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**Submitter Institution:** Ohio Wesleyan University

**Submitter Phone:** 740-368-3594

**Department:** English

**Position Title:** Assistant Professor of African American Literature

**Institution is Seeking:** Ohio Wesleyan University seeks an African American Literature specialist with additional expertise in the teaching of writing and composition. This is a full-time, tenure-track position with a 6-course annual teaching load: 4 in literature and 2 in first-year writing. Literature courses will include specialty classes in African American literature as well as classes that support the American literature curriculum more broadly. First-year writing courses incorporate common elements but may be designed in accordance with the candidate's own interests. The literature classes will be cross-listed in the Africana, Gender, and Identity Studies program, providing an excellent opportunity for interdisciplinary collaboration with students and colleagues from across the university. Candidates should have completed the Ph.D. by August 2022. Applicants from interdisciplinary and/or fields adjacent to English are welcome to apply, although training in the teaching of literature and writing are essential. We especially encourage candidates with experience teaching and mentoring students from marginalized backgrounds (including students of color, first-generation, and LGBTQIA+ students), and/or candidates skilled in pedagogical practices that promote classroom inclusivity. Successful candidates will be outstanding

teachers, committed scholars, and active contributors to the department and college. This job is part of a cluster of positions with which Ohio Wesleyan seeks to further diversify its curriculum and faculty. This faculty cohort will join an educational community that values equity and interdisciplinarity and fosters close working relationships with students through our signature program in experiential learning, the OWU Connection. Incoming faculty will be provided with mentoring, professional development funds, and opportunities to connect with faculty across the Ohio 5 and GLCA consortia. For more information about the cluster, please visit [www.owu.edu/joinOWUfaculty](http://www.owu.edu/joinOWUfaculty). For more information about Academic Affairs and its commitment to anti-racism, please visit <https://owu.edu/dei>. To apply, please submit the following: a letter of application, curriculum vitae, 1-page diversity statement, 20-25 page writing sample, syllabus for an upper-level African American literature course, as well as a statement of teaching philosophy and 3 letters of recommendation. Please apply via our website [www.owu.edu/joinOWUfaculty](http://www.owu.edu/joinOWUfaculty). Applications received before October 25 will receive full consideration. Questions may be directed to Dr. Mark Allison, search chair ([maalliso@owu.edu](mailto:maalliso@owu.edu)). Located in the Columbus, Ohio metropolitan area, Ohio Wesleyan is a selective residential liberal arts college enrolling approximately 1,500 students from across the nation and around the world. The college's signature program, the OWU Connection, is designed to integrate student knowledge across disciplines, consider diverse and global perspectives, and teach students to apply their knowledge in real-world settings. Ohio Wesleyan is featured in the book *Colleges That Change Lives* and was recently listed as the No. 1 liberal arts college in Ohio for social mobility by U.S. News and World Report. OWU is located in Delaware, OH, a lively college town just 30 minutes from Columbus, the 14th most populous city in the United States and part of the fastest growing, most economically vibrant area of the Midwest. Columbus was named by LinkedIn as one of the

top 10 U.S. cities in which to launch your career. To achieve our mission, we continually strive to foster a diverse, inclusive, and anti-racist campus community, which celebrates the value of all persons regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, color, gender identity and/or expression, sexual orientation, family configuration, disability, socioeconomic status, religion, national origin, age or military status. OWU is an equal opportunity institution and seeks applications from individuals who will help us honor and strengthen our commitments to diversity, inclusion, and anti-racism.

**Qualifications:** Candidates should have completed the Ph.D. by August 2022

**Application Procedures:** Please apply via our website [www.owu.edu/joinOWUfaculty](http://www.owu.edu/joinOWUfaculty) .

**Application Deadline:** October 25, 2021

**Do not post after:** October 31, 2021