

Assistant Professor, Africana Studies, Tenure-Track Positions

The College of Wooster seeks to appoint two Assistant Professors in the Department of Africana Studies beginning August 2023. First founded in 1968, the Department of Africana Studies has long held a central role in a College of Wooster education, offering both a major and minor in the context of a liberal arts curriculum focused on mentored undergraduate research. With [College-wide strategic planning](#) underway, we are excited to hire a new cohort of faculty leading the Department into the future. Given the interdisciplinary nature of Africana Studies, we welcome applications that reflect a range of expertise within the field. There are currently affiliated faculty across the College contributing to our major and minor. While we will consider applicants with any relevant training in the field of Africana Studies, we are especially interested in candidates who can complement our existing areas of expertise and contribute to other major programs on campus such as Political Science, Sociology, Communication Studies, Archaeology, Urban Studies, Music, Religious Studies, and Theatre. Candidates at the advanced Assistant Professor level are welcome to apply; candidates with experience at the Associate Professor level may be considered and are encouraged to contact the search chair.

The College of Wooster is an independent college of the liberal arts and sciences with a commitment to excellence in undergraduate education. We enroll a racially, socioeconomically, and culturally diverse student population of approximately 2,000 undergraduate students, of which 6% identify as Latinx; 9%, as Black/African American; 4%, as Asian; 4%, as multiracial; and 61%, as white. Fifteen percent (15%) of our students are studying on international visas. Twenty-five percent (25%) are Pell-eligible and 11% are first-generation college students. We are interested in hiring faculty who can contribute to the intellectual vibrancy of the community through culturally relevant pedagogy, curricular diversity, intercultural fluency, and a commitment to ensuring equitable outcomes for racially and ethnically minoritized and marginalized student groups.

We welcome scholars with interests in transnationalism, decolonization, indigeneity, and/or intersectionality. Specific topics for courses might include African and Afrodiasporic politics, critical race theory, critical race feminism, Black communities, race and healthcare disparities, environmental injustice, Black agrarianism, Black cultural anthropology, transnational Black feminisms, Black queer theory, Africana religions, and Black social and political movements. We would also welcome scholars with expertise in Afro-Caribbean or Black Hispanidad cultures. At least one of the positions will bring expertise in social science methodologies.

Candidates should have a Ph.D. or appropriate terminal degree in Africana Studies, Black Studies, or a related field and experience teaching courses about the African Diaspora. A-demonstrated interest in community engagement, social justice, and/or innovative pedagogical approaches is preferred. Candidates should have an active research agenda.

Candidates will teach the equivalent of five and a half courses a year, including introductory and advanced courses in Africana Studies, which will be cross-listed in other departments and programs; contribute to the First-Year Seminar program; and receive credit for supervising independent thesis projects as part of the College's Independent Study program. Faculty hired for these positions will have the opportunity to collaborate with affiliated faculty teaching in other disciplines on campus.

Applicants should submit a letter of application; curriculum vitae; unofficial graduate transcripts; evidence of teaching effectiveness (such as teaching statement, syllabi, and course evaluations, if

applicable) and research (such as research statement and writing sample of 25 pages or less); three letters of recommendation, and a statement (1-2 pages) on your contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion including information about your understanding of these issues, your record of activities to date, and your specific plans and goals for advancing these efforts as College of Wooster faculty. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Those received at <http://apply.interfolio.com/113922> by November 15, 2022, will receive full consideration. If you have questions regarding Interfolio, please contact Ms. Santha Schuch, Academic Administrative Coordinator, Department of Africana Studies, at sschuch@wooster.edu. Questions about the position should be directed to Dr. Courtney Thompson, Chair of Search Committee, at cothompson@wooster.edu.