

Position Number: D99059

Job Title: Assistant Professor of English, African American Literature

Department: English

FTE: 1.0 benefits eligible

Job Type: Tenure Track

Posted Date: September 13, 2011

Position Summary

The English department at Portland State University seeks a person specializing in African American literature and culture in English to start September 2012. Successful candidate will teach a wide range of courses in African American literature and culture as well as core courses in support of the English and University Studies curricula. We seek a candidate with a transnational understanding of the literary, cultural, and philosophical issues of the field. Ph.D. from a literature department or appropriate area studies program required for this position. 2/2/2 courseload; salary competitive and excellent benefits.

Responsibilities :

- Instructional activities of six courses per year including lower-division, upper-division and master's level courses in African American Literature and others, and interdisciplinary courses in University Studies.
- Contribute to departmental governance as appropriate and attend departmental meetings.
- Community outreach as appropriate.
- To act as a member of the Portland State University community by participating in University events and governance.
- Provide advising to undergraduate and graduate level English students and serve as a member of graduate thesis committees.

Required / Minimum Qualifications :

- PhD at time of appointment.
- Successful completion of a background check.

Preferred Qualifications

- PhD in Literature required, specific area of research and study open.
- Expertise in African American Literature.

Compensation

The starting annual salary rate for this position will be \$50,265 with an excellent benefits package including fully paid healthcare; a generous retirement and vacation package; and reduced tuition rates for employee, spouse or dependant at any of the Oregon University System schools.

To Apply

Send letter of interest, current C.V., writing sample, and three letters of recommendation to Chair, African American Lit. Search Committee, Dept of English, Portland State University, PO Box 751, Portland OR 97207-0751. All application materials must be received by November 15, 2011. Preliminary interviews may be conducted at the MLA conference in January, 2012.

Portland State University is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity institution and welcomes applications from diverse candidates and candidates who support diversity.