

**Submitter Institution:** Drexel University

**Submitter Phone:** 215-571-3852

**Department:** History/Politics

**Position Title:** Tenure-track/Tenured Professors in the area of Africana Studies  
**(two at the Assistant Professor level, one at open rank)**

**Institution is Seeking:** The College of Arts and Science of Drexel University, a Carnegie R1-classified research institution located in Philadelphia, announces a cluster hire of **3 tenure-track faculty (two at the Assistant Professor level, one at open rank)** in the area of Africana Studies, with an expected start date of September 1, 2021. Two of the appointments will have tenure homes in the Department of History, with the third potentially located in any Humanities and/or Social Science discipline within the College of Arts and Science. Joint appointments will be considered. The Africana Studies Program is housed in the Department of History which has particular strengths in the History of Science, Technology and the Environment, and in Global History. The minor in Africana Studies allows students across the University to gain an understanding of, and background in, the history and cultures of peoples of African descent in North and South America, the Caribbean, Africa, and elsewhere. It includes courses in anthropology, history, literature, music, political science and sociology, and provides an opportunity for directed study in areas of special interest. The current cluster will comprise 2 tenure track historians of Africana Studies (including an open rank hire who will serve as Director of the Africana Studies Program) and 1 additional tenure track faculty with a disciplinary location in any of the College's Humanities and/or Social Sciences departments: Communication, Criminology & Justice Studies, English & Philosophy, Global Studies & Modern Languages, Politics, Psychology, and Sociology. Tenure home will be departmental with teaching responsibilities in the

Africana Studies Program. Candidates are expected to teach Introductory courses in Africana Studies, including an Introduction to Africana Studies course and a Cross-Currents in Africana Studies course centered on the Black Atlantic. Essential Functions: Teaching; Research; Service; Other related duties. Required and preferred qualifications differ for each position within this cluster hire. Applicants should apply to the position that is most closely aligned with background.

**Qualifications:**

**Position 1:** Assistant Professor, History and Africana Studies (tenure-track) (Drexel Job No: 495513) Required Qualifications: PhD in History, Africana Studies, or related fields in African Diaspora/Black/African American/Afro-American or Race and Ethnic Studies. (Must have PhD by September 1, 2021). 2 years of demonstrated graduate or post-graduate teaching, research or related experience. Preferred Qualifications: Commitment to excellence in teaching, service, community outreach and engagement; Ability to teach introductory courses in Africana Studies, including methods and its intellectual traditions, in addition to courses in History; Ability to mentor graduate students across the university and enhance the research profile of undergraduates. **Position 2:** Assistant Professor, Assistant Professor, Humanities or Social Sciences and Africana Studies (Drexel Job No: 495514) Required Qualifications: PhD in Humanities or Social Sciences, with an interdisciplinary specialty in Africana/African Diaspora/Black/African American/Afro-American or Race and Ethnic Studies, broadly conceptualized. (Must have PhD by September 1, 2021). 2 years of demonstrated graduate or post-graduate teaching, research or related experience. Preferred Qualifications: Exceptional promise of research potential commensurate with rank; Commitment to excellence in teaching, service, community outreach and engagement; Ability to teach introductory courses in Africana Studies, including methods and its intellectual traditions, in addition to courses in home department; Ability to mentor graduate students across the university and enhance

the research profile of undergraduates **Position 3:** Tenured Associate or Full Professor of History and Africana Studies, and Director of the Africana Studies Program (Drexel Job No: 495515) Required Qualifications: PhD in History, Africana Studies, or related fields in African Diaspora/Black/African American/Afro-American or Race and Ethnic Studies. Minimum of 5 years of teaching, research or related experience. Preferred Qualifications: Research achievements consistent with achieving tenure at an R-1 institution. Proven record of teaching and service. Strategic vision and ability to guide and nurture the research, teaching, and service missions of the Africana Studies Program and support resource development. Experience in mentoring students and faculty. Ability to foster cross-disciplinary collaborations within the College and the University, including establishing and chairing an inclusive, interdisciplinary Advisory Council to support the Africana Studies Program. Willingness to contribute to graduate education.

**Application Procedures:** Required Application materials: • Cover letter (with a description of the candidate’s research program and philosophy of teaching) • Curriculum Vitae • One writing sample (e.g., article, book chapter, book) Review of applications will begin March 8th, 2021 and will continue until the position is filled. The application portal will be open past March 8, but please note that is the first deadline. Candidates who move forward in the process will be notified to submit sample syllabi for an Introduction to Africana Studies course and another syllabus for a special topics course in Africana Studies, and a brief research statement, teaching statement and, for position 495515, a vision statement for leadership of the Africana Studies Program. Three letters of reference will also be requested at this later stage.

**Other Information:** All candidates must apply through the Drexel University’s Human Resources Careers Website. Please contact Amy Slaton, Interim Department Head of History at aeslaton@drexel.edu for more information. Links are in the description and also below

for quick reference: Assistant Professor, History and Africana Studies (tenure-track) (Drexel Job No: 495513)

<https://careers.drexel.edu/en-us/job/495513/assistant-professor-history-and-africana-studies>

Assistant Professor, Assistant Professor, Humanities or Social Sciences and Africana Studies (Drexel Job No: 495514)

<https://careers.drexel.edu/en-us/job/495514/assistant-professor-humanities-or-social-sciences-and-africana-studies>

Tenured Associate or Full Professor of History and Africana Studies, and Director of the Africana Studies Program (Drexel Job No: 495515)

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**Application Deadline:** March 8, 2021

**Do not post after:** April 30, 2021