The Yale Institute of Sacred Music, an interdisciplinary graduate center for the study and practice of sacred music, worship, and the related arts, invites applications for a post-doctoral associate position in Music and the Black Church. Alongside conducting their own research, the fellow assigned to the Institute’s interdisciplinary program in Music and the Black Church would be expected to contribute to this new initiative pedagogically, programmatically, and administratively, delivering one course and one symposium during each academic year, along with some student advising, participation in ISM academic gatherings, and other service. Implicit in the program’s title is an interest in various configurations of the relationship between music and the Black church: the genres of music most frequently performed by black Christian congregations, as well as the influence of the Black church on a host of idioms—confessional and commercial, American and global.

Qualifications: While the successful candidate should have well-formed interests and expertise in black sacred music, their PhD need not be in musicology, ethnomusicology, or music theory. Instead, they might have earned degrees in American studies, African American studies, religious studies, or theology. Candidates must hold the Ph.D. or equivalent degree, earned since 2018, in a relevant discipline, and should have strong potential as an instructor.

Applications for this position should be submitted as part of the Long-term ISM Fellowship program, which are due on
October 15, 2021. When applying please note your interest for this specific postdoctoral position on the “Application” page in the online system. The anticipated start date for the fellowship is August 2022. In addition to a competitive stipend, fellows receive research funds and relocation costs. More information and the application can be found at https://ism.yale.edu/ism-fellows. For questions, please contact the ISM Fellows Coordinator at ismfellows@yale.edu.

Application Deadline: October 15, 2021
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