



LOTI SMORGON CHAIR OF CONTEMPORARY JEWISH LIFE AND CULTURE

DEPARTMENT/UNIT	Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation, School of Philosophical, Historical and International Studies
FACULTY/DIVISION	Faculty of Arts
CLASSIFICATION	A competitive remuneration package will apply
WORK LOCATION	Caulfield campus

ORGANISATIONAL CONTEXT

Monash is full of thinkers and doers who are looking for their next challenge. So if you've forged a rewarding career so far, this role provides the perfect platform to join us. You'll have access to quality research facilities, infrastructure and teaching spaces to do exciting work, along with opportunities to collaborate internationally. You'll be part of a university that's made up of inspirational, challenging thinkers and doers – and continue doing work that makes a lasting impact. Discover more at www.monash.edu.

Monash Arts is one of the largest, most diverse and dynamic arts faculties in Australia, with particular strengths in the humanities, performing arts, languages and social sciences. We encourage the development of innovative studies that operate at the intersection of traditional academic disciplines. The Faculty delivers programs via seven schools and across six campuses, both in Australia and offshore, with courses ranging from undergraduate diplomas and degrees through to postgraduate coursework and research degrees. Monash Arts is justly proud of the research capacity of its staff, who work at the cutting edge in their fields and carry this expertise and enthusiasm into their teaching. To learn more about Monash Arts, please visit our website: <http://future.arts.monash.edu/>.

The **Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation (ACJC)** is a leading tertiary centre for Jewish studies <https://arts.monash.edu/acjc/>. The Centre offers minor sequences in Jewish studies and Holocaust and Genocide Studies. The minor in Jewish studies includes Modern Jewish history, Modern Israel, The Arab-Israel conflict, The Modern Middle East, War and peace: models of conflict resolution, and Post-conflict: justice, memory and reconciliation.

The Holocaust and Genocide Studies minor provides study sequences focused on knowledge about the Holocaust and other cases of genocide. Leading international scholars contribute each year to the program culminating in an annual international Aftermath conference. Students undertaking the minor in Holocaust and Genocide Studies are taught to consider the complex issues of genocidal violence, ideology, displaced persons and refugees, human rights, international law, ethics, cultural memory, and community regeneration. A key component of the program

is the Shoah Visual History Archive held by Monash University, a prime resource for student engagement and scholarly research. The ACJC is also a leader in overseas study units.

POSITION PURPOSE

The Loti Smorgon Chair is a teaching and research Professorship based in the Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation. The holder of the Loti Smorgon Chair will have expertise in a discipline relating to contemporary Jewish life and culture: relevant fields include, but are not restricted to, cultural studies, literature, anthropology, sociology, philosophy and religion. The incumbent will be responsible, in conjunction with the Director of the ACJC, for leading and coordinating research and teaching activities in the field of contemporary Jewish life and culture, and the Centre's innovative and expansive public program.

The incumbent is an outstanding academic who has excelled in research, undergraduate teaching and postgraduate supervision. The incumbent will be able to:

- Identify and act upon opportunities for advancing a range of subject offerings within contemporary Jewish life and culture
- Ensure effective interaction between the Centre's programs and other parts of the faculty and University, particularly in relation to cooperative teaching and research activities.

The position of Loti Smorgon Chair will be held for 5 years, and may be extended after a review for an additional 5 years at the discretion of the University. The position will be underpinned by a continuing appointment as Professor.

Reporting Line: The position reports to the Head, School of Philosophical, International and Historical Studies

Supervisory Responsibilities: Not applicable

Financial Delegation: Not applicable

Budget Responsibilities: Not applicable

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Specific duties required of the Loti Smorgon Chair of Contemporary Jewish Life and Culture, Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation include:

Capacity Building:

1. Provide personal leadership through world-class research performance as indicated by ongoing publication in the highest impact journals and academic presses, supervision of postgraduate students, and winning external research funding
2. Mentor the research performance of academic staff
3. Build on the strong research program of the Centre, which has to date attracted substantial external funding
4. Develop research proposals for submission to the Australian Research Council and other external sources of funding
5. Maintain and enhance the strong undergraduate teaching program of the Centre, through the development of curriculum and undergraduate teaching
6. Support the building and maintenance of positive relationships with key internal and external stakeholders, including ongoing development of strategies for facilitating new partnerships
7. Identify and build relationships with potential sources of philanthropic funding
8. Oversee the successful implementation of public programs and community engagement
9. Ensure activities and projects within the Centre are in accord with the Faculty and University's strategic vision

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

Education/Qualifications

1. The appointee will have:
 - A doctorate in any field of contemporary Jewish life and culture, or equivalent accreditation and standing, and recognised as a leading authority in the relevant discipline

Knowledge and Skills

2. Evidence of outstanding scholarly activity and publications of an international standard in any field of contemporary Jewish life and culture and a demonstrated ongoing commitment to one or more programs of research
3. Demonstrated ability to generate research income, including from both traditional and more innovative and entrepreneurial sources of funding
4. Record of successful supervision of postgraduate research students and the ability to make a significant contribution to the promotion of postgraduate research
5. Excellent record of undergraduate teaching, including curriculum and program design
6. Willingness and capacity to make a substantial contribution to all activities of the Centre and school, including administration, planning and teaching
7. An ability and willingness to mentor junior colleagues, researchers and grant applicants
8. Strong ability to build effective working relationships with a range of stakeholders both within the University and the broader community

OTHER JOB RELATED INFORMATION

- Travel to other campuses of the University may be required
- There may be a requirement to work additional hours from time to time
- There may be peak periods of work during which taking of leave may be restricted
- A current satisfactory Working With Children Check is required

LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Ensure you are aware of and adhere to legislation and University policy relevant to the duties undertaken, including: Equal Employment Opportunity, supporting equity and fairness; Occupational Health and Safety, supporting a safe workplace; Conflict of Interest (including Conflict of Interest in Research); Paid Outside Work; Privacy; Research Conduct; and Staff/Student Relationships.