Assistant Professor of Philosophy

OPENING DATE: May 10, 2021

CLOSING DATE: Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Initial review of applications will begin on Wednesday, June 2nd, so applications should be submitted by that time for guaranteed consideration.

APPOINTMENT DATE: August 17, 2021

SALARY: Depends on Qualifications

JOB TYPE: Full-time Fixed-Term (One Year)

BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY (BSU) invites qualified applicants to join our team as an Assistant Professor of Philosophy. BSU’s vision is to educate people to lead inspired lives. To accomplish BSU’s vision, the University prioritizes creating a culture in which diversity is embraced and all people are safe, welcome, and validated. BSU also prioritizes increasing engagement with Indigenous communities to become a destination university.

BSU is located amid the lakes and forests of northern Minnesota and occupies a wooded campus along the shore of Lake Bemidji. BSU balances rigorous academia with the opportunity to enjoy a fun, robust, outdoor culture. The proximity to the lake and the surrounding north woods allows easy access to an assortment of recreation. Major campus facilities are connected by all-season underground passages for safe and warm travel during the cold, winter months.

Enrolling around 5,000 students, BSU offers more than 70 undergraduate majors and eight graduate degrees encompassing arts, sciences and select professional programs. BSU is a member of the Minnesota State system of colleges and universities and has a faculty and staff of more than 550. BSU’s Shared Fundamental Values include civic engagement and leadership, international and multicultural understanding, belief in the power of the liberal arts, and environmental stewardship.

Responsibilities of the Assistant Professor of Philosophy include:

- Teaching Philosophy courses including PHIL 2220 Ethics, one in-person and one online section, PHIL 2330 Philosophy of Non-Violence, and PHIL 3310 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy in the Fall semester of 2021, and PHIL 2220 Ethics, PHIL 3380 Political Philosophy, and two additional courses from the Philosophy course listing in consultation with the program faculty in the Spring semester of 2022.
- Contributing to a program of scholarship within the discipline and other associated faculty duties.
- Designing and delivering courses for on-campus and online delivery, as needed.
- Supporting students’ academic progress.

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• Contributing to interdisciplinary teaching and involvement in activities that support BSU’s Shared Fundamental Values.

Minimum qualifications for this position include:
• Earned doctorate in Philosophy.
• Demonstrated commitment to quality teaching is required.
• The ability to teach the above listed courses and broad competence in the History of Philosophy.

Preferred qualifications include:
• The ability to approach philosophical topics from standpoints other than the Western philosophical canon, particularly indigenous thought.
• Competence in issues of race and gender.
• Demonstrated experience working with and/or interest working with students and colleagues from multicultural and diverse backgrounds.

To facilitate proper crediting, please ensure that your application and/or resume clearly demonstrate fulfillment of these minimum and preferred qualifications.

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://www.ifo.org/.
• 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).

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A complete application will include the following attachments:
• Cover letter, which addresses the required qualifications and your specific interest in working at Bemidji State University.
• Resume/Curriculum Vitae.

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