

Monday Memo

Department of Psychology
University of Calgary
May 15th, 2023



Happy Spring!



Spring semester is in full bloom, much like these tulips.

Upcoming Events

Computational Neuroscience Hackathon

Host: Hotchkiss Brain Institute

When: May 18th, 2023

Where: Rooms 1504 & 1506, University of Calgary

Who: Undergraduate Students and Graduate Students

Join us for an intensive 10 hour hackathon in computational neuroscience! Participants will compete in teams of one to three to produce self-contained research projects in just one day. Projects must fall under the broad remit of computational neuroscience. Teams will work alone in a social setting, with experts circulating to help them with any issues related to project definition, the research process, coding, and/or interpretation of findings. Prizes will be awarded to the best projects.

To register, please visit: <https://compneurohackathon.com/>

The Social, Personality, and Social Development (SPSD) Psychology Research Group Weekly Meeting

Host: SPSPD

When: Every Monday 3-4:30 PM

Where: AD247 (online option available see below for Zoom link)

Who: Everyone is welcome!

The Social, Personality, and Social Development (SPSD) Psychology Research Group gathers every Monday from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm in AD247 (with virtual option available). We discuss and learn about research being conducted by faculty, students, and affiliates of the University of Calgary.

This Monday, May 8th we have the pleasure of welcoming graduate student Ceilidh McConnell, supervised by Dr. Deinera Exner-Cortens, who will share a project that she is collaborating on with many researchers at the University of Calgary. The title of this presentation is “Co-Creating an Innovative Tool for Youth Suicide Prevention: Using Virtual Humans to Teach Adults How to Talk to Autistic Non-binary Youth About Suicide”. Ceilidh will present this research on behalf of Dr. Liz Baker, Dr. Carly McMorris, Dr. Deinera Exner-Cortens, and the VIRTUE working group.

We are very excited continue offering hybrid meetings, if you are planning on attending in person, we look forward to seeing you in AD247. If you would like to join on Zoom, the meeting information is:

Meeting ID: 975 4355 0996

Passcode: 777809

Psychology Department Spring Social Event

Host: Katheen Hughes

When: Monday, May 22nd, 1pm-4pm

Where: Kathleen's House

Who: All department members

Congratulations to Drs. Kathleen Hughes, Brandy Callahan, and Adam Murry on receiving tenure and promotion to the Associate ranks in Teaching and Research! To celebrate, departmental colleagues, students, family, and friends are invited to an afternoon celebration on the May long weekend. Partners and children are invited. Refreshments will be served. **Please RSVP by Friday, May 19th** by emailing psycsealab@gmail.com to receive address information.

Volunteer & Job Opportunities

Knowledge Translation and Evaluation Coordinator

The Canadian ADHD Resource Alliance (CADDRA) is looking for a Knowledge Translation and Evaluation Coordinator on Charity Village. Please see the job ad here: <https://charityvillage.com/jobs/knowledge-translation-evaluation-coordinator-remote-in-anywhere/>

Registered Provisional Psychologist – Calgary
Employer: Calgary Career Counselling and Synthesis Psychology
Job Type: Hourly Employee with Potential for Full-Time
Location: In-Person and Remote
Application Close Date: June 2nd, 2023
Position Start Date: August / September 2023

What You Should Know About Us:

Calgary Career Counselling (soon to be Canada Career Counselling in June) and Synthesis Psychology are partnered practices, working jointly from our offices in Calgary. The primary work of the successful candidate will be career counselling (an in-depth, explorative process with clients ages 16 to 65+ making career decisions and transitions). However, we also provide personal counselling for issues including anxiety, depression, self-esteem, etc., so the ability to support clients in these areas is important.

At Calgary Career Counselling, our mission is to support people in enhancing their career-related fulfillment and success. With work being such a significant part of people's lives, we want to ensure our clients have the psychological support they require for any career related concerns and opportunities. We have helped thousands of people to determine and develop their ideal careers, make career transitions, and resolve career-related challenges.

Our core team of Career Counsellors are educated at the Master's or Ph.D. level in psychology. We bring expertise and think strategically, creatively, and practically about career challenges and opportunities. We do this in a warm, empathetic, and confidential manner and our culture is welcoming, collaborative, and fun. We are passionate about helping each client make real, positive changes in their lives and tailor our approach to suit their unique needs. We believe career and life are closely tied and, while our clients approach us for support with career-related concerns, they often speak with us about other aspects of their lives, such as personal and mental health concerns. We take pride in being able to help our clients thrive in all their work and personal roles.

Joining our team means being part of an established practice that started in 2009 and now has offices from coast to coast, with whom we collaborate frequently. We are focused on continuing to develop our team of counsellors and are committed to growing the best offerings and services we can in the career development space across Canada.

We are serving our clients both in-person and virtually at our offices located in the heart of Calgary, currently in Kensington. As of May 30th, we will be moving to a bright office on the west side of downtown, with views of the Bow River and a block from the river walking trails.

What We Would Like to See from You:

Using your strong counselling skills, you will provide clients with career development and transition support, impacting both their personal and professional wellbeing. As this is a counselling position, your role will involve supporting clients as they develop their career identity and focus on their career and life path, rather than helping clients find/gain employment.

Delivering high quality support to clients through counselling sessions and psychological assessments is incredibly rewarding, as you witness your clients grow through professional momentum and personal fulfillment. There is great diversity in our client group, as each individual comes with a unique background. We work with clients aged 16-65+, with most of our clients already in the workforce (from entry level roles to professionals, executives, and entrepreneurs), but feeling stuck, unfulfilled, or uncertain about their careers. Your counselling will address both their career related and personal concerns.

Hours for this role will start as Part-Time, roughly 20 – 25 hours per week, with the goal of building to 30 – 40 hours per week, as your case load grows. A minimum of 60% of your working hours are client sessions, with the remaining hours comprised of inquiry calls, case/file management, consultations, meetings, and project work.

The Ideal Candidate Will:

Hold a Master's or Ph.D. in Counselling Psychology or another Psychology discipline

Have experience in and a passion for career counselling

Have experience and interest in providing personal counselling for issues related to career, such as stress management, confidence issues, career and life transitions, job loss, interpersonal struggles, and workplace bullying

Be qualified and interested in (but not limited to) providing counselling to our Synthesis Psychology clients for issues including anxiety, depression, self-esteem, etc.

Training on psychometric assessments is an asset.

Be comfortable and efficient with using technologies for booking clients, team meetings, etc.

Have strong verbal communication and active listening skills

Be friendly and collaborative with others in the office

Have excellent organizational and time management skills

Have strong attention to detail

Be conscientious, finish tasks, and respect deadlines

Be accepting of feedback, open to new ideas and processes

Tasks and Responsibilities Include:

Handling phone and web inquiries, providing interested individuals with information about our services and processes, signing on new clients whenever possible and appropriate

Meeting with clients for a series of counselling sessions, supporting them through an individualized career counselling process and with related issues e.g. stress, anxiety, etc.

Reviewing psychological career and life assessments and debriefing results with clients

Following up with clients and helping them to stay engaged in the counselling process through regular communication

Actively participating in supervisory meetings, case consultations as well as regular staff meetings

Writing blog articles and other marketing pieces, as needed

Potentially facilitating career/life related presentations and workshops

Minimum Qualifications:

Currently or eligible to become a Registered Provisional Psychologist with the College of Alberta Psychologists

Available to work 20 – 25 hrs/week to start, including evening and weekend shifts, with the potential to work additional hours as case load grows

Excellent English communication skills, spoken and written

Relevant career counselling/coaching training, and experience

Supervision will be provided for career and personal counselling issues and approaches that our supervisors have as areas of competency. If our supervisors are not able to provide supervision for a specific therapeutic issue or modality, the Registered Provisional Psychologist will need to obtain external, CAP approved supervision.

Application Submissions:

Please email your Resume and Cover Letter to Aneta at aneta@calgarycareer counselling.com. In your cover letter please include why you are interested in working with Calgary Career Counselling and Synthesis Psychology, in a private practice setting, including your interest working with a specialization in career counselling and any relevant experience.

Two Limited Term Appointments, Assistant Professors – Department of Psychology, Saint Mary's University

Date Posted: May 2, 2023

Posting Deadline: Until filled

Department: Faculty of Science, Department of Psychology

Type of Employment: 8+1-month Limited Term Appointment, Full-time

Group Affiliation: SMUFU

At Saint Mary's University, you will be surrounded by a talented and dedicated team of professionals committed to accessibility, diversity, and the provision of a positive and supportive learning environment. We recognize the importance of the contribution and growth of each individual in the University's success. We are currently looking to fill two Limited Term Appointments of Assistant Professor to join our Department of Psychology team, commencing August 4, 2023 (8-month teaching contract with a 4-week paid preparatory period).

The successful applicant will join a 22-member Department. The Department has an applied focus with major and honours curriculum (B.Sc. and B.A.), a M.Sc. in Applied Psychology (Industrial/Organizational Psychology stream and Forensic Psychology stream), a Ph.D. program in Industrial/Organizational Psychology, and a certificate program in Human Resource Management. Department members also participate in the CN Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, the Science Faculty's M.Sc. in Applied Science program, and the interdisciplinary Master of Applied Health Services Research program. For additional information about the University and the Department, please see our website at: <https://www.smu.ca/psychology/index.html>.

Job Information and Responsibilities

Under the direction of the Dean of Science, the Assistant Professor will:

- Contribute to teaching in areas such as Forensic/Clinical Psychology and Industrial/Organization Psychology.
- Be expected to teach three courses per semester.
- Be expected to be physically present in Nova Scotia.
- Along with meeting their teaching responsibilities, the successful candidate will be expected to collaborate with other department colleagues and contribute to the Department's programs.

Note: Candidates should present evidence, commensurate with experience, of their teaching ability, a letter outlining the courses they are interested in teaching (course descriptions are available here: <https://smu.ca/academics/psychology-courses.html>), and evidence of their scholarly productivity.

Experience and Education Requirements

To be the successful Assistant Professor you will have:

- A Ph.D. in Psychology or be near completion of the degree.

Application Details

Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, a teaching dossier, and the names as well as email addresses of three referees (the search committee will solicit letters directly from referees, as required) to:

Chair of Search Committee, Department of Psychology, Saint Mary's University, 923 Robie Street, Halifax, NS, CANADA B3H 3C3. Telephone: (902) 491-8605. Fax: (902) 496-8287.

Email: psych.sessionalappointment@smu.ca.

Review of applications will begin May 22, 2023, and will continue until the position is filled.

We appreciate all applications and note that only candidates selected for an interview 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 encourage all qualified candidates to apply; however, preference will be given to applicants who self-identify as Black/African Nova Scotians, Indigenous peoples, racialized persons/visible minorities, persons with disabilities and women. If you require accommodations during the recruitment process, please contact psych.sessionalappointment@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 possibility, excellent research opportunities, and distinguished graduate and professional programs combined with a caring 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.

Learn more about working at Saint Mary's University here and follow us on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!

Thank you for supporting the Monday Memo!
We'll see you again in September.