

Health, Aging and Society/Social Psychology - Assistant Professor

McMaster University

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The Department of Health, Aging and Society and the Social Psychology Program at McMaster University invite applications for a full-time tenure-track position at the level of Assistant Professor, commencing July 1, 2014. This is a joint-appointed position. The successful candidate must have a program of research that contributes a social psychological perspective to research in the field of aging.

At the undergraduate level the appointee will be expected to contribute to courses in two interdisciplinary programs within the Faculty of Social Sciences: Health, Aging and Society; and Social Psychology. At the graduate level the candidate should be able to contribute to the Masters in Health, Aging and Society, and is expected to play a role in the development of a future Doctoral program. The appointee will be expected to carry out an independent research program yielding significant peer reviewed publications and compete successfully for external funding to support this research program. Candidates from a wide variety of social science disciplinary and interdisciplinary backgrounds are welcome to apply.

The Department of Health, Aging and Society is an interdisciplinary unit giving attention to social and cultural perspectives on health, illness and aging, social systems and services in health care and care broadly, as well as the broader determinants of health and diverse aspects of aging. The Gilbrea Centre for Studies in Aging is closely linked to the Department and serves as a critical hub of research, teaching and outreach. The Centre seeks to improve all aspects of the lives of older adults in the community and in long-term care by linking research, education, policy and practice with local, national and global initiatives. The Department has a strong research focus and a commitment to excellent educational practices. Additional information about the Department is located at <http://www.healthagingandsociety.mcmaster.ca>.

The Social Psychology Program is a new and growing multidisciplinary undergraduate program. It allows students to explore the relationship between individual and society through courses in a broad range of disciplines and fields including sociology, psychology, anthropology, health studies, social gerontology, religious studies, labour studies, political science, social work, economics and geography. The successful candidate will be expected to be an integral part of the program and contribute to its ongoing development. Additional information is located at http://www.socialsciences.mcmaster.ca/departments-schools-and-programs/copy_of_honours-in-social-psychology/honours-in-social-psychology.

Candidates must have a PhD in a social science discipline, although applicants who have all of the requirements for the PhD completed by July 1, 2014 will be considered.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply, however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be considered first for this position. McMaster University is committed to employment equity within its community, and to recruiting a diverse faculty and staff. The University welcomes applications from all qualified candidates, including women, members of visible minorities, Aboriginal persons, members of sexual minorities, and persons with disabilities.

Informal queries can be addressed to James Gillett, Chair of the Department of Health, Aging & Society at gillett@mcmaster.ca. Hard copy applications, including a curriculum vitae, a representative sample of academic writing, three letters of reference (sent directly by referees) and teaching dossier including teaching evaluations, and outline for a graduate and/or an undergraduate level course in the social psychological aspects of aging should be sent to:

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The closing date for applications is January 30, 2014 or until the position is filled.