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Search for Open Rank, School of Social Transformation

Division of Social Sciences, The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

In advancing ASU's commitment to Black faculty, students and staff, the School of Social Transformation (SST), an interdisciplinary unit at Arizona State University (<http://sst.asu.edu>), seeks candidates for a full-time, tenured or tenure-track position of African & African American Studies with a specialization in Black Studies. The anticipated start date is Fall 2022. We seek an innovative scholar in the humanities or social sciences with rigorous interdisciplinary and intersectional research and teaching, while area of specialization is open, we are especially interested in applicants who engage the fields of Queer Studies, Queer of Color Critique and/or Transgender Studies and related fields, including critical race and ethnic studies, gender studies, sexuality studies, labor studies, and/or disability studies.

We seek applicants who can contribute to African & African American Studies' core curriculum and nascent online program as well as SST's undergraduate LGBTQ+ studies certificate and the Graduate Certificate in Sexuality Studies. The successful candidate will be expected to pursue an active research agenda; contribute service at the school, university and professional levels; and provide high quality instruction and mentoring online and face-to-face at the undergraduate and graduate levels. In SST, the typical teaching load is two courses per semester (graduate, undergraduate, online, etc.) and primarily in African & African American Studies.

The School of Social Transformation (SST) was founded in 2009, bringing together diverse scholars, students and communities in African and African American Studies, Asian Pacific American studies, social and cultural pedagogy, justice and social inquiry, and women and gender studies. As one of many transdisciplinary schools unique to Arizona State University, SST focuses on transformational knowledge, including creative research approaches to themes and questions embedded in broader historical, social and cultural contexts. SST is home to 48 tenure-track and 13 non-tenure eligible faculty members that serve 600+ undergraduate majors and over 100+ doctoral and masters-level students in 19 graduate programs spanning an array of research areas. SST faculty represent humanities, social sciences, and interdisciplinary fields (including creative arts), and they are distinguished nationally and internationally for their scholarship.

The faculty trains students to think, do research and teach in more complex ways about race, ethnicity, gender, class, sexuality, social and economic justice, immigration status, and labor; to be accountable to the communities with which they engage; and to foreground social transformation on local, national, and global levels. The school's location in Arizona, where demographic changes and social issues reflect the challenges taking place nationally, especially highlights the relevance of the school's mission.

ASU Tempe offers the resources of a major metropolitan area (5+ million) in a state with spectacular natural beauty and recreational areas, sublime winters, and a culturally rich population. Learn more about SST and ASU at <https://sst.asu.edu/> and <https://newamericanuniversity.asu.edu/>, respectively.

Arizona State University is a leading public university ranked #1 Most Innovative School by U.S. News & World Report seven years in a row and is leading a bold reinvention of higher education as the New American University. ASU is a research-intensive university and has developed numerous new programs and units that defy and bridge disciplinary boundaries to enable the exploration and discovery of new knowledge while developing solutions to the most challenging issues of our time.

Located on four campuses and two research parks in the Phoenix metropolitan area, ASU is one of the largest universities in the United States and has strong and simultaneous commitments to educational access, research, and teaching excellence. With the University's location in the nation's fifth largest city, the Phoenix region provides a rich context for applied research and community engagement around issues of human communication.

The College values our cultural and intellectual diversity, and continually strives to foster a welcoming and inclusive environment. We are especially interested in applicants who can strengthen the diversity of the academic community. Learn more about what The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has to offer by visiting <https://thecollege.asu.edu/faculty>.

Minimum Qualifications:

- A Ph.D. in fields including but not limited to Africana Studies, African American Studies, Black Studies, African Studies, Caribbean Studies, Women's Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Film Studies, Geography, Religion or equivalent is required by time of appointment.
- Area of specialization is open, but we are especially interested in applicants who conduct research in the area of Black Trans Studies and/or Black Queer Studies demonstrated in the publication of a number of articles and/or book(s).
- An ability to teach a range of courses in areas related to African & African American Studies, Women & Gender Studies, and Sexuality Studies.
- Potential for excellence in teaching and mentoring undergraduate and/or graduate students.
- Demonstrated interest in interdisciplinary collaborations.

Desired Qualifications:

- Capacity to build strong scholarly and collegial relationships with colleagues in the School of Social Transformation and across the university.
- A robust artistic and/or humanistic social science research agenda.
- Demonstrated success in meeting the needs of diverse student populations and/or diverse communities.
- Demonstrated interest in generating external funding (fellowship, grants, etc.)

To apply, please submit the following materials to

<http://apply.interfolio.com/96345>

- Cover letter describing your research, teaching and demonstrated commitment to the study of Black Trans Studies and/or Black Queer Studies.
- A curriculum vitae.
- A copy of the transcript from the candidate's Ph.D. granting institution.
- A list of three references, including contact information.
- A published writing sample; either a book chapter or article, approximately 30 pages in length.
- A 1-page statement explaining how you would contribute to diversity and inclusion in SST and at ASU more generally or a 1-page statement describing how your work addresses diversity and equity in your field(s) of study.

Review of applications will begin immediately and will occur thereafter until the initial deadline of November 21, 2021. If not filled, applications will be evaluated every two weeks thereafter until the search is closed.

Questions about this position should be directed to Professor Ersula Ore, Chair of the Search Committee, via email ejore@asu.edu

A background check is required for employment. Arizona State University is a VEVRAA Federal Contractor and an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, protected veteran status, or any other basis protected by law. (See <https://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/acd/acd401.html> and <https://www.asu.edu/titleIX/>.)

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