

The UConn English Department and the Asian and Asian American Studies Institute are seeking a jointly appointed tenure-track assistant professor in twentieth- to twenty-first-century Asian American Literary and Cultural Studies. Further areas of focus might include American Studies; Southeast Asian Studies; critical refugee studies; diaspora and migration; transnational, transhemispheric, and transpacific studies; graphic narrative and new media; critical ethnic studies and comparative ethnic studies; medical humanities; queer studies; or racism and antiracism.

In addition to excellence in research, the successful candidate will demonstrate a strong commitment to pedagogy and will be expected to teach in both undergraduate and graduate programs. There will be opportunities to create new courses at all levels of University instruction. This position will be based at the Storrs campus, with tenure home in the English Department.

The English Department is home to more than 60 full-time faculty members whose engaged teaching, scholarly reputations, publications, and creative work help make UConn one of the top public research institutions in the nation. The English Department also has a vibrant Ph.D. and MA program. The Asian and Asian American Studies Institute (AAASI) at the University of Connecticut is a multidisciplinary research and teaching program. Distinguished by its global, diasporic, national, regional, and transnational orientations, the Institute brings two traditionally distinct fields of inquiry together in dynamic conversation: Asian Studies and Asian American Studies.

The English Department and the AAASI are especially interested in attracting and hiring faculty who represent the diversity of the student body, as well as those with a demonstrated and ongoing commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. This hire will build on recent cluster hires of research-active faculty across the University engaged in racism and antiracism studies, diaspora studies, transnational studies, and critical ethnic studies.

Required Qualifications

Completion of all requirements for the Ph.D. (or international equivalent) in English, Comparative Literature, Asian American Studies, Ethnic Studies, American Studies, or a related field by the start date of employment.

A strong record of, or demonstrated potential for, research excellence in the field of twentieth- and twenty-first century Asian American literary and cultural studies.

Demonstrated ability to teach at the college or university level.

Evidence of a deep commitment to supporting diversity, inclusion, and equity in a higher education setting.

Preferred Qualifications

Demonstration of or interest in publicly engaged scholarship.

An interest in engaging with local and/or national community organizations in relevant areas of expertise.

Experience teaching in the field of Asian American literary and/or cultural studies.

Appointment Terms

This is a full-time, 9-month, tenure-track position with an anticipated start date of August 23, 2024. The standard teaching expectation is two courses per semester. The University offers a highly competitive salary, commensurate with qualifications and experience, as well as excellent benefits.

Application

Please submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, writing sample between 20-30 pages, diversity statement, and teaching statement to Husky Hire at www.jobs.uconn.edu. Additionally, please follow the instructions in Academic Jobs Online to direct three reference writers to submit letters of recommendation on your behalf through that web portal (do not send directly to the Director, Head, or other individuals at UConn). Review of applications will begin immediately. For full consideration, online applications should be received no later than October 30 2023. For further information, please review the English Department website: <https://english.uconn.edu/> and the AAASI website: <https://asianamerican.uconn.edu/>

Candidates may be asked to submit additional materials, such as syllabi and/or teaching portfolio, at a later stage of the search.

For questions about this position, please contact the search co-chairs Martha Cutter (martha.cutter@uconn.edu) or Jason Oliver Chang (jason.o.chang@uconn.edu)

Employment of the successful candidate is contingent upon the successful completion of a pre-employment criminal background check.

This position will be filled subject to budgetary approval. Ph.D. must be in hand by August 23, 2024.

All employees are subject to adherence to the State Code of Ethics which may be found at <http://www.ct.gov/ethics/site/default.asp>.

The University of Connecticut is committed to building and supporting a multicultural and diverse community of students, faculty and staff. The diversity of students, faculty and staff continues to increase, as does the number of honors students, valedictorians and salutatorians who consistently make UConn their top choice. More than 100 research centers and institutes serve the University's teaching, research, diversity, and outreach missions, leading to UConn's ranking as one of the nation's top research universities. UConn's faculty and staff are the critical link to fostering and expanding our vibrant, multicultural and diverse University community. As an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employer, UConn encourages applications from women, veterans, people with disabilities and members of traditionally underrepresented populations.