

Assistant Professor, Black Feminisms

The Virginia Tech Department of Sociology invites applications for the tenure-track position of Assistant Professor in Black Feminisms. The appointment will begin fall 2018 and will be a part of the department's Africana Studies and Women's and Gender Studies programs. All applicants must have a Ph.D. in sociology or a related discipline in hand at the start of appointment, contribute to the department's graduate and undergraduate programs, maintain a program of research excellence, and participate in a new university-wide initiative (see below). The normal teaching load is two courses each semester.

Applicants should have knowledge and skills related to the university's Equity and Social Disparity in the Human Condition strategic growth area (<http://inclusive.vt.edu/ESDHC.html>) as well as contributing to the College of Liberal Arts and Human Science's strengths in narrating the human experience, diversity, and social justice. In addition to having and/or demonstrating the potential for an active research agenda, the successful applicant will possess the capacity to teach undergraduate and graduate courses in both the Africana Studies and Women's and Gender Studies programs including, but not limited to race, class, gender, and sexualities; feminist methodologies; Black women in the US; feminist theory; special topics in Black feminism; race and gender in religion and culture; and topics in Africana Studies. Applicants whose research focuses on race, gender and environmental inequality, or on health disparities, are particularly encouraged to apply.

The successful applicant will contribute critical perspectives to a university-wide, interdisciplinary initiative to enhance curriculum and research focused on Equity and Social Disparity in the Human Condition (ESDHC). ESDHC is a strategic growth area that seeks to explore and analyze crucial issues related to diversity, especially those highlighted through the application of the analytical lens of intersectionality. Faculty engaged in this area seek to highlight the ways in which issues of identity, equity, and social disparity impact multiple academic disciplines, fields of study, and areas of inquiry.

The Department of Sociology is the academic home of interdisciplinary programs in Africana Studies, American Indian Studies, and Women's and Gender Studies. The department grants B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in sociology, with options including Africana Studies and Women's and Gender Studies at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. It has an undergraduate major in criminology and additionally houses the Center for Race and Social Policy Research and the Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention.

Virginia Tech recognizes the critical importance of diverse teams of scholars. It seeks to diversify its faculty along multiple dimensions, including those that have been historically marginalized and excluded given the institutional history and legacy of the university. Virginia Tech is a public land-grant university, committed to teaching and learning, research, and outreach to the Commonwealth of Virginia, the nation, and the world. Building on its motto of Ut Prosim (that I may serve), Virginia Tech is dedicated to InclusiveVT—serving in the spirit of community, diversity, and excellence. We seek candidates who adopt and practice the Principles of Community, which are fundamental to our on-going efforts to increase access and inclusion and to create a community that nurtures learning and growth for all of its members. Virginia Tech actively seeks a broad spectrum of candidates to join our community in preparing leaders for the world.

Applications must be submitted online on or before Oct. 15, 2017 at <http://listings.jobs.vt.edu/postings/79980>. The application package should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, a research plan, statement of teaching philosophy, and list of three references

with email addresses. Any additional material that cannot be submitted online should be sent to the Black Feminisms Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Virginia Tech, 560 McBryde Hall (0137), 225 Stanger St., Blacksburg VA 24061

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