

Religion Search for 2022-2023

The Amherst College Department of Religion seeks a scholar of African-American or African diasporic religion for a full-time one-year visiting appointment at the rank of visiting assistant professor, beginning on July 1, 2022. Within the last fifteen years, Amherst College has profoundly transformed its student body in terms of socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, and nationality. Today, nearly one-quarter of Amherst's students are Pell Grant recipients; 43 percent of our students identify as domestic students of color; and 10 percent of our students are international students.

Our expectation is that the successful candidate will excel at teaching and mentoring students who are broadly diverse with regard to race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender, nationality, sexuality, and religion. The candidate's research and teaching interests should center upon one or more of the following areas: Black Atlantic religion, African-American religion, or African diasporic religions. The candidate will be expected to teach two courses in the fall and two courses in the spring, one of which should focus on themes of race and religion and another that may be a general introduction to the study of religion. The candidate may also advise honors theses.

The successful candidate must have a Ph.D. in hand by the start of the appointment. Learn more about the department at <https://www.amherst.edu/academiclife/departments/religion>. An application letter (including brief descriptions of four possible courses), C.V., one sample syllabus, and three confidential letters of recommendation should be submitted electronically to <https://apply.interfolio.com/101093>. Review of applications will begin on March 18, 2022, and will continue until the position is filled. Amherst College is a private co-educational liberal arts college of 1,800 students and more than two hundred faculty located in the Connecticut River Valley of western Massachusetts. It participates with Hampshire, Mount Holyoke, and Smith Colleges, and with the University of Massachusetts in the Five-College consortium. Amherst College is an equal opportunity employer and encourages persons of all genders, persons of color, and persons with disabilities to apply. The college is committed to enriching its educational experience and its culture through the diversity of its faculty, administration, and staff.