Bemidji State University
invites applications for the position of:

Assistant Professor of English

IFO POSTING

OPENING DATE: November 25, 2019
CLOSING DATE: Tuesday, January 21, 2020
APPOINTMENT DATE: August 18, 2020

SALARY: Depends on Qualifications

JOB TYPE: Full-Time Probationary

RESPONSIBILITIES:

• The applicant would be expected to teach courses that would include, but are not limited to, undergraduate and graduate courses in creative writing, first and second year college writing and other courses in the applicant’s secondary fields of interest.
• Contribute to a program of scholarship within the discipline, student advising, service to the University and community, and other associated faculty duties.
• The applicant would be expected to contribute to interdisciplinary teaching and involvement in activities that support Bemidji State University’s signature themes: Environmental stewardship, Civic engagement, Global/Multicultural understanding.
• The successful applicant will be expected to contribute to a collegial and supportive environment that advances the goals of the department, including curriculum development, assessment, and other departmental governance activities.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: (To facilitate proper crediting, please ensure that your application / resume clearly demonstrate fulfillment of the following minimum qualifications.)

• Earned MFA or PhD in creative writing poetry or closely related field from a regionally accredited institution at the start of employment.
• Record of significant poetry publication.
• Experience teaching English at the college level.
• Demonstrated commitment to quality teaching is required.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

• Secondary interest and/or experience in creative nonfiction or publishing.
• Experience or interest in teaching copyediting and/or proofreading.
• Skills/ability to design and deliver online courses with Desire To Learn (D2L) software.
• The applicant should demonstrate a knowledge of and interest in diverse cultures and populations.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

• All applicants must be able to lawfully accept employment in the United States at the time of an offer of employment.
• Official transcript(s) must be provided to Human Resources upon hire.
• Employment for this position is covered by the collective bargaining agreement for the Inter Faculty Organization (IFO) which can be found at https://static1.squarespace.com/static/59304e9ad2b85773b3fbdf63/t/5b7cd24540ec9a4b7343b637/153490695966/2017-2019+IFOMinnState+Contract+FINAL.pdf
• In accordance with the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MinnState) Vehicle Fleet Safety Program, faculty and staff driving on college/university business, who use a rental or state vehicle, shall be required to complete a vehicle Use Agreement form and conform to MinnState's vehicle use criteria and consent to a motor vehicle records check.
• BSU and NTC are tobacco free workplaces (see policy)

APPLY ONLINE: https://bemidjistate.peopleadmin.com/

A complete application must include the following:
• Cover letter, which addresses the required qualifications and your specific interest in working at Bemidji State University
• Resume/Curriculum Vitae
• Unofficial transcript(s) of undergraduate and graduate coursework
• Three (3) letters of recommendation submitted to Search Advisory Committee Chair Dr. Gary Rees; see Dr. Rees’s email and campus address below.

Inquiries:
Dr. Gary Rees, Search Committee Chair
Assistant Professor of English
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For emails, use subject line “Creative Writing Poetry Position”

If you have general questions about this posting or submitting an application, contact Teresa Hanson at teresa.hanson@bemidjistate.edu

UNIVERSITY / COMMUNITY
WHY BEMIDJI:

Bemidji State University is nestled among the pines along the shores of Lake Bemidji, just blocks from a thriving downtown community. In this Northwoods setting, students, staff, and faculty have a variety of activities at their fingertips. Possessing all the charm and character of a college town, Bemidji remains a tight-knit community of good neighbors and engaged citizens who always come out to cheer for the Beavers. While the city of Bemidji — named after the Ojibwe Chief Shaynowishkung (nicknamed Bemidji) — is home to a diverse population of more than 15,000 people, it serves a regional population of more than 100,000.

Located between three American Indian reservations – Leech Lake, Red Lake and White Earth, students at Bemidji State University have the opportunity to experience a dynamic local culture and history. Bemidji also
sits at the center of the legends of Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox. The famous statues of Paul and Babe greet students as they drive in from the south along Lake Bemidji.

Though quaint and historic, the city offers the urban conveniences upon which college students rely. Bemidji State is conveniently located minutes away from affordable restaurants, cozy coffee shops, grocery stores, city parks and more. Small, locally owned shops and art sculptures line the streets of downtown Bemidji, while national chains can be found in and around the Bemidji area, including an uptown selection of department stores and restaurants.

The thriving downtown community presents ample opportunities for engagement off-campus. Among other things, there are fine-dining restaurants, cafes, and a natural foods co-op in downtown Bemidji. The historic Paul Bunyan Playhouse has a calendar of classic shows; restaurants and lounges offer weekly live music performances; the First Friday Art Walk provides a tour of new monthly art exhibits; and annual events such as the Loop the Lake Festival, the Dragon Boat Festival, the Blue Ox Marathon, Bemidji Winterfest, and The Minnesota Finlandia bring the community together.

For those who love the outdoors, there are wooded, multi-use trail systems within minutes of campus and community parks with walking trails, playgrounds and a skate park. Lake Bemidji State Park and its miles of navigable trails is located directly across the lake from BSU, and the Buena Vista Ski Area — just 12 miles north of campus — offers downhill skiing and BSU-sponsored student transportation in the winter months. Further, the Mississippi River Headwaters is a mere 45 minutes from Bemidji.

For further information, visit our website at: http://www.bemidjistate.edu

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