



OTTERBEIN
UNIVERSITY
School of Arts & Sciences

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY
Assistant Professor of Religion
(Tenure-track)

QUALIFICATIONS: the ideal candidate will have a Ph.D. in a relevant field of study by the start of appointment and specializes in either Buddhism or Hinduism. A demonstrated excellence in teaching, scholarship, and a commitment to a broad-based liberal arts education are required.

WHEN: August 2019.

RESPONSIBILITIES: In addition to teaching undergraduate courses in their area of expertise, the successful candidate will teach introduction to religion, and contribute to our general education program, Integrative Studies. Opportunities exist for developing new courses in the major, and in interdisciplinary programs. The teaching load is seven 3-credit courses, distributed over two semesters. There is a one-course reduction for each of the first two years in exchange for participation in a faculty mentoring program.

DEPARTMENT: The department is composed of four full-time and two part-time faculty. A degree in religion prepares students to apply for professional ministerial study at the seminary level or graduate study in religion and/or theology, as well as in a variety of humanities disciplines. A degree in philosophy prepares students go on to graduate or professional schools, usually in law, medicine or business. It also is a good background for many careers, including teaching, nursing, art, communication, psychology and music. Students may also choose to pursue a double major or minor.

OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY: Otterbein University is a small private university nationally-recognized for its intentional blending of liberal arts and professional studies through its renowned Integrative Studies curriculum and its commitments to experiential learning and community engagement. Otterbein's commitment to opportunity started with its founding in 1847 as one of the nation's first universities to welcome women and persons of color to its community of teachers and learners. Otterbein remains committed to its relationship with the United Methodist Church and its spirit of inclusion, and to extending its legacy of recruiting a heterogeneous faculty, student body, and staff; to fostering a climate that doesn't just accommodate differences, but engages with them; and to providing rich opportunities for learning from those differences. Otterbein is a recipient of the 2015 Carnegie Community Service Classification; a finalist for the 2014 President's Award for Economic Opportunity Community Service; and has been honored With Distinction by the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll since the list's inception in 2006. It stands in its category's top 10 percent in U.S. News & World Report's guide to "America's Best Colleges." Otterbein's student population includes 2,400 undergraduate and 500 graduate students. The University offers more than 70 undergraduate majors; seven master's programs; and a doctorate in nursing practice (DNP). In addition, Otterbein is home to The Point — a science,

technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) innovation center — which is a one-of-a-kind resource that combines academics with the business and manufacturing needs of our community.

WHERE: Otterbein University is located in Westerville, Ohio, a suburb of Columbus that has been ranked the fifth friendliest town in America by Forbes and Nextdoor.com in 2012 and 15th on Money Magazine's 2009 list of Best Places to Live. Westerville has a population of approximately 36,000 people and combines the beauty and convenience of a medium-sized community with the cultural, educational, and economic benefits of Columbus, the state capital; a thriving and diverse metropolitan area of 1.4 million people. Central Ohio is the fastest growing area in the state with stability provided by a diversified economy. To learn more about Otterbein, visit www.otterbein.edu.

APPLICATION: Send cover letter, curriculum vitae, writing sample, three letters of reference, teaching portfolio (including a teaching statement, areas of teaching interest, syllabi and teaching evaluations), and a diversity statement in which, in no more than one single-spaced page, addresses the following two questions: How do you incorporate diversity into your classrooms? How do notions or values of diversity, equity and inclusion influence you as a teacher or scholar? Send application materials to: Dr. Paul Eisenstein, Dean, School of Arts and Sciences, Otterbein University, 1 South Grove Street, Westerville, OH USA 43081. Email submissions: academicjobs@otterbein.edu. E-mail submission preferred. Applications should be submitted by November 9, 2018. Skype interviews will be conducted in early December. Visit us at www.otterbein.edu/artsandsciences to learn more about the School of Arts and Sciences. Finalists for the position will be asked to submit an official transcript for their highest degree earned. Otterbein University is an EEO Employer.

Otterbein University is committed to providing a welcoming environment free from unlawful discrimination. To this end, the University prohibits any form of discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, sex, gender, pregnancy, religion, creed, marital status, partnership status, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, disability, military status, or any other legally protected status in its programs and activities. However, the University's commitment to a nondiscriminatory environment is not intended to abridge unduly its commitment to academic freedom, free speech, or its educational mission. Inquiries or complaints regarding any form of discrimination or harassment may be directed to:

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