

Assistant Professor of English (Asian American Literature), Tenure Track

Position Information

Posting Details

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Department English Department

Duration of Position Academic year/Full time

Employee Type Faculty

Posting Number F111P

Position Introduction The Department of English at Vassar College invites applications for a tenure-track, Assistant Professor, specializing in Asian American Literature. This position will start in August 2025.

AA Statement Vassar College is deeply committed to increasing the diversity of the campus community and the curriculum, and to promoting an environment of equality, inclusion, and respect for difference. Candidates who can contribute to this goal through their teaching, research, advising, and other activities are encouraged to identify their strengths and experiences in this area. The College is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action employer, and especially welcomes applications from veterans, women, individuals with disabilities, and members of racial, ethnic, and other groups whose underrepresentation in the American professoriate has been severe and longstanding.

About Vassar College Vassar is a highly selective, coeducational liberal arts college of about 2400 undergraduate students, located in the Hudson Valley, seventy-five miles north of New York City. Vassar stands upon the [homelands of the Munsee Lenape](#). The College is located in Poughkeepsie, home to a culturally diverse community, and benefits from convenient commuter rail access to New York City. Vassar faculty are committed teachers/scholars who bring research and creative discovery to life for students in classrooms, labs, and studios and in individually-mentored projects. They teach broadly in the curricula of their departments, advise students, and serve on college-wide and departmental committees. The College maintains a generous leave policy, provides strong support for research, and encourages multidisciplinary approaches to teaching.

Position Description We are especially interested in applicants whose research and teaching interests include: critical ethnic studies, postcolonial literature, twentieth- and twenty-first century literature, graphic novels and new media, or literary nonfiction. In addition, we welcome applicants who link the study of Asian American Literature to interdisciplinary research areas, such as Women, Feminist, and Queer Studies; environmental humanities; diasporic, transnational, and transpacific studies; digital humanities; media studies. In partnership with the multidisciplinary programs, we are interested in other emerging subfields that examine the relationship between culture, identity, and embodiment, such as queer, trans, and disability studies. A candidate with a specialization in digital humanities would also be welcome.

Candidates must have a Ph.D. in English or a closely related field in hand by the commencement of the appointment, experience in and a commitment to undergraduate teaching, and evidence of scholarly potential.

Teaching in the first year is four courses. In ensuing years, it will be five courses or four courses plus a group tutorial. The successful candidate will bring a fresh perspective and energy to their research, pedagogy, and advising.

Salary Wage Range

Pay Transparency Disclosure: The annual starting salary range for this position is \$92,000 to \$102,000 (USD). This range includes new faculty appointments beginning the first year of a standard tenure clock as well as Assistant Professors with previous tenure-line experience who will be on an accelerated tenure clock. When extending an offer of employment, Vassar College considers factors such as (but not limited to) candidate's education/training, work experience, internal peer equity, as well as market and organizational considerations. This salary range represents the College's good faith and reasonable estimate at the time of posting. The starting salary for an Assistant Professor in this position with a PhD beginning the first year of a standard tenure clock in Fall 2025 is \$96,000.

How to Apply

Candidates should submit:

- A letter of application
- Personal Statement
- CV
- Writing sample (roughly 20-25 pages)
- Graduate transcript (an unofficial copy is acceptable for initial application)
- A statement highlighting contributions to or future plans for promoting diversity and inclusion through teaching, research, and other involvements (additional information on candidate diversity statements can be found at <https://offices.vassar.edu/dean-of-the-faculty/positions/candidate-diversity-statement/>).
- Three letters of recommendation

Applications should be addressed to Wendy Graham and submitted online at <https://employment.vassar.edu/postings/3774>. For inquiries, e-mail Wendy Graham, Chair, Department of English, Vassar College, [English@vassar.edu]. Review of applicant materials will begin on October 14, 2024, and will continue until the position has been filled. There is no guarantee that applications received after October 14, 2024 will be reviewed.

Posting Removal Date

Open Until Filled

Yes

For full consideration applicants should apply by

10/14/2024

Anticipated Start

August 2025

Anticipated End

Special Instructions to Applicants

Quicklink for Posting

<https://employment.vassar.edu/postings/3774>

Applicant Documents

Required Documents

1. Cover Letter
2. Personal Statement
3. Vita
4. Writing Sample
5. Transcripts 1
6. Diversity Statement

Optional Documents

None