

## **Environmental Sociology and/or Sociology of Health, Department of Sociology, Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, York University**

The Department of Sociology, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, York University invites highly qualified candidates to apply for a professorial stream tenure-track appointment in **Environmental Sociology and/or Sociology of Health** at the level of Assistant Professor, to commence July 1, 2023. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. All York University positions are subject to budgetary approval.

This opportunity is open to qualified individuals who self-identify as Black peoples of African Descent (for example Africans and African heritage from the Caribbean, Americas, Europe). Recognizing the underrepresentation of Black faculty, this opportunity supports the University's Affirmative Action program and has been developed based on the special program provisions of the Ontario Human Rights Code. To receive full consideration, candidates should complete and submit a self-identification form as part of York University's Affirmative Action program (detailed below). The position is part of a cohort hire across a number of faculties and fields of study. The successful candidate will be joining a vibrant scholarly community at York, where we aspire to achieve equity and diversity in all areas, including race equity. Candidates can learn about the university's investments in [Advancing Black Research & Scholarship](#), including the inaugural [York Black Research Seed Fund](#) awards.

A PhD or a PhD by July 1, 2023 in Sociology (or a related field) is required, with a demonstrated record of excellence or promise of excellence in research and in teaching. Applicants should have a clearly articulated program of research. We seek a candidate whose work is situated in either Environmental Sociology or the Sociology of Health or addresses aspects of both fields.

- *Environmental Sociology:* We seek candidates with a research program that has a critical orientation to the study of the environment and interrelationships between social and natural processes. Areas of specialization are open, but we are particularly interested in work informed by contemporary theoretical perspectives in: the sociology of climate change; human-nonhuman relations; environmental challenges of the Global South; sustainability; the sociological analyses of disasters and crises; and issues of environmental justice and environmental racism.
- *Sociology of Health:* We seek candidates with a research program that has a critical orientation to the study of health, illness, and/or health care, that addresses issues of health inequity and social justice (broadly conceived), and with specialization in qualitative approaches to sociological inquiry. Areas of focus are open, but we are particularly interested in work informed by contemporary theoretical perspectives that addresses: mental health, public health, biomedicine and biomedical knowledge, the expert-lay divide, illness experiences, health risk and identities, the health care system, and health policy, including, for example, critiques of drug policy, biomedicalization, pharmaceuticalization, the "psy" professions, biopolitics/necropolitics, racialization, and the privatization and commodification of health care.

The successful candidate will be expected to engage in outstanding, innovative, and, as appropriate, externally funded research at the highest level. Candidates must provide evidence of research excellence or promise of research excellence of a recognized international calibre as demonstrated in: a description of a research program; a record of publications (or forthcoming publications) with significant journals or publication venues in the field; presentations at major conferences; awards and accolades; and strong letters of reference.

The position will involve undergraduate teaching as well as graduate teaching and supervision, and the successful candidate must be suitable for prompt appointment to the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Evidence of excellence or promise of excellence in teaching will be provided through: a description of teaching interests; teaching accomplishments and pedagogical innovations including in high priority areas such as experiential education and technology enhanced learning; and strong letters of reference.

York is a leading international teaching and research university, and a driving force for positive change. Empowered by a welcoming and diverse community with a uniquely global perspective, we are preparing our students for their long-term careers and personal success. Together, we can make things right for our communities, our planet, and our future.

York University has a policy on [Accommodation in Employment for Persons with Disabilities](#) and is committed to working towards a barrier-free workplace and to expanding the accessibility of the workplace to persons with disabilities. Candidates who require accommodation during the selection process are invited to contact Mark Thomas, Chair, Department of Sociology, at [socchair@yorku.ca](mailto:socchair@yorku.ca).

York University is an Affirmative Action (AA) employer and strongly values diversity, including gender and sexual diversity, within its community. The AA Program, which applies to women, members of racialized groups, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities and those who self-identify as 2SLGBTQ+, can be found at [www.yorku.ca/acadjobs](http://www.yorku.ca/acadjobs) or by calling the AA line at 416-736-5713. Applicants wishing to self-identify as part of York University's Affirmative Action program can do so by downloading, completing and submitting [this voluntary self-identification form](#).

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens, permanent residents and Indigenous peoples in Canada will be given priority. No application will be considered without a completed mandatory [Work Status Declaration](#) form.

Applications should include the following materials: (1) a detailed cover letter that describes your research program and teaching interests (maximum 1000 words); (2) an up-to-date curriculum vitae; (3) a recent writing sample (maximum 12,000 words); (4) three confidential letters of reference; (5) the Affirmative Action Self-Identification form; and (6) the Work Status Declaration form. Applications should be uploaded to <https://apply.laps.yorku.ca> beginning on September 23, 2022.

The deadline for receipt of completed applications is **December 2, 2022**.

Questions may be directed to Professor Mark Thomas, Chair, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies. Email: [socchair@yorku.ca](mailto:socchair@yorku.ca) (Subject line: Position in Environment-Health).