Assistant Professor of Comparative Theology, with expertise in Christianity and Buddhism

Boston College (Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, USA)

Application deadline: September 15, 2023

Comparative Theology

Comparative theology involves theological engagement with other religious traditions as a means of deepening, broadening, and enriching the understanding of one’s own tradition. At Boston College, comparative theology is conducted with or from the Christian tradition. Comparative theologians teach:

- core courses bringing Christianity into dialogue with other religions,
- undergraduate electives focusing on a particular religion,
- specialized graduate courses and seminars in Comparative Theology

Position Description

The Boston College Theology Department announces a full-time tenure-track faculty opening in Comparative Theology, with expertise in Christianity and Buddhism, at the rank of assistant professor. Doctoral training in one of these two religions, as well as expert knowledge (including relevant linguistic competence) of the other religion is required. Responsibilities include teaching undergraduate core courses on Buddhism in dialogue with Christianity, as well as more specialized undergraduate and graduate courses. Applicants should have a record of scholarship in their field and a commitment to excellence in teaching at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.

This position is an appointment within the Theology Department and the successful candidate will participate fully in the academic life of the Department. The faculty member will teach two courses each semester (which by agreement with the Department Chair may include Theology Core courses, graduate seminars, or undergraduate electives) and advise graduate and undergraduate students. The tenure and promotion process will proceed through the Theology Department.

This appointment will begin in July 2024, with teaching duties beginning mid-August 2024.
Position Qualifications
Completion of PhD required by August 31, 2024.

Application Instructions

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Equal Employment Opportunity Statement
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