Objects surround us. They fill in our environments and are integrated into our everyday lives. But just as objects hold an important place in social life, we commonly take for granted their power to shape and influence our thoughts and behaviours. In sociology, we tend to concentrate on the lives of people, and the importance of meanings, connections, thoughts and beliefs. Many areas in sociology treat objects as by-products of social relationships, under-theorizing their importance in understanding social life. This course asks instead, what can objects do? How do they shape the way we think and act? How do we take objects seriously as a subject in sociology? This course explores a variety of different theoretical and empirical approaches to the study of objects and materiality.

Estimated Enrollment: 15 students

Tutorials: No

Estimated TA Support: None

Class Schedule: Fridays, 12-2

Dates of Appointment: January 1, 2020 – April 30, 2020*

*Please note: This position includes the completion of any course work and grading not completed by April 30, 2020.

Salary: $8,219.16 (includes vacation pay)

Academic Qualifications: MA in Sociology or related field required, with evidence of good progress in PhD program. Strong academic record in area required. Superior undergraduate teaching at the university level directly related to the area is strongly preferred.

Description of Duties:
The course instructor is responsible for the preparation of the course syllabus and the preparation and presentation of course material. It is the duty of the course instructor to attend regularly scheduled office hours. The course instructor is responsible for supervising the work of TAs assigned to this course, for preparing and evaluating course assignments, term tests, and the final examination, and submitting final marks in accordance with university deadlines.

Application: All individuals interested in this position must submit a cover letter and Curriculum Vitae; following the closing date of the posting, selected applicants may be asked for further information or documents. Please list all courses you have previously taught in the Department of Sociology, St. George Campus, University of Toronto. Specify the course code (e.g., SOC100H1) and course title (e.g., Introduction to Sociology) for each course. E-mail your application package to:

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Closing Date: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 2, 2019

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