

Portland State University — Cluster Hire in Critical Thought and Activism — School of Gender Race and Nations

The School of Gender Race and Nations and its Departments of Black Studies, Chicano/Latino Studies, Indigenous Nations Studies, and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies are seeking applicants for five tenure track positions, one director/chair equivalent and one non-tenure track teaching position as part of a nationally-focused cluster hire. We are building a community of scholars: these cluster hires will work in multiple departments that comprise a single school for whom a major focus is critical thought and activism.

Portland State University is located in a region with a complex and contested history. Located at the confluence of Nch'i-Wána, The Big River (Columbia) and the Willamette, two rivers where intellectual, economic, social, political ideas, and community have been shared by Indigenous peoples for millennia, it is natural and necessary that we deeply inquire and engage with the contemporary results of a colonial project that imagined Oregon and the Pacific Northwest more broadly as a white homeland at its incorporation into what is now the United States. We are at a critical juncture in the story of our region and our country. National attention has been focused on protests in Portland, the political, cultural and demographic center of the state. We seek scholars whose work is transformative and future-oriented to be part of a supportive intellectual community of allied departments. This cluster hire initiative focuses on several broad themes:

- Futurisms, transformational scholarship and regenerative justice, including, but not limited to Afrofuturism and Indigenous Futurisms
- Histories of resistance, protest, and community struggle.
- Critical theory, and the social and philosophical themes of liberation.
- Ecology and gentrification

Successful applicants will be expected to develop a robust research agenda and contribute to our growing graduate program.

Please see below links for individual program requirements and submission information:

- Black Studies, Assistant Professor
- Black Studies, Assistant or Associate Professor

Assistant Professor of Black Studies: <https://jobs.hrc.pdx.edu/postings/33761>

Position Summary: The department of Black Studies invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant or an Associate Professor position to begin 9/16/2021. We seek applicants who focus on critical theory and intersectionality in Black and Africana Studies. We especially invite applications with research and teaching expertise in the following areas: Africana and diasporic history, African postcolonial movements, Black Marxism, Black sexuality, Afro-pessimism, and Black cultural and performance studies. Community-engaged scholars are strongly encouraged to apply.

Please note: This recruitment will be used to fill 2 vacancies within the department of Black Studies: one (1) Assistant Professor and one (1) Assistant or Associate Professor.