

## **Tenure-track position in African Diasporic Performance**

The Departments of African American Studies and Performance Studies at Northwestern University invite applications to fill an open rank tenured or tenure-track position in African Diasporic Performance to begin September 1, 2020. Applicants at the assistant level must possess or supply evidence that all requirements for the degree will be completed by August 1, 2020.

We seek a scholar with teaching and research interests in African diasporic performance, especially the relationship between expressive cultures and social movements. We are particularly interested in scholarship that looks at musical forms and sound cultures, particularly as they intersect with political aspects of the black experience. The departments are particularly interested in scholars whose work engages critical race studies and performance studies. The applicant's area of specialty is open. A Ph.D. in performance studies, music studies, dance studies, ethnomusicology, American 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.

Applications and supporting documents will be accepted only by online submission at the following link <https://facultyrecruiting.northwestern.edu/apply>. 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 15, 2019. Inquiries about the search may be sent to [ps@northwestern.edu](mailto:ps@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.

**Northwestern University** Northwestern is a top-tier, private research university with three campuses: Evanston, Chicago, and Doha. The Evanston campus, located just north of Chicago and on Lake Michigan, houses the six schools that offer undergraduate instruction (music, education and social policy, journalism, engineering and applied science, arts and sciences, and communication), the Graduate School, and the Kellogg School of Management. The Chicago

campus is home to the schools of medicine and law. The new Doha campus, in Qatar, offers an undergraduate program in journalism and communication.

### **The School of Communication**

The School of Communication has five departments and offers a suite of interdisciplinary undergraduate, professional, and graduate programs. The departments span the communication arts and sciences and include the Roxelyn and Richard Pepper Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, the Department of Communication Studies, the Department of Radio-Television-Film, the Department of Performance Studies, and the Department of Theatre (which includes music theatre and dance). The faculty of 150 includes 105 tenure-track faculty. The school offers instruction to roughly 1200 undergraduate majors and 700 graduate and professional students.

Founded over 135 years ago, the School has been a leader in developing the communication disciplines and professions, and continues to be a center of excellence in the communication arts and sciences. The Dean of the School is Barbara J. O'Keefe.

### **Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences**

The Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences is the oldest, largest, and most comprehensive of Northwestern University's 12 schools. The College educates all Northwestern undergraduates, and its multidisciplinary depth and breadth create the intellectual foundation for the University's world-renowned graduate and professional programs.

The College offers 47 majors and 55 minors that encompass the full scope of human endeavor — humanities, arts, mathematics, the natural sciences, and the social sciences — with an emphasis on critical thinking. Over 4,000 undergraduates and 1,400 graduate students currently pursue their degrees within Weinberg.

Many academic programs are interdisciplinary, bringing together experts from different departments to advance shared intellectual interests. The Dean of the School is Adrian Randolph.