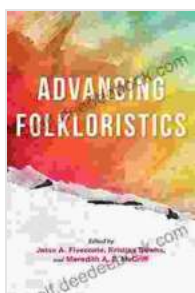


Advancing Folkloristics: Conversations with Jesse Fivecoate

Dr. Jesse Fivecoate is an Associate Professor of Folklore at Memorial University of Newfoundland. His research interests include oral tradition, cultural heritage, intangible cultural heritage, community-based research, and public engagement. He is the author of the book *The Folklore of Everyday Life: Conversations with Jesse Fivecoate* (University Press of Mississippi, 2020). He is also the editor of the journal *Folklore* and the co-editor of the book series *Advances in Folkloristics* (Routledge). He is a past president of the American Folklore Society and a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.



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In this interview, we talk to Dr. Fivecoate about his work in folkloristics, his thoughts on the future of the field, and his advice for aspiring folklorists.

On the Importance of Folkloristics

“Folkloristics is the study of folklore, which is the traditional beliefs, customs, and stories of a people,” says Dr. Fivecoate. “Folklore is a way of understanding the world and our place in it. It can help us to understand our past, our present, and our possible futures.”

Dr. Fivecoate believes that folkloristics is important because it can help us to understand the human condition. “Folklore is a reflection of our hopes and dreams, our fears and anxieties,” he says. “It can help us to understand what it means to be human.”

On the Future of Folkloristics

“The future of folkloristics is bright,” says Dr. Fivecoate. “There is a growing interest in the field, and there are many new and exciting developments happening.”

One of the most important developments in folkloristics is the increasing use of digital technologies. “Digital technologies are allowing us to collect, preserve, and share folklore in new ways,” says Dr. Fivecoate. “They are also helping us to connect with folklorists and folklore enthusiasts from all over the world.”

Another important development in folkloristics is the increasing focus on community-based research. “Community-based research is a way of doing research that is collaborative and respectful of the communities we work with,” says Dr. Fivecoate. “It is a way of ensuring that our research is relevant and meaningful to the people we are studying.”

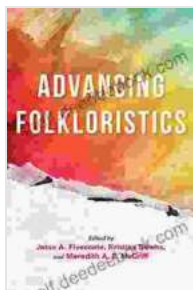
Advice for Aspiring Folklorists

“If you are interested in becoming a folklorist, I encourage you to get involved in the field,” says Dr. Fivecoate. “There are many ways to do this, such as taking courses, attending conferences, and volunteering with folkloristic organizations.”

Dr. Fivecoate also advises aspiring folklorists to be open-minded and curious. “Folklore is all around us,” he says. “It is in the stories we tell, the songs we sing, and the games we play. Be open to new experiences and be willing to learn from the people you meet.”

Finally, Dr. Fivecoate advises aspiring folklorists to be passionate about their work. “Folkloristics is a rewarding field, but it can also be challenging,” he says. “If you are passionate about your work, you will be more likely to overcome the challenges and make a meaningful contribution to the field.”

Dr. Jesse Fivecoate is a leading folklorist who is passionate about his work. He is a strong advocate for the importance of folkloristics and is committed to advancing the field. He is a valuable resource for aspiring folklorists and his work is an inspiration to all who are interested in the study of folklore.



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