SOC412H1S - Medicalization of Deviance

This course examines the sociological implications associated with the growing dominance of psychiatry over designating and managing the margins of ‘normality’ and ‘deviance.’ It covers the evolution of the DSM and rise of deinstitutionalization, the importance of stigma and symbolic interactionist understandings of psychiatric diagnoses, and the methods of social control used to mitigate risk and reduce social deviance within the psychiatric and criminal justice systems. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the social implications of mental health labels.

Estimated Enrollment: 15 students

Tutorials: No

Estimated TA Support: None

Class Schedule: Mondays, 4-6 – synchronously – see below.

Dates of Appointment: January 1, 2021 – April 30, 2021*

*Please note: This position includes the completion of any course work and grading not completed by April 30, 2021.

Salary: $8,219 (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: This course will be taught synchronously online. This means the course is taught live through Zoom, MS Teams, BB Collaborate, etc., during its assigned timeslot, but there are no in-person teaching. 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. Thursday, October 15, 2020

This job is posted in accordance with the CUPE 3902 Unit 1 Collective Agreement. The position posted above is tentative, pending final course determinations and enrolments. The Department’s hiring Policy is available in the Department office and at the CUPE, Local 3902 office. In accordance with the Employment Equity Policy, the University of Toronto encourages applications from qualified women and men, members of visible minorities, aboriginal peoples, and persons with disabilities. As a reminder, subsequent appointment obligations may be filled on any of the three campuses.