

Lecturer in History (Military)

Department:	History
Grade/ Salary:	Grade 7, £40,987 - £45,668 (inc LW)
Contract Type:	Temporary, Teaching and Scholarship, 1 November 2024 to 30 June 2025
Hours:	0.4 FTE
Location:	New Cross, London

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Department of History

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Job description

Reporting to: Head of History

Summary:

To provide teaching and research in the field of Military History, with associated administrative duties.

Main duties:

- To teach an existing Year 3 special subject module *Life in the Trenches: Perspectives on British Military History, 1914-18*. The seminar is taught over 20 weeks through weekly two-hour seminars. Most students write a dissertation as part of the module. The module has been taught previously and therefore many sources used in the module are already available at Goldsmiths. The module description is as follows:
 - Memories of the First World War remain strong, more than a century after the war's start, through the influence of popular culture. Images of slaughter, mud and poor leadership dominate a public view which thinks of the lucky few who came back, even though fatality rates were around 12% of those who served. This module is focused on the day-to-day experiences of soldiers in the British army and the ways in which they have informed both ideas in academic debates and also popular memory of the war.

Battalion war diaries are the core sources, recording the detailed movements of battalions once they had finished training. These diaries will be used as one way of judging the accuracy of popular memory of 1914-18, which is so deeply rooted in popular culture. However, a wide range of other sources is used including historical artefacts, poetry, film and individual diaries.
- Other teaching in Military History as and when required, in line with the 0.4 FTE of the post.
- To develop scholarship in their own field.
- To undertake any other duties as may reasonably be required.

- To 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.

Closing date: Monday 7th October 2024

Interviews: w/c 14th October 2024

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 this 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

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.

For more information about the role, please contact Dr. Erica Wald (Deputy Head of History) e.wald@gold.ac.uk

	Category
Essential Criteria 1 - Qualifications	
A relevant first degree and PhD in History or other relevant discipline; or extensive comparable experience.	A, C, I
Essential Criteria 2 - Experience	
Evidence of a teaching and/or research experience in the areas to be taught.	A, R, P, I
Essential Criteria 3 - Knowledge	
Expertise in twentieth-century Military History, with a focus on the UK / British Empire.	A, P, I
Understanding of the importance of good relationships with students.	A, P, I
Essential Criteria 4 – Skills	
Ability to teaching twentieth-century Military History, with a focus on the UK / British Empire.	A, R, P, I
Excellent communication, consultative, and interpersonal liaison skills.	A, R, P, I
The ability to deliver stimulating lectures and teach participatory seminars.	A, R, P, I
The ability to deal sensitively with concerns and complaints raised by students and to deal sensitively with issues of cultural difference.	A, P, I
The ability to work as part of a team to achieve departmental or College goals.	A, R, P, I

September 2024

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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Thank you for your interest in working with us, we wish you all the best with your application.