

Tenure-track position in African Diasporic music and sound cultures

The Departments of African American Studies and Performance Studies at Northwestern University invite applications to fill a tenure-track position in African Diasporic music and sound cultures at the rank of assistant professor or associate professor, to begin September 1, 2018. Applicants at the assistant level must possess or supply evidence that all requirements for the degree will be completed by August 1, 2018.

We seek a scholar with teaching and research interests in African diasporic musical forms and sound cultures, particularly as they intersect with political and social aspects of the black experience. The departments are particularly interested in scholars whose work engages critical race studies and performance studies, broadly defined. The applicant's area of specialty is open. A Ph.D. in music studies, ethnomusicology, performance studies, or cognate area is preferred. While we are also open to various methodological approaches—i.e., historical, ethnographic, theoretical—an applicant who is also a practitioner would be particularly welcomed. The position will be a joint appointment between African American Studies within the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences and Performance Studies within the School of Communication.

In addition to maintaining an active research agenda, the successful applicant should demonstrate excellence in teaching and a willingness to advise and mentor both undergraduate and graduate students. The applicant should be prepared to teach undergraduate courses in her or his research area in addition to core courses in both departments, particularly survey courses and courses on research methods, as both departments have top-ranked graduate programs. The incoming scholar would also have the opportunity to participate in interdisciplinary initiatives across the campus, especially the Black Arts Initiative and the Sound Arts and Cultures undergraduate and graduate programs.

Applications and supporting documents will be accepted only by online submission at the following link <http://www.afam.northwestern.edu/about/open-positions.html>. Application materials should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, writing sample of no more than 25 pages or article length manuscript, and three letters of recommendation (submitted separately). For full consideration, applications should be submitted by December 1, 2017. Inquiries about the search may be sent to afas@northwestern.edu.

Northwestern University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer of all protected classes including veterans and individuals with disabilities. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the United States.

Application Instructions:

Please read ALL instructions and make all preparations before proceeding to application page. If you have been asked to submit a letter of recommendation for an applicant, please use the link in your email instructions instead of this page.

- Applications will only be accepted through the online form. Please make sure all documents are prepared in advance, because partial applications will not be accepted and cannot be saved. Also, please be sure all information is entered completely and accurately (especially names and email addresses), as there will be no opportunity for online revision after your application has been accepted.
- All uploaded files should be in Adobe PDF format. Files in another electronic format (e.g., MS Word) should be "saved as" or "printed to" PDF format before uploading. If you only have a paper version of a

particular document, you may scan it and save it as a PDF. However, the first method is preferred, because it retains text recognition capabilities.

- Three names and email addresses for external referees are required. (Your references will automatically be emailed instructions for uploading a letter of recommendation if you become a finalist. Once again, please be sure all addresses are entered correctly with no spelling errors; otherwise your referee will not receive the instructions).

- Some things to remember when uploading your application documents:

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- When your PDF files and list of references are complete, you may proceed to the Online Application. All required fields must be filled in before you click on the "Submit Application" button. The system will not accept incomplete applications. Applications that are complete by Oct. 27, 2017 will be ensured full consideration. (References will be allowed to arrive for a week or so after the deadline.) You will receive an email confirmation shortly after your application has been received.

If you have any questions about submitting your application, please contact Suzette Denose at (847) 467-3466 or afas@northwestern.edu.

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