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<b>Job Title</b>	Audrey and John Leslie Endowed Chair
<b>Department</b>	Department of English
<b>Institution</b>	Michigan State University East Lansing, Michigan
<b>Date Posted</b>	Nov. 21, 2022
<b>Application Deadline</b>	Open until filled
<b>Position Start Date</b>	August 2023
<b>Job Categories</b>	Assistant Professor Associate Professor Endowed/Distinguished Professor
<b>Academic Field(s)</b>	Native American Studies Literature - General Creative or Technical Writing
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**Job Description**

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**Audrey and John Leslie Endowed Chair**

Position Summary

The Department of English at MSU invites applications for the Audrey and John Leslie Endowed Chair in Literary Studies with a focus on Creative Writing and North American Indian and Indigenous Literary

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Studies. This tenure-stream position is open to Assistant or Associate Professors. The position requires either an MFA in creative writing or a PhD in creative writing, literature, American Indian or Native studies or an equivalent field. Salary is competitive, commensurate with rank and experience, and the position includes research and programming funds.

The position will begin August 16, 2023. The express purpose of the Audrey and John Leslie Endowment in Literary Studies is to promote the transformative potential of literature, and the English Department is particularly interested in candidates whose creative practice, scholarship, and/or editing highlights the political and cultural work that literature accomplishes. The Department seeks to craft a long-term vision for the study of Native literatures, languages, and cultures that promotes collaboration across units at the university--including the Departments Creative Writing Program, the American Indian and Indigenous Studies program, MSUs Indigenous Law Program and the Native American Institute--and with tribal communities.

The successful candidate will have a substantial record of creative production in North American Indian and Indigenous literatures and a history of working in or with tribal communities. We seek applicants who work within and across traditional genres and forms of storytelling, especially fiction and creative non-fiction. We seek applicants who can teach Introduction to Creative Writing, and advanced courses in prose (including fiction and non-fiction). The successful candidate will be appointed on an academic year basis and will engage in an active program of creative production, research, service, and teaching. The course load for tenure system faculty is two courses per semester and may include courses in the College of Arts & Letters Interdisciplinary Arts & Humanities general education program, and, potentially, in the Colleges interdisciplinary programs, including American Indian and Indigenous Studies (AIISP), digital humanities, and womens and gender studies.

#### Equal Employment Opportunity Statement

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, citizenship, age, disability or protected veteran status.

#### Required Degree

Doctorate

#### Minimum Requirements

MFA in Creative Writing or PhD in creative writing, literature, American Indian or Native studies or an

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#### Desired Qualifications

An established record of publication within (or across) the fields of North American Indian literatures, creative writing, and literary studies;

Experience in developing innovative and inclusive pedagogy;

A commitment to faculty collaboration and leadership in program building, disciplinary or interdisciplinary innovation, or community outreach;

Experience supporting students and faculty from a range of backgrounds and within American Indian communities.

#### Required Application Materials

a cover letter detailing qualifications and vision for the Leslie chair

current curriculum vitae

a writing sample of 25-30 pages

a 1-page summary of your philosophy of diversity, equity, and inclusion as it pertains their intellectual leadership in the areas of teaching/curriculum development, research/creative activities, service, outreach, advising, and/or administration. The statements should also include an explanation of related past or planned activities/endeavors as well as how the candidate will advance our goals of inclusive excellence

the names and email addresses of 3 potential referees

#### Together-we-will Statement

The university is requiring all MSU students, faculty and staff to be vaccinated against COVID-19 with limited exceptions. Learn more at: <https://msu.edu/together-we-will/>

#### Special Instructions

Review of applications will begin December 7th, 2022 and will continue until the position is filled. Applications must be submitted electronically to the Michigan State University Human Resources website (<https://careers.msu.edu/>). Posting #828595. For more information, contact Scott Michaelsen, Chair of the Search Committee at [smichael@msu.edu](mailto:smichael@msu.edu). Persons with disabilities have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodation.

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**Department Statement**

The College of Arts & Letters recognizes that only an academic and organizational culture, which actively seeks out and strengthens diverse voices and perspectives among its members results in true excellence. The College of Arts & Letters is particularly interested in candidates of all backgrounds who are committed to the principle that intellectual leadership is achieved through open access and proactive inclusion. Michigan State University occupies the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary Lands of the Anishinaabeg – Three Fires Confederacy of Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples, and, in particular, the University resides on Land ceded in the 1819 Treaty of Saginaw.

**MSU Statement**

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