

Post-Doctoral Researcher

Department:	English and Creative Writing
Grade/ Salary:	Grade 7, Spine Point 32
Contract Type:	Fixed Term, December 2024 to June 2026
Hours:	35 per week (Full time)
Location:	New Cross, London

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Goldsmiths, University of London is a world-leading centre of educational excellence where ground-breaking research meets innovative teaching and thinking. We're looking for inspiring and talented people to help build on our global reputation while also growing personally in a true learning organisation.

As a college we are working to tackle inequality in all its forms and are working to promote equality on grounds of race, disability, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion and belief, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, and caring responsibilities. We are keen to attract candidates from diverse backgrounds who share our commitment to creating an inclusive culture in which all students and staff can thrive.

Information for candidates with disabilities can be found on our [Disability & Individual needs](#) page. We are happy to supply information in alternative formats for applicants if required. Please contact hr-recruitment@gold.ac.uk to make your request.



Department of English and Creative Writing

Goldsmiths' Department of English and Creative Writing is one of the most established and long-running creative writing centres in UK Higher Education, and many of our graduates are now leading writers and editors in their field.

Our location on the doorstep of central London means that you will have easy access to one of the most diverse, historic, and dynamic literary centres in the world. We're regularly visited by literary guest speakers, and our students have recently enjoyed events with Ali Smith, George Saunders, Bernadine Evaristo, Nikesh Shukla, Michael Rosen, Eimear McBride and Howard Jacobson. Our forward-thinking approach to the fields of creative writing and literary studies is supported by our hosting and running of the Goldsmiths Prize, awarded annually to work that pushes the boundaries of the novel.

The Post

You will join a team working on an AHRC-funded project, 'Sharing Lands: Reconciliation, Recognition, & Reciprocity'.

Responsible to: Principal and Co-Investigators

Summary

We are looking to work with an experienced versatile and proactive researcher with expertise in Native American and Indigenous Studies, and experience of considering Native contexts. She/he will have familiarity with Indigenous epistemologies, cosmologies, and histories, and will engage with wider methodologies of the 'Sharing Lands' project. Investigating the beliefs, traditions, and politics of Indigeneity, they will disseminate research via a series of blog posts and journal articles. Under the supervision of the Principal and Co-Investigators, they will conduct a standalone investigative project focussing on "Indigenous Migrations and Mobilities" and ensure that objectives and deadlines are met from initial planning stages through to the delivery and publication of results. Examples of relevant research questions include: 1. How might we better understand the famine aid sent to Ireland by the Choctaw in the 1840s through a consideration of Choctawan lifeways and traditions, specifically the concept of *ima* (giving), and how might that effect non-Indigenous interpretations of the act as a form of charity, solidarity, relationality, and political activism?; 2. How has language loss affected the relationship between expression, landscape and memory in the Choctaw, Irish and international contexts, and how might this have relevance for

countless communities?; and 3. What significance might the Choctaw/Irish relationship have for researchers and publics engaged with pressing questions surrounding food sustainability, ecological consciousness, and social justice?

Your responsibilities will include taking a key role in the above research project, including:

- assist the Principal and Co-Investigators with the curation and management of the project webpage,
- conduct interviews alongside the P-I and Co-I in the UK,
- disseminate research via a series of blog posts, journal articles and conference presentations,
- carry out a standalone investigative project focussing on “Indigenous Migrations and Mobilities.”

Furthermore:

- You will be required to undertake any other duties as may reasonably be required.
- Ensure that you are aware of and aligned with Goldsmiths’ Regulations, Strategy, and Objectives to work together to proactively advance Equality and Diversity.
- At all times to help maintain a safe working environment by participating in training as necessary and following the Goldsmiths’ Health and Safety Codes of Practice and Policy.

Included amongst professional development opportunities will be:

- consolidation of existing research skills;
- training in peer-to-peer interview methods;
- training in archival research;
- development of networks, as well as engagement with the organisation of academic workshops, symposia, and field research;
- direct involvement with the research culture, community, and events at Goldsmiths.

Person Specification

Detailed below are the types of qualifications, experience, skills, and knowledge which are required of the post holder. Selection will be made upon evidence of best fit with these criteria.

The Essential criteria sections show the minimum essential requirements for the post, therefore if you cannot demonstrate in your application, you meet the essential criteria categorised below, you will not be invited to interview.

The Desirable criteria sections show additional attributes which would enable the applicant to perform the role more effectively with little or no training.

The Category column indicates the method of assessment:

A = Application form **C = Certificate**
I = Interview **R = Reference**
T = Test **P = Presentation**

	Essential	Desirable	Category
Qualifications			
PhD in Native American Studies or Indigenous Studies (within the past 5 years);	√		A,R,C,I
Certificate in the Digital Humanities (or any relevant qualification in the Digital Humanities);		√	A,R,C,I
Experience			
At least one publication in a peer-reviewed journal;		√	A,R,I
At least two conference papers delivered;	√		A,R, I
Demonstrable experience in presentation of research findings in a clear and creative manner	√		A,R, I
Knowledge			
Knowledge of Indigenous Literatures and Histories;	√		A,R,I
Experience of hosting conferences or events;	√		A,R,I
Experience of website hosting and maintenance;	√		A,R,I
Skills			
Excellent interpersonal skills;	√		A,R,I

Proven ability to communicate clearly, both in written and verbal form;	√		A,R,I
Excellent organisational skills and the ability to work to deadlines;	√		A,R,I
Additional attributes			
The ability to work both within a team as well as independently;	√		A,R,I

Please also note that where qualifications are required, employment is conditional on the verification of them. Qualifications (must be original documents) will be checked before the first day of appointment.

Informal enquiries can be made to Dr Padraig Kirwan (p.kirwan@gold.ac.uk)

Summary of Terms and Conditions

Salary and hours of work

Salary will be on **Grade 7 (Spine Point 32); £43,036** per annum all-inclusive of London Weighting Allowance, depending on qualifications and experience.

The normal hours of work will be between 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday. Your actual hours of work will be decided in consultation with your line manager.

Summary of Benefits

If you choose to work with us, you'll become part of a learning organisation that is committed to professional and personal development, with comprehensive and innovative staff development and wellbeing programmes.

You'll also have access to frequent lunchtime and evening talks, seminars and performances, and annual performance and development reviews.

Our other benefits include:

- Competitive salary
- Working in Zone 2, with fantastic transport links and interest free travel to work loans
- Excellent annual leave entitlement plus additional closure days at Christmas and Easter

- Membership of USS or LPFA pension scheme, dependent upon grade
- Maternity, paternity, shared parental leave and adoption leave and pay
- Contractual sick pay provision
- Access to an Employee Assistance Programme, offering 24/7/365 confidential and free advice, support, and information service on a range of personal, family, or work-related matters.
- Free eye tests
- Cycle to work scheme
- Wellbeing initiatives including the Chaplaincy and Staff Choir
- On-site [dining facilities](#)
- Access to University of London facilities such as [Senate House Library](#)

Further information

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