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## Department of Language & Literacy Education

Faculty of Education

### **Digital Literacies, Languages and Cultures, Tenure-Track Associate Professor or Professor**

The Department of Language and Literacy Education (LLED), located in the Faculty of Education at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver (Point Grey), invites applications for a **Tenure-Track Associate Professor or Professor in Digital Literacies, Languages and Cultures**. This position will build on the Faculty of Education and UBC's leadership in fields such as data visualization, network literacies, knowledge literacies, language technologies, learning analytics, and online education. The position is expected to commence July 1, 2018.

The Department is seeking a scholar with a proven track record of excellence in Digital Literacies, Languages and Cultures, and a successful history of generating peer-reviewed funding and leading interdisciplinary groups. Applicants for this position should hold a Ph.D. degree in a relevant field. Leadership capabilities for directing a research cluster and for potential leadership of the Digital Literacy Centre would be of value. The successful applicant's research and teaching interests and expertise may include but are not limited to: the application, development, and critical analysis of digital technologies and media in education; the impact of digitalization on literacies, language use and acquisition in learning processes; digital game studies, play, and creativity; game-based learning; immersive virtual environments; internet cultures; digital narratology and rhetoric; data visualization, mining, and big data; surveillance, copyright and IP; and Open Access / Source, digital publishing, and search engines.

We anticipate that the successful candidate will collaborate on funded research, publication, and teaching in the broad and interdisciplinary area of Digital Literacies, Languages and Cultures, as well as add research expertise to LLED and the Bachelor of Education and Master of Educational Technology (MET) programs. The successful candidate will help recruit high-caliber graduate students who are seeking expertise regarding the interdisciplinary focus on digital literacies, languages, cultures, and learning in education. Beyond the Department, there are collaborative possibilities, including with the Media and Graphics Interdisciplinary Centre (MAGIC) and the Virtual and Augmented Reality Working Group. This position is open to an outstanding researcher who provides international leadership in their field of study through proven teaching expertise and a research program within a digital cultures research community. The successful candidate will bring a fresh dimension to the study of digital languages, literacies, and cultures.

We seek applicants who will contribute to equal opportunity at the University of British Columbia. We will particularly welcome candidates who place gender, race and ethnicity, diasporic concerns, underrepresented populations, or social inequalities at the center of their research and teaching interests in Digital Literacies, Languages and Cultures as these pertain to groups historically underrepresented in higher education.

The successful candidate is expected to (a) teach both advanced and introductory classes in undergraduate and graduate programs coordinated by the Department, including courses in the teacher education program; (b) supervise graduate students enrolled in the Department's programs, and contribute grant support to doctoral student trainees; (c) be engaged in sustained and productive scholarly activity, (d) contribute to the scholarly community and service work of the Department, the



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Faculty of Education, and the University community; and (e) participate in outreach within the broader educational community.

The Department of Language and Literacy Education (LLED, [www.lled.educ.ubc.ca](http://www.lled.educ.ubc.ca)) is a vibrant, multidisciplinary group of outstanding researchers committed to excellence in scholarship, teaching, community engagement, and professional leadership. Our research and teaching are responsive to Canada's multicultural, multilingual contexts and the changing global and transnational influences on languages, literacies and cultures. Department members engage in research collaborations with educational communities at the local, national, and international levels to advance theoretical understandings, practical knowledge, and the study of the teaching and learning of language, literacy, literature and culture in their broadest sense. A major emphasis of the Department is on issues of equity and justice in a range of educational contexts and across a range of cultures. The department contributes to the Faculty's Teacher Education Program and Master of Educational Technology and offers Master's and Ph.D. programs in Literacy Education, Teaching English as a Second Language, and Modern Language Education.

The University of British Columbia is in beautiful Vancouver, a multicultural, multilingual city ranked as one of the world's best places to live. The University is recognized internationally as a leading research institution and, recently, was ranked as #1 in Canada in the QS World Rankings. The Faculty of Education shares this commitment to research excellence and provides a comprehensive set of programmatic offerings at the baccalaureate, magisterial and doctoral levels. Academic units include the Department of Language and Literacy Education, the Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology and Special Education, the Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy, the Department of Educational Studies, and the School of Kinesiology. The Faculty is a leader in Indigenous Education and offers additional cross-Faculty initiatives in early childhood education, educational technology and interdisciplinary studies. For further details about the Faculty and its research, please visit [www.educ.ubc.ca](http://www.educ.ubc.ca).

Applicants should send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, a statement of their research interests and teaching/mentoring experience, 2-3 samples of recently published work that are most relevant to their research programs, and evidence of teaching effectiveness, as well as names and contact details of three references. **All applications must be submitted electronically, in the format of a single, bookmarked PDF file, to Brittany Bella, Assistant to the Department Head, at [lled-posting.educ@ubc.ca](mailto:lled-posting.educ@ubc.ca).**

Review of applications will begin on **April 3, 2018**, and will continue until the position is filled. Due to the number of applications we receive, we are not able to confirm receipt of submissions over the phone or by mail/email, nor can we provide the status of applications except to those who are shortlisted for an interview.

Questions regarding the position should be directed to Dr. Anthony Paré, Professor, Search Committee Chair, LLED ([anthony.pare@ubc.ca](mailto:anthony.pare@ubc.ca)).



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*Equity and diversity are essential to academic excellence. An open and diverse community fosters the inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, marital or family status, age, and/or status as a First Nation, Metis, Inuit, or Indigenous person.*

*All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.*