Gamification & Gaming Cultures

The School of Communication at Simon Fraser University invites applications from outstanding candidates for a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor in the area of digital gaming in relation to theories and methodologies in the field of communication. Specific areas may include, but are not limited to: eSports and streaming, gamification, culture and identity, indie developers, ethics, serious/persuasive games, Indigenous design and development, Indigenous digital storytelling, current and emerging technologies (e.g. mobile, social media, big data, AR/VR, blockchain). We welcome approaches that include but are not limited to feminist and queer studies, critical race, media archaeology, political economy, comparative/global cultural production. We are searching for candidates who address these or other issues using qualitative, quantitative, computational, digital methods or a combination of approaches.

Situated in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology, the School of Communication is a national and global leader in the discipline. The School is a dynamic site of research and teaching with a strategic focus on digital media and communication. Our critical tradition to the study of communication includes approaches such as media and culture, technology studies, global communication, culture industries and policy, history of communication, and applied media production, among others. The successful candidate will build on the School’s history of critical engagement while developing new directions in research and teaching to reflect contemporary and emergent issues of digital media and communication. We seek an innovative colleague who will challenge traditional distinctions between critical analysis and applied approaches.

Candidates are expected to have a completed Ph.D. (or Ph.D. near completion) in Communication or a cognate discipline with a record of teaching experience and excellence, a clear potential to contribute to the School’s research culture, and an emerging publication record appropriate to the position. The successful candidate will be expected to teach and supervise students at all undergraduate and graduate levels and to work with partners inside and outside the University.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. However, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. Simon Fraser University is committed to employment equity and welcomes applications from all qualified women and men, including visible minorities, persons of aboriginal heritage, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ-identified persons.
Candidates should submit a single pdf including a cover letter (with indication of citizenship and/or residency status), a curriculum vitae, and a teaching dossier (including examples of applied pedagogy), and a sample of published work, or work prepared for publication, if applicable. In addition, please provide the names of three references and their email contact information. Please send applications directly to Brenda Baldwin, Director's Assistant, at bebaldwi@sfu.ca, addressed to:

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Review of applications will begin on January 10, 2019 and will continue until the position is filled. Applications submitted by this date will be given priority.

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