The Department of English invites applications for a scholar, at the level of associate or full professor, whose work connects literary studies and the digital humanities to critical diversity.

The College’s initiative—Critical Diversity in a Digital Age—will facilitate research programs, develop new curricula, and seek external funding for scholarship at the intersections of digital theory and practice with issues of social justice and human difference, including race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, class, and religion. Within the Department of English, this position will foreground literature’s singular ability to shape and critique ideas about our common humanity through the study of history, identity, belief, narrative, and other socially embedded imaginative forms.

The Department of English seeks a colleague committed to critical diversity and whose work bridges literary studies and the digital humanities in innovative, field-defining ways. The successful candidate will work with CEDAR which, with its focus on critical diversity, will distinguish MSU’s intellectual contributions to the digital humanities. Our new colleague will find faculty in the Department of English who foreground scholarly and pedagogical interest in critical diversity across many subfields, including literature, film studies, creative writing, popular culture, and English education. Our Department also features cross-field areas of study, such as black literature, film, and culture; empire and globalization studies; feminisms, genders, and sexualities; film, visual culture, and digital media; modern, contemporary, and emergent; and neuro-literary studies.

We look forward to welcoming a scholar and teacher who will complement our strengths and help develop new directions, particularly in our literary studies program. This is an academic-year, tenure-system faculty appointment to begin August 16, 2017 at the earliest. Applicants are expected to hold a Ph.D. in English or in a related digital humanities field or discipline.

Review of applications will begin March 1, 2017, and will continue until the position is filled. Applications must be submitted electronically to the Michigan State University Human Resources website jobs.msu.edu (Post #4872). Applications should include a letter expressing interest in this position and describing qualifications and experience, a current curriculum vitae, a sample of work (link or document) in the literary digital humanities with a focus on critical diversity, and the names and email addresses of 3 potential referees.

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