

**JOB TITLE**

Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of Music

**LOCATION**

Worcester

**DEPARTMENT NAME**

Humanities & Arts Department

**DIVISION NAME**

Worcester Polytechnic Institute - WPI

**JOB DESCRIPTION SUMMARY**

The Department of Humanities and Arts (HUA) at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) seeks to appoint a tenure-track assistant professorship in music starting in August 2023. We seek a music scholar and practitioner whose work engages with the diversity of American musical culture from varied disciplinary perspectives that could include history, sociology, musicology, ethnomusicology, cultural studies, and performance practice. The possibilities of the position are broad, but we are particularly interested in someone whose work is dedicated to the music of the African diaspora in American culture, including (but not limited to) Gospel, Soul, Hip Hop, Blues, and music of the Caribbean. The rich histories and significant impact of these musical traditions have helped to define our culture. We seek someone that can not only reveal the mechanics of these musics but also engage with them as individual and collective expressions that carry social, racial, and political meanings.

We welcome someone who will inspire our students and community in an interdisciplinary environment populated by courses, projects, musical practice, and other experimental vehicles. These efforts will involve teaching and rethinking existing courses (for example, Fundamentals of Music) and adding new ones (for example, courses that contribute to WPI's emerging African Studies initiative). Alongside research, analysis, and discussion, we see the unique benefits of scholar-practitioners that can help students make connections between the classroom to the world beyond. Successful candidates will thus be active in art-making practices that could include composition, production, and performance. In addition to being an excellent teacher and accomplished scholar, we seek someone that will contribute to an evolving culture of diversity and inclusion at WPI.

**JOB DESCRIPTION****Responsibilities:**

- Teach music courses, seminars / practicums as assigned
- Design and revise the music curriculum in collaboration with music faculty colleagues

- Contribute to scholarly communities through publications, presentations, and creative work
- Advise student projects
- Participate in initiatives conducted by the Humanities and Arts Department and the University

**Qualifications:**

- Ph.D. or D.M.A. in Music is preferred; terminal degree in a relevant field considered
- Successful classroom teaching at the university level
- History of scholarly contributions in the form of publications and / or creative work

**As part of your application, please submit:**

- A cover letter that describes your interests, values, and practices as a scholar and teacher
- C.V. that contains academic and professional experience and includes names and contact information for three professional references
- Examples of scholarly and / or creative work (no more than two), which could include audio or video recordings

We will ask for letters of reference and a teaching portfolio for short-listed candidates only

Application review will begin on December 1, 2022 and continue until filled.

WPI requires that all employees to be fully-vaccinated for COVID-19 and boosted. For additional information, please go to <https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wpi.edu%2Fwe-are-wpi%2Fhealth-and-safety%2Fvaccine-information&data=05%7C01%7Cginaferraro%40WPI.EDU%7Cbfd221585b374afe3bfa08da8c50f4d0%7C589c76f5ca1541f9884b55ec15a0672a%7C0%7C0%7C637976576569374324%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=1R8t%2Bv8I%2B469Fo37wk2Xt8eA3nB2Hfxc9QaBLeA0WoA%3D&reserved=0>

**FLSA STATUS**

United States of America (Exempt)

**WPI is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified candidates will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, veteran status, or disability. We are seeking individuals with diverse backgrounds and experiences who will contribute to a culture of creativity and collaboration, inclusion, problem solving and change making.**

**To apply, visit:** <https://apptrkr.com/3590328>

### **About WPI**

WPI is a vibrant, active, and diverse community of extraordinary students, world-renowned faculty, and state of the art research facilities. At WPI, we have competitive and comprehensive benefits, including health insurance, long-term care, retirement, tuition assistance, flexible spending accounts, work-life balance and much more.

### **Diversity & Inclusion at WPI**

WPI is committed to creating an inclusive workplace where everyone feels valued and respected; a place where every student, faculty and staff member can be themselves, so that they can study, live, and work comfortably, to reach their full potential, and make meaningful contributions in order to meet departmental and institutional goals. WPI thrives on innovative practice and welcomes diverse perspectives, insight, and people from diverse lived experiences, to enhance the community environment and propel the institution to the next level in a competitive, global marketplace.

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