**Law and Society:** **Socio-legal Studies and Climate Change, Department of Social Science, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, York University**

The Department of Social Science, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, York University invites highly qualified candidates for a professorial stream tenure-track appointment in the **Law and Society Program in Socio-legal Studies and Climate Change** at the Assistant Professor level, to commence July 1, 2023.

The Law and Society Program at York has a long tradition of critical interdisciplinarity in research and teaching. We approach the study of law and law-like institutions as situated social and cultural practices. We recognize that our program is strengthened by the diversity of our communities, our students and our faculty, and we seek applications from scholars engaged in research in and with communities who will further develop this diversity in intellectual traditions, approaches and research. Visit the websites of the [Law and Society Program](http://laso.sosc.laps.yorku.ca/) and its associated graduate program, [Socio-Legal Studies](http://slst.gradstudies.yorku.ca/), to learn more.

**Candidate Qualifications:**

* **Degree**: PhD in Socio-Legal Studies or a related field is required in hand by July 1, 2023.
* **Research/Scholarly Expertise:**
	+ Applicants will be engaged in sustained research in socio-legal studies and climate change, sustainable communities, environmental justice and/or conservation. Candidates will further develop this area of expertise in our program through innovative, theoretically, methodologically and/or experientially informed approaches. Geographical areas of research are open, but preference will be given to candidates whose program of research includes Canada.
	+ Within the broad substantive areas noted above, we are especially interested in scholars undertaking research more specifically in one or more of the following areas: decolonization of research and legal knowledge; law, social justice, activism, and climate change; environmental degradation, environmental racism, conservation, and/or climate justice; land rights and Indigenous resistance; and community-based research in the areas of climate change and justice.
	+ Engaged in outstanding, innovative, and, as appropriate, externally funded research. a~~t the highest level~~.
	+ Research excellence or promise thereof, as evidenced in: the cover letter; a record of publications (or forthcoming publications); artistic/creative works; conference presentations; engaged scholarship and knowledge mobilization initiatives; community advocacy and/or community research outcomes; awards and accolades; and strong letters of reference.
* **Teaching:**
	+ The successful candidate will be expected to teach interdisciplinary courses in their area of specialization, core courses in the Law and Society Program and to contribute to curricular development to enhance the program’s offerings.
	+ Experience with teaching large lecture-style classes will be considered an asset.
	+ Strength in high priority areas such as experiential education and technology enhanced learning will be considered an asset.
	+ Teaching excellence or promise thereof, as evident in: the teaching dossier, including institutional evaluations where available; teaching accomplishments and pedagogical innovations; and strong letters of reference.
* **Additional:**
	+ The successful candidate is expected to provide evidence of service contributions or potential to contribute to collegial service.
	+ The successful candidate will be suitable for prompt appointment to the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

**Hiring Policies:**

* Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.
* All York University positions are subject to budgetary approval.
* All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens, permanent residents, and Indigenous peoples in Canada will be given priority.
* York University has a policy on [Accommodation in Employment for Persons with Disabilities](http://secretariat-policies.info.yorku.ca/policies/accommodation-in-employment-for-persons-with-disabilities/) and is committed to working towards a barrier-free workplace and to expanding the accessibility of the workplace to persons with disabilities. Candidates who require accommodation during the selection process are invited to contact Amanda Glasbeek, Chair of the Department of Social Science at chrsosc@yorku.ca (Subject line: Position in Law and Society: Socio-legal Studies and Climate Change).
* York University is an Affirmative Action (AA) employer and strongly values diversity, including gender and sexual diversity, within its community. The AA Program, which applies to women, members of racialized groups, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and those who self-identify as 2SLGBTQ+, can be found at [www.yorku.ca/acadjobs](http://www.yorku.ca/acadjobs) or by calling the AA line at 416-736-5713. Applicants wishing to self-identify as part of York University’s Affirmative Action program can do so by downloading, completing, and submitting [this voluntary self-identification form](http://acadjobs.info.yorku.ca/affirmative-action/self-identification-form).

**Application Components:**

* Due date for completed applications: **January 31, 2023**.
* Required components: 1) cover letter; 2) current CV; 3) a teaching dossier, including teaching evaluations where available; 4) a sample of writing no more than 35 pages; 5) contact information for three letters of reference. Letters of reference will be request from long-listed applicants.
* Candidates must also download, complete, and submit a [Work Status Declaration form](https://acadjobs.info.yorku.ca/affirmative-action/work-authorization-form/). This is a mandatory form and no application will be considered without it.
* **Submit materials:** Applications may be uploaded to [https://apply.laps.yorku.ca](https://apply.laps.yorku.ca/) beginning on November 29, 2022. Questions may be directed to Professor Amanda Glasbeek, Chair, Department of Social Science, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies at chrsosc@yorku.ca (Subject line: Position in Law and Society: Socio-legal Studies and Climate Change).

**University Context:**

* York University acknowledges its presence on the traditional territory of many Indigenous Nations. The area known as Tkaronto has been care taken by the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Huron-Wendat, and the Métis. It is now home to many Indigenous Peoples. We acknowledge the current treaty holders, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. This territory is subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to peaceably share and care for the Great Lakes region. York University supports Indigenous research and education through its Indigenous Framework for York University, the Centre for Aboriginal Student Services, the York Aboriginal Council, and Skennen'kó:wa Gamig, or the House of Great Peace, a space for Indigenous faculty, staff, and students. York is committed to fostering understanding of, respect for and connections with Indigenous communities; and the University is working to support the recruitment and success of Indigenous undergraduate and graduate students, the integration of Indigenous cultures, approaches and perspectives into curricular offerings and research, collaboration with indigenous communities, and recruitment and retention of Indigenous faculty and staff.
* York supports Indigenous research and education through its [Indigenous Framework for York University](https://indigenous.yorku.ca/framework/), the [Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Languages](https://www.yorku.ca/research/cikl/) and the Indigenous Council. It is also invested in [Advancing Black Research & Scholarship](https://www.yorku.ca/research/advancing-black-research-scholarship-at-york/), and recently announced the recipients of the inaugural [York Black Research Seed Fund](https://yfile.news.yorku.ca/2022/09/06/york-announces-inaugural-recipients-of-new-research-fund-backing-black-scholars/) awards.
* York is a leading international teaching and research university, and a driving force for positive change. Empowered by a welcoming and diverse community with a uniquely global perspective, we are preparing our students for their long-term careers and personal success. Together, we can make things right for our communities, our planet, and our future.
* York is located in Toronto, Canada’s largest city and one of the world’s most diverse. In 2022, Forbes named Toronto one of the [Ten Best Cities to Live](https://www.forbes.com/sites/duncanmadden/2022/08/04/ranked-the-ten-best-cities-to-live-in-around-the-world/?sh=79b71c326571). York is accessible from Toronto by subway.