



## LECTURER

### THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LITERARY STUDIES (ELS) IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CENTRE FOR AFRICAN STUDIES (CAS) FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

The Department of English Literary Studies (ELS) in collaboration with the Centre of African Studies (CAS) at the University of Cape Town has an opening for a position at Lecturer level. This will be a joint post linking these two parts of the Humanities Faculty and fostering inter-disciplinary collaboration, with a focus on African literary studies and its intellectual histories. Teaching, administration, supervision and research will be equally split between ELS and CAS.

We invite applications for appointment to this full-time, permanent position, with a starting date as soon as possible.

The Department of English Literary Studies is home to a wide range of creative and critical engagements in literary and cultural studies. Our curriculum centralises South African and African literatures while remaining in constant dialogue with global intellectual traditions, with emphasis on literary and epistemological interventions from the global South. We also seek to strengthen our thriving research culture and to continue to build a profile as a leading centre of South African, African, and diasporic literary and cultural studies.

The Centre for African Studies, which forms part of the department of African Studies and Linguistics (ASL), has been formative to the debates on curriculum transformation and the project of deracializing and decolonizing the university in Africa: by problematizing the study of Africa, and by offering new courses and curricula that are available across disciplines and faculties. The Centre now has strengths in citizenship and political violence, African intellectual traditions, land and agrarian studies, critical heritage studies, and in the literary and visual aspects of the study of Africa. CAS seeks to build on this strength in literary and aesthetic studies, and to appoint a scholar who can provide intellectual leadership, teaching and supervision in these areas.

For this position, we seek applicants with research and teaching expertise that will help ELS and CAS to deepen their historical and geographical reach through a focus on literatures and archives from a range of centres of cultural production within the African continent, and in that way expand their competencies in contemporary literary studies. We seek candidates whose scholarship engages with current debates relating to migration, diaspora and transnationalism across a range of contexts. We particularly seek to attract candidates with research and teaching expertise beyond the South African literary system.

To view and apply for this position, please visit the UCT Jobs site [View](#) (For Internal Applicants) and [View](#) (For external Applicants) to create a profile and to submit your application.

**Closing date:** 13 December 2024

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