



UNIVERSITY
of York

Lecturer in Medieval History c. 800—c.1200

Department of History

Closing date: 13 March 2017

Interview date: 24 April 2017

Vacancy reference: 5524





INTRODUCTION

The University of York is one of the finest institutions in Europe for the advanced study of History, combining groundbreaking research with teaching programmes of incredible chronological breadth and geographic and thematic scope. The Department of History is one of the largest in the UK, with a present complement of over 45 academic staff, over 900 single-subject or combined -honours undergraduate students, and a graduate school of nearly 150 students on various postgraduate programmes.

In December 2014, the Department was ranked second for the quality, significance and impact of its research in the Research Excellence Framework (REF), the most authoritative assessment of research quality in the UK. The department was placed 10th in the [2017 Complete University Guide](#) and in the top 50 of the QS World University rankings. The current Head of Department is Professor Lawrence Black, who can be contacted at lawrence.black@york.ac.uk

The Department seeks to appoint a Lecturer in Medieval History (c.800 - c.1200) with a preference for European history, including the British Isles. The appointment will commence September 2017. You should have a PhD in a field of Medieval History relevant to the post, and ideally hold an appropriate teaching qualification. You will have an

emerging publication record in a relevant field with proven experience of taking responsibility for teaching and learning at undergraduate, and preferably, postgraduate level.

The Department is committed to equality and diversity and strives to ensure the working and learning environment is welcoming, fair, and inclusive for staff and students alike - somewhere everyone can fulfil their potential. This is reflected in staff and student recruitment, in departmental posts, career development, and promotion. The Department is currently working towards an [Athena Swan award](#).

The Department of History is open to considering applications for flexible working.

JOB DESCRIPTION

At a glance

Salary	Grade 7 scale / Starting at £38,183 a year
Hours of work	Full-time, 37 hours a week
Contract type	Open contract
Based at	Heslington Campus West

Main purpose of the role

- To develop research objectives, projects and proposals and carry out individual or collaborative research projects
- To lead on and/or contribute to the production of research outputs and research outcomes.
- To design, develop and deliver teaching across a wide range of modules and/or within a particular programme or subject area
- To undertake effectively a range of administrative and managerial responsibilities

Key responsibilities

Research and Scholarship

- To develop and promote the research activities of the department by developing a personal research plan independently and/or in collaboration with others as part of a larger research team
- To plan, manage and undertake research activities in accordance with a specific project plan, and to manage and guide the work of staff and research students on own specialist area
- To develop innovative research proposals, identify and obtaining external sources of funding
- To publish original research in appropriate journals or other relevant media as appropriate and attend international conferences for the purpose of disseminating research results or for personal development

Teaching and Promotion of Learning

- To develop innovative teaching materials, techniques and module design and take responsibility for the quality of the provision
- To plan, deliver and critically review a range of teaching and assessment activities
- To undertake academic supervision of students (including research students) and act as a research supervisor within own specialist subject area'.
- To set and mark practical sessions, supervisions, fieldwork and examinations and provide constructive feedback to students
- To identify areas where current teaching provision is in need of revision or improvement and propose and implement improvements
- To design and/or teach modules which are both intellectually challenging and attractive to students at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. This includes teaching existing modules (particularly in the first year of the post) as well as designing new modules.

Further information about the undergraduate teaching programmes is [here](#)

Further information about the MA in Medieval History can be found [here](#)

You will also be involved in teaching in the Centre for Medieval Studies, which offers the MA in Medieval Studies, a programme of study that is delivered in conjunction with other departments such as English and Archaeology. Further information is available [here](#)

The post holder will also contribute seminars, workshops and lectures to skills courses, lead discussion groups and advise both undergraduate and postgraduate students on their dissertations for taught courses.

Management and Administration

- To undertake the duties of a Module Convenor or Module Tutor and be responsible for the development and management of departmental teaching modules
- To contribute to the recruitment and selection of research and teaching staff
- To contribute to the administration and management of the department

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- To advise, supervise and give guidance to other departmental staff as appropriate
- To develop and build internal and external contacts

PERSON SPECIFICATION

	Essential/ Desirable
Qualifications	
PhD in a field of Medieval History relevant to the post	Essential
Appropriate academic professional and teaching qualifications or a willingness to complete the Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice	Essential
Knowledge	
Specialist knowledge in subject area	Essential
Knowledge of a range of research techniques and methodologies	Essential
Knowledge of a range of teaching techniques to enthuse and engage students	Essential
Advanced and specialist IT knowledge	Desirable
Has research expertise in an area that will complement and enhance the department's research strategy and goals	Essential
Skills, abilities and competencies	
Ability to develop research objectives, projects and proposals	Essential
Well-developed analytical skills	Essential
Highly developed oral and written communication skills, including ability to write and/or contribute to publications and/or to disseminate research findings using other appropriate media	Essential
Ability to deliver presentations at conferences or exhibit work at other appropriate events internally and externally	Essential
Ability to extend, transform, and apply knowledge from scholarship	Essential
Ability to design teaching material and deliver either across a range of modules or within a subject area	Essential
Ability to supervise the work of others, for example in research teams or projects or as an MA/ PhD or postdoctoral supervisor	Essential
Excellent IT skills	Essential

PERSON SPECIFICATION

	Essential/ Desirable
Experience	
Proven ability to contribute to high quality research which is publicly evidenced	Essential
Experience of taking responsibility for teaching and learning at undergraduate and ideally postgraduate level	Essential
Evidence of successful course planning, design and delivery across a range of modules, with exemplification of teaching materials	Essential
Evidence of dissemination of research findings which may include: the presentation of papers at conferences and workshops; participation in public engagement events to disseminate research; the publishing of chapters in text books; the publishing of papers; articles or reviews in academic journals or elsewhere; the construction of websites	Essential
Personal attributes	
Show attention to detail and commitment to high quality	Essential
Display creativity, initiative and judgement in applying appropriate approaches to teaching, learning support and scholarly activities	Essential
Positive attitude to colleagues and students	Essential
Willingness to work proactively with colleagues in other work areas/institutions	Essential
Ability to plan and prioritise own work in order to meet deadlines	Essential
Show commitment to the department/university outside of their chosen field, for example undertaking management and administration duties	Essential
Collaborative ethos	Essential
Commitment to personal development and updating of knowledge and skills	Essential



THE DEPARTMENT

The Department has an international reputation for research and teaching over a chronological span from Late Antiquity to the Twentieth-First Century. Its strengths are organized into nine research clusters: Medieval, Early Modern, Eighteenth Century, Modern Europe, Asia & Middle East, Religion, Public History, Science, Technology, Environment & Medicine, and the Americas. The Department's PhD programme is one of the largest and best-funded in the UK with around 70 PhD students currently registered.

The Department has a strong commitment to interdisciplinarity. Members of the Department are leading participants in the University's interdisciplinary Centres: for Medieval Studies (CMS), for Renaissance and Early Modern Studies (CREMS), Eighteenth-Century Studies (CECS), Women's Studies (CWS), for Modern Studies (CMODS) and Historical Economics and Related Research (CHERRY). Most of these centres offer interdisciplinary MA and PhD programmes. The Department's commitment to interdisciplinarity is further evidenced in the wide range of undergraduate combined programmes, the MA in Contemporary History and International Politics as well as individual modules at the undergraduate and postgraduate level.

Candidates may be particularly interested in participating in the Centre for Medieval Studies which is one of the world's leading centres for postgraduate study and research into the Middle Ages. Combining the disciplines of Medieval Art and Architecture, Medieval Archaeology, Medieval Literature and Medieval History and drawing on unrivalled resources available in the medieval city of York, the Centre offers an

interdisciplinary Medieval Studies experience and a unique MA in Medieval Studies. The Centre is based at the King's Manor. Further details are available [here](#)

Within the Department of History itself there are also research centres, including the Centre for the Study of Christianity and Culture, the Institute for the Public Understanding of the Past (IPUP) where the MA in Public History is based; and the Centre for Global Health Histories (CGHH), which is at the forefront of the Department's research in medical humanities, collaborates with the WHO and offers an MA in Medical Humanities and History.

The University provides systematic and sustained support to the development of research facilities and resources for the Humanities. The Raymond Burton Library, a purpose-built facility within the University Library, houses a series of important research collections and supports an extensive collection of on-line electronic research resources. The Borthwick Institute for Archives, adjoining the University Library, is a major public record office with particularly strong holdings on the social, economic and religious history of northern England and other more diverse collections, including medical history; many staff make active use of these archival resources in their teaching. The new Humanities Research Centre, which provides first-class facilities for research projects, PhD students, conferences and seminars, was opened in autumn 2009, with a strong representation from the History department.

Further information about the department is available at:
<http://www.york.ac.uk/history/>



THE UNIVERSITY

Founded on principles of excellence, equality and opportunity for all, the University of York opened in 1963 with just 230 students. In 2016 it is the centre for almost 16,000 students across more than 30 academic departments and research centres. In over 50 years we have become one of the world's leading universities and a member of the prestigious Russell Group.

The University has consistently been recognised as one of the leading Higher Education Institutes and is one of just six post-war universities which appear in the world top 100 (2013-14) and 15th in the Times & Sunday Times league table (2016). The University of York has won six Times Higher Education (THE) Awards and five Queen's Anniversary Prizes.

We are proud of our association with Athena SWAN, holding ten awards in support of women in science, with gold awards for Chemistry and Biology as well as a University-wide bronze award.

Of 154 universities that took part in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) in 2014, The University of York ranked 14th overall and 10th on the impact of our research. The University is consistently in the top ten UK research universities and attracts over £60m a year of funding from research alone.

Our vision is to make the University of York a world leader in the creation of knowledge through fundamental and applied research, the sharing of knowledge by teaching students from varied backgrounds and the application of knowledge for the health, prosperity and well-being of people and society.



THE UNIVERSITY

Attractive workplace

Centred around the picturesque village of Heslington on the edge of the city of York, our colleges are set in an attractive landscaped campus. With a compact and easy to get around design, York enjoys a safe, friendly atmosphere. The campus offers a wealth of facilities, which includes bars, shops, theatres and concert halls all within easy walking distance.

The University has undergone an unprecedented period of expansion and renewal. Since 2000 we have invested in twenty new buildings on the original campus and have completed the first and second phases of a £750m campus expansion. Our investment in new colleges, teaching and learning space, laboratories, research facilities and a new sports village mean there has never been a better time to join us.

During this period of change we've worked hard to retain our friendly, informal and collegiate atmosphere, which is important to our core values of inclusivity and interdisciplinarity.

We have a thriving international community and are committed to providing all staff moving to York with as much support as possible through our [Relocation Package](#) and [Welcome Officers](#).

The University aims to offer a nurturing and supportive environment as an employer. Flexible working hours, nursery facilities, childcare vouchers, cycle to work scheme, generous holidays and an attractive pension scheme all make the University of York one of the region's leading employers.

For further information please visit [Rewards Extra](#)



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What will I need?

You will need to upload:

- your CV
- a letter describing how you meet the requirements of the job

You will also need details of 3 referees.

Help and assistance

Direct any informal queries to:
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