

Sessional Instructor Posting for CUPE 4163 (Component 3) School of Environmental Studies

Course Title: ES 345 - Ocean History and Changing Human Relationships with the Sea (Also HSTR 386A)

Posting Date: April 2nd, 2026 **Closing Date:** April 20th, 2026

Course Description:

This course examines the evolving values that human societies have associated with the ocean across time, from early human interactions to contemporary perspectives on ocean sustainability. Students explore changing cultural meanings of the ocean, the origins of key sustainability debates, and issues of power, access, and exclusion from ocean spaces. The course integrates historical analysis, engagement with primary sources, student-led discussions, and reflective field-based learning

Position Summary:

The School of Environmental Studies invites applications for a sessional instructor to deliver *ES 345: Ocean History and Changing Human Relationships with the Sea* during the Fall 2026 or Spring 2027 term. The successful candidate will teach course lectures, facilitate structured discussion-based learning, and guide students through scaffolded assignments focused on primary source analysis, historical interpretation, and reflective engagement with human–ocean relationships.

Responsibilities:

- Deliver lectures and facilitate student-led discussion sessions in accordance with the approved course outline.
- Develop, administer, and assess course assignments and in-class examinations.
- Support student research projects involving historical primary sources and thematic analysis of ocean–society relationships.
- Coordinate experiential learning components, including a local field-based reflection activity where applicable.
- Maintain regular communication with students and provide academic guidance and feedback.

The ideal candidate will have:

- Academic expertise in environmental history, ocean history, marine conservation history, or a related field.
- Demonstrated teaching experience at the university level, including experience facilitating discussion-based or seminar-style learning.
- Experience working with historical or archival primary sources.
- Ability to engage interdisciplinary perspectives linking environmental history, sustainability, and human–environment relationships.

Employment Details:

The salary range for this appointment is \$1,700–\$2,078 per month, based on qualifications and experience, and in accordance with [CUPE Local 4163 \(Component 3\) Collective Agreement](#). Appointment is conditional on sufficient student enrollment and budgetary approval.

How to Apply:

Applicants are invited to submit a CV and cover letter detailing their qualifications and suitability for the position, to **Sarah Theophilus, Administrative Officer**, at stheo@uvic.ca.

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