

Howard University

Department of English

The Department of English in the College of Arts and Sciences invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor with a specialization in Caribbean Literature. The successful candidate will also have the opportunity to support an active (current and prospective) agenda with the Caribbean Studies Program, including its Study Abroad component. A strong knowledge of Caribbean cultural and literary theory is a requirement. While the primary area of expertise is Anglophone Caribbean, applicants with a knowledge of Francophone, Spanish-speaking or other non-Anglophone Caribbean literary histories will be at an advantage. An ability to bridge Caribbean literary and cultural studies with one or more other current fields of inquiry such as the African diaspora; postcolonial/globalization studies; archival studies; and the digital humanities is also very welcome. This ability will support a vibrant and diverse graduate program, where the successful applicant will have the opportunity to direct innovative dissertations as well as teach the full complement of survey and special topics courses to students interested in pursuing Caribbean literatures for dissertation research. A proven ability to attract external funding would be an asset.

Howard University, a culturally diverse, comprehensive, research intensive and historically Black private university, provides an educational experience of exceptional quality at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels to students of high academic standing and potential, with particular emphasis upon educational opportunities for Black students. Howard University is currently classified as an R2 research university with aspirations and actions underway to achieve R1 status within the next few years. It is a residential campus of approximately 12,000 students located in the heart of the nation's capital, Washington, DC.

The Department of English currently consists of 20 tenure-track and tenured faculty members, conducting research with specializations in African-American, Caribbean, American, British, and Comparative literatures and literary theory. It offers B.A. and Ph.D degrees in these areas.

Required Qualifications:

- Earned doctorate in Caribbean literature from an accredited institution;
- Record of scholarship, teaching, and professional service commensurate with the rank of assistant or associate professor; and
- Effective communication and organizational skills.

Complete applications consist of a single PDF file containing

- 1) Cover letter addressing qualifications listed above;
- 2) Current curriculum vita;
- 3) Two-page statement of research accomplishments, interests and future plans;
- 4) Two-page statement of teaching experience and philosophy; and
- 5) Names and contact information for at least three references who will provide letters upon request from the search committee.

Completed applications should be addressed to the Chair of the search committee: Dr. Curdella Forbes, and submitted electronically to curdellaeforbes@gmail.com . Screening will begin on December 1, 2022. The desired starting date is August 16, 2023. More information about the Department of English can be found at www.english.howard.edu.

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