

## Tenure-Track Position in Language Variation and Change in English Department of English Language and Literature

**Date Posted:** October 6, 2023  
**Posting Deadline:** Posted until January 12, 2024  
**Department:** English Language and Literature  
**Type of Employment:** Permanent, Full-Time  
**Group Affiliation:** SMUFU, Rank of Assistant Professor

The Department of English at Saint Mary's University, on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people, invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor in the field of Language Variation and Change in English. The successful candidate will be appointed to the Department of English Language and Literature, with a cross-appointment to the Program in Linguistics. It is expected that the successful candidate will establish a rigorous research program in the field and contribute an appropriate level of service to the department, faculty, university, and community, especially as they relate to our current curriculum in the English Major, Honours, and Minor program, as well as the Program in Linguistics.

### Job Information and Responsibilities:

Saint Mary's University, which serves approximately 7000 undergraduate and graduate students, is uniquely committed to serving the local, regional, national, and international communities. The Faculty of Arts is particularly interested in scholars with creative approaches to undergraduate and graduate education whose teaching in the Department can also contribute to its interdisciplinary programs. Applicants are encouraged to consult the Web pages of the English Department, the Linguistics Program, and the Faculty of Arts to determine how, as potential hires, they might enrich our intellectual community: <https://www.smu.ca/english/index.html>, <https://www.smu.ca/linguistics/> and <https://www.smu.ca/arts/index.html>. Salary, benefits, and other conditions of employment are governed by the Collective Agreement between Saint Mary's University and the Saint Mary's University Faculty Union, which can be found here: <https://www.smu.ca/webfiles/SMUFUCASeptember12022toAugust312025-DraftNewAgreement-April2420232.pdf>

### Experience and Education Requirements:

The successful candidate will hold a Ph.D. or be near completion/defense date and have a demonstrated record of teaching effectiveness.

### Application Details:

Applicants should send their application in one merged file to the following email address: [English@smu.ca](mailto:English@smu.ca), cc'd to the Chair of the Department, [Tatjana.Takseva@SMU.ca](mailto:Tatjana.Takseva@SMU.ca). The application should be labelled as 'Language Variation and Change in English, Application' in the subject line.

Applications should contain a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, a teaching dossier, including evidence of teaching effectiveness, a sample of recent scholarly writing, graduate school transcripts, and names and contact information of three referees.

**The closing date for applications is January 12, 2024.** We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted. No telephone calls please.

At Saint Mary's University equity and diversity are integral to excellence and enrich our community. As an institution committed to fostering an environment of inclusion and respect, we especially welcome applications from women, Indigenous peoples, racialized persons/visible minorities, persons with disabilities, persons of minority sexual orientation or gender identity and others who might contribute to the growth and enrichment of our community. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, preference will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. If you require accommodations during the recruitment process, please contact Human Resources at [hr@smu.ca](mailto:hr@smu.ca)

### About Saint Mary's University:

Saint Mary's University is one of Canada's top primary undergraduate universities—known for its international collaborations, leadership in entrepreneurship, and research that benefits local and global communities. Our programs in Arts, Science, Graduate Studies, and the Sobey School of Business are among Canada's best and feature professors who are committed to the success of their students. Saint Mary's provides our 7,000 students with a place that fosters equal possibility, excellent research opportunities, and distinguished graduate and professional programs combined with a caring, vibrant community. Nestled in the heart of Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Canada's East Coast, Saint Mary's University is marked by iconic buildings, green spaces, and fresh ocean air. The Saint Mary's University community is committed to a prosperous future for the world—a world without limits.

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