OPENING

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN GREEK PATRISTICS

The Faculty of Theology of the University of St. Michael’s College invites applications for a tenure-stream appointment at the level of Assistant Professor in Greek Patristics to begin July 1, 2024. The successful applicant will become part of the newly federated Regis St. Michael’s Faculty of Theology within the Toronto School of Theology (in the University of Toronto). This position will also be held in conjunction with the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, a research and teaching unit located in the Faculty.

The successful candidate will be able to teach the history and theology of Early Christianity (first millennium CE) in and around the Mediterranean and the Middle East for the Faculty’s basic degree programs (especially the MDiv and MTS, plus the Diploma and Certificate in Eastern Christian Studies). The research focus will be Greek theological sources of the patristic and Byzantine periods. Secondary expertise in other Eastern languages of Early Christianity (such as Syriac, Coptic) and their theologies is an asset. The successful candidate will also be able to teach introductory courses in early Christian history (1st millennium), as well as in contemporary Eastern Christian theology, ethics, spirituality or liturgy.

Applicants must have a PhD in theological studies (or an equivalent degree), with a specialization in Greek patristics, by the start date of the contract. Applicants must have a demonstrated research agenda with a record of peer-reviewed publication. University-level teaching experience is preferred, with demonstrated evidence of excellence in teaching. Applicants should speak explicitly to how they can support the mission and the program areas of the Sheptytsky Institute, as well as the Regis St. Michael’s Faculty of Theology. The ability to engage in the formation of students for ministry in the Eastern Catholic Churches is preferred.

St. Michael’s is a Roman Catholic Faculty of Theology in the Toronto School of Theology, an ecumenical consortium of seven theological schools affiliated with the University of Toronto. The Faculty is committed to theological teaching and research that is interdisciplinary, ecumenical and sensitive to multi-faith and multicultural contexts. We seek to form students for service in Church and society through faithful and rigorous scholarship grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. The Sheptytsky Institute expands the Faculty’s teaching and research programs to include Eastern Christian theological traditions. The Institute is a centre of higher learning, research, ecumenical understanding and prayer which is committed to educating both men and women – laity, religious and
clergy – in Eastern Christian Studies. The successful candidate will be employed by the University of St. Michael’s, but will also join the new federation of the Regis St. Michael’s Faculty of Theology.

For more details about the Faculty of Theology and the Sheptytsky Institute, see https://www.rsmtheology.utoronto.ca and https://sheptytskyinstitute.ca. Details about the University of St Michael’s College can be found at http://stmikes.utoronto.ca and details about the Toronto School of Theology are at http://www.tst.edu.

Interested candidates must include the following in their applications:

- A cover letter describing their qualifications for the position and current and future research interests.
- A current curriculum vitae.
- One recent published sample of academic writing and research.
- A brief statement of teaching philosophy.
- A brief statement outlining commitments or contributions to equity, diversity and inclusion.
- The names and contact information of three (3) referees.

Applications can be sent via email to: Chair, Search Committee for Greek Patristics, Regis St. Michael’s Faculty of Theology: rsm.dean@utoronto.ca.

The review of applications will begin on December 6, 2023.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Only those considered for an interview will be contacted.

The University of St. Michael’s College is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons/persons of colour, women, Indigenous/Aboriginal people of North America, persons with disabilities, LBGTQ persons, people who take a religiously informed view of human experience, and others who may contribute to further diversification of ideas. If you require accessibility accommodation, please contact the Human Resources Officer at 416-926-7118 or hr.stmikes@utoronto.ca.