areas will be seen as assets to a revitalized new curriculum: Indigenous theatre and performance, playwriting and dramaturgy, postmodern and post-colonial theory, and Western Canadian theatre and performance history.

The successful candidate will: supervise student research projects; initiate, lead and participate in research activities; compete successfully for external funding to support this research program; and undertake relevant administrative activities, including meetings and committee work.

The department is playing a key role in the formation of the School for the Arts and will join that School on July 1, 2024. As part of the new School, the Department of Drama is a dynamic department with a key focus on the B.F.A. in Acting and Design and the wîcêhtowin Theatre Program (WTP); this innovative certificate program launched in 2015 strengthens the department's interdisciplinary connections with other University units engaged in Indigenous educational, cultural, artistic outreach; enhances its already-strong community and professional partnerships; and enriches department programming on all levels. In addition, the department offers a three-year and four-year B.A. program and M.A. program opportunities on a special case basis. Our students regularly serve internships with local professional theatres to enhance their training and transition to the professional theatre. As the oldest Drama Department in the British Commonwealth, our program has an outstanding track record of community engagement, experiential learning, and a long-standing commitment to producing excellent graduates dedicated to celebrating, building, and transforming the theatre community. Many of our alumni have graced the most prominent national and international stages and have made highly successful careers for themselves in the theatre and motion picture industry. Many others have played a vital role in developing drama in the schools and communities of Saskatchewan or successfully aspired to careers as scholar/practitioners at universities in Canada and abroad.

The College of Arts & Science offers a dynamic combination of programs in the humanities and fine arts, the social sciences and the sciences. There are over 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students in the College and 312 faculty, including 9 Canada Research Chairs. The College emphasizes student and faculty research, interdisciplinary programs, a focus on Indigenous engagement, as well as community outreach and international opportunities.

The University of Saskatchewan's main campus is situated on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. The University of Saskatchewan is located in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, a city with a diverse and thriving economic base, a vibrant arts community, and a full range of leisure opportunities. The University has a reputation for excellence in teaching, research and scholarly activities and offers a full range of undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs to a student population of over 27,000.

## **Qualifications:**

The successful candidate will possess a PhD or an M.F.A. in Theatre, Theatre History, Drama or Performance Studies. Intensive training and applied experience in Acting or Directing is essential. Preference will be given to candidates who have a strong specialization in Theatre History. Consistent with the department's commitment to developing excellence in teaching, the successful candidate will demonstrate a strong theoretical and applied grasp of a range of methodologies and approaches focused on acting, directing and/or theatre history. We particularly invite applications from colleagues who combine professional theatre experience with previous experience teaching studio, seminar and lecture classes at a post-secondary level.

## Salary Bands for 2022- 23 Academic Year

Assistant Professor: \$99,945 to \$120,099

## **Benefits:**

This position includes a comprehensive benefits package which includes a dental, health and extended vision care plan; pension plan, life insurance (compulsory and voluntary), academic long term disability, sick leave, travel insurance, death benefits, an employee assistance program, a professional expense allowance, and a flexible health and wellness spending program.

Interested candidates must submit, via email to carla.orosz@usask.ca the following: a cover letter, detailed Curriculum Vitae, graduate transcripts, a philosophy of teaching statement in acting and theatre history, and a sample of writing and /or creative work supportive of the application (for example: articles, video submissions of artistic work), sample syllabi for an acting and theatre history course are also required. Candidates must provide contact information for three references, sent electronically under a separate cover. Letters of reference will be requested for short-listed candidates.

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Telephone: (306) 966-5182 Email: <u>carla.orosz@usask.ca</u> Due to federal immigration requirements, we also ask candidates to indicate whether they are Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or are otherwise already authorized to work at this position for the duration of the appointment, with an explanation if this last category is indicated.

Review of applications will begin as they are received; however, applications will be accepted and evaluated until the position is filled. The anticipated start date is July 1, 2024.

The University is committed to employment equity, diversity, and inclusion, and are proud to support career opportunities for Indigenous peoples to reflect the community we serve. We are dedicated to recruiting individuals who will enrich our work and learning environments. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, in accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. We are committed to providing accommodations to those with a disability or medical necessity. If you require an accommodation to participate in the recruitment process, please notify us and we will work together on the accommodation request. We continue to grow our partnerships with Indigenous communities across the province, nationally, and internationally and value the unique perspective that Indigenous employees provide to strengthening these relationships. Verification of Indigenous Membership/Citizenship at the University of Saskatchewan is led and determined by the deybwewin | tapwaywin | tapwewin: Indigenous Truth policy and Standing Committee in accordance with the processes developed to enact the policy. Successful candidates that assert Indigenous membership/citizenship will be asked to complete the verification process of Indigenous membership/citizenship with documentation. The University of Saskatchewan's main campus is situated on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respects to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another. Together, we are uplifting Indigenization to a place of prominence at the University of Saskatchewan.