

Submitter Institution: Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics

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Department: John G. Wolbach Library

Position Title: Historian-in-Residence at the Center for Astrophysics

Institution is Seeking:: Reporting to the Head Librarian of the John G. Wolbach Library at the Center for Astrophysics (CfA), the Historian-in-Residence will undertake original research to support the Library's anti-racist priorities and take a leading role developing projects that directly confront racial inequality in astronomy. This position provides an opportunity for history scholars advancing their careers to pursue research with support from an interdisciplinary community and with access to world-class resources.

Qualifications: -Master's degree in a relevant historical field OR equivalent education and subject expertise. -Demonstrated experience using historical and ethnological research methods. - Evidence of analytical, organizational, communication, project, and time management skills. -Demonstrated ability to set priorities, meet deadlines, and complete tasks and projects on time. -Strong teamwork skills and a commitment to promoting a collaborative environment of trust, inclusion, and transparency. Minimum of 2 years of experience.

Application Procedures: Required Documents -Cover letter describing qualifications and experience; -Current resume/CV detailing education and relevant experience; and List including names, email addresses, and phone numbers of three professional references To apply, please email your application materials to Giancarlo Romeo at giancarlo.romeo@cfa.harvard.edu Review of applications will begin on September 21, 2020 and continue until the position is filled.

Other Information:

Essential Responsibilities -Undertakes research to inform decisions about the scope and execution of ethno-astronomical work to broaden the astronomy community's exposure to marginalized cultures with a particular focus on our institution's history of imperialism and the astronomical traditions of indigenous peoples, such as Native Americans, Native Hawai'ians, and astronomy of the African diaspora. -Lays the groundwork for future exhibits and interpretive materials to support cultural competence and belonging at the CfA. -Serves as a resource for the CfA community by bringing a historical perspective to on-going institutional discussions about race in contemporary astronomy. -Identifies opportunities for collaboration and meaningfully contributes to grant writing efforts that further anti-racist work at the CfA.

Application Deadline:

September 28, 2020

Do not post after:

October 1, 2020