

Final Position Description for African, African American, and African Diasporic Literature Search, 2024-2025

Position Authorization # 998100

The English Department at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor position in African, African American, and African Diasporic literature, to begin August 1, 2025.

We welcome applicants who conduct research in any area of African, African American, and African Diasporic literary studies. We seek a teacher-scholar with research and teaching interests in areas that would complement and expand departmental strengths, including its collaborative relationship with UNCG's African American & African Diaspora Studies program.

The successful applicant for this position will teach courses in literature at the undergraduate and graduate level, will advise undergraduates and contribute to the supervision of M.A. and Ph.D. students, and will pursue research related to the applicant's area of specialization.

Qualifications

Applicants should demonstrate excellence in teaching and strong potential for independent research. Demonstrated ability to work effectively in a diverse academic setting and demonstrated knowledge of inclusive, accessible, and culturally relevant teaching practices is desirable. Candidates must hold or anticipate a Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree in English or a related discipline by August 1, 2025.

About the department

UNCG is a doctoral-granting university with an engaged English department and thriving undergraduate and graduate programs. We value cross-disciplinary approaches and maintain strong institutional connections with interdisciplinary programs in African American and African Diaspora Studies and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. In recent years we have revised our undergraduate curriculum, PhD curriculum, and doctoral exams to reflect emerging disciplinary paradigms and to increase students' opportunities for public-facing and community-engaged scholarship. The English Department has emerged as a campus leader in envisioning and supporting innovative futures for humanities work at public institutions, through such initiatives as UNCG's Humanities Network and Consortium (HNAC). Building on the leadership of English Department

collaborators, UNCG aims to be a model institution for connecting humanities students to meaningful careers and communities through a multi-year, Mellon-supported Humanities @ Work initiative.

UNCG is a Minority Serving Institution and for multiple years has been the top university in the state for social mobility. Nearly eighty percent of recent graduates report remaining in North Carolina after graduation. Knowledge of and commitment to our unique student body informs the work of the English Department, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the university. UNCG fosters an environment of collaboration across departments and schools and supports community-engaged research. UNCG is an EOE/AA/M/F/D/V employer and is strongly committed to increasing faculty diversity.

We offer competitive salaries and benefit packages, a reduced teaching load for research-active faculty who contribute to our graduate programs, and opportunities to develop research agendas, participate in cross-disciplinary collaborations, and teach in a department committed to equity, access, and excellence. UNCG is located in a metropolitan area of more than 1.7 million in the Piedmont region of North Carolina, between the Atlantic Ocean and the Appalachian Mountains. The city of Greensboro offers an affordable, excellent quality of life, with numerous cultural and recreational opportunities.

How to Apply

To apply for this position (#998100), please visit our website at <https://spartantalent.uncg.edu/postings/31113>. Please upload a letter of application, a CV, a list of references, and a two-page teaching statement that includes evidence of teaching effectiveness. Please include in your teaching statement a list of potential courses you would like to teach at the undergraduate and graduate level.

Three references letters will be requested for candidates who are invited to interview.

The review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position has been filled.

Questions about the position may be directed to Anthony Cuda, Search Committee Chair, at ajcuda@uncg.edu.