

**Position Title:** Visiting Faculty in the English Department**Summary:**

Grand Valley State University's Department of English invites applications for a Visiting Assistant Professor, specializing in American Literature to begin August 6, 2025. We are seeking innovative educators who are flexible and able to teach a variety of undergraduate coursework. The position is for one year beginning in August 2025 with the potential for renewal for up to three years.

We are particularly interested in receiving applications from candidates from underrepresented groups, and from candidates who have interest and/or experience in working with diverse student and community populations.

**Required Qualifications and Education:**

Candidates must have a Ph.D., or be near completion, in English or a related field with a focus on American Literature

Strong communication and interpersonal skills, such as the ability to interact with others with respect and empathy.

**Preferred Qualifications and Education:**

Demonstrated commitment to undergraduate teaching

Demonstrated excellence in college-level teaching

Evidence of independently designed and taught courses

ABDs in English or PhD/ABD in Comparative Literature or Ethnic Studies with focus on literary studies also considered. (Please note that due to HLC requirements, candidates from non-English fields must be able to demonstrate that they have coursework in literary studies at the MA level at minimum.)

**Responsibilities:**

The successful candidate will specialize in a broad range of American literature, with the ability to teach introductory and upper-level courses. They may also teach sections of the department's Foundations courses (ENG 215 and 216), our general education Introduction to Literature course (ENG 105), as well as other courses as determined by departmental need and the candidate's expertise. The position has a 4/4 teaching load with no service or research requirements. Some support for research/professional development activities may be available depending on department budget. Additional information about our program, including course descriptions, is available on our website at [www.gvsu.edu/english](http://www.gvsu.edu/english).

Although the English Department does offer a few of our classes as online hybrid, this position requires relocation to the area. Courses will be taught in person on our Allendale campus, equidistant between Grand Rapids and the West Michigan lakeshore area, or, very occasionally, on our campus in downtown Grand Rapids.

**Salary/Benefits:**

The salary is \$50,000. The university offers an excellent comprehensive package that includes health plans, life insurance, tuition waiver, adoption resources, wellness coaching, and free

access to campus fitness facilities. Family and childcare options on and off-campus are also available. For a detailed description of benefits, please visit [Visiting Faculty Benefits - Benefits and Wellness - Grand Valley State University \(gvsu.edu\)](https://www.gvsu.edu/visiting-faculty-benefits).

**Department:**

The English Department offers programs of study in English Education, Linguistics, and Literature. With two study abroad programs in Ghana and the Netherlands, faculty in the department demonstrate a commitment to global learning opportunities. On GVSU's campus, the English Department engages in cross-curricular activities in programs such as African/African-American Studies, Digital Studies, and Environmental and Sustainability Studies, among others. The English Department strengthens the liberal education of students by developing a deepened understanding of language and literacy, promoting the value of critical reading and effective writing, and sharing the richness of literature, past and present. We seek to foster knowledge and a love of literature and of language in our students. For additional information about our programs, visit <https://www.gvsu.edu/english>.

**College:**

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) is the largest college at Grand Valley, offering over 50 bachelor's degrees and a growing number of advanced degrees in the natural and mathematical sciences, the fine arts and humanities, and the social sciences. CLAS is a student-centered and diverse learning community that engages in critical inquiry, extending knowledge to enrich and enliven individual and public life. Our faculty are active teacher-scholars committed to equitable, inclusive, career-connected, and community-engaged liberal arts and sciences education. There are many opportunities for collaboration within CLAS and across a broad group of partners on and off campus. We are interested in attracting new faculty committed to these core values as we seek to foster a community where members from all backgrounds can live, learn, and thrive together.

**Campus/University:**

Grand Valley University (GVSU) is a public comprehensive institution located in West Michigan with campuses in Allendale, downtown Grand Rapids, and Holland, plus centers in Detroit, Muskegon and Traverse City. The University attracts more than 23,000 undergraduate and graduate students with high quality programs and state-of-the-art facilities, and has been nationally recognized for innovativeness and its contribution to students' social mobility. The greater Grand Rapids metropolitan area has a population of around one million people, is affordable, and offers rich cultural amenities. Grand Valley is located within easy driving distance of Chicago, Detroit, Lake Michigan beaches, and many other superb summer and winter recreational venues. Information can be found at [Community Resources - Human Resources - Grand Valley State University \(gvsu.edu\)](https://www.gvsu.edu/community-resources-human-resources). Grand Valley is highly rated for safety, sustainability, and veteran and LGBTQ friendliness, and is committed to supporting employees and their families in work-life balance.

**How to Apply:**

A complete application must include: (1) a cover letter addressing qualifications, teaching philosophy, and your motivation to teach at GVSU, (2) curriculum vitae, (3) statement on commitment to inclusive excellence that includes a summary of ongoing and anticipated activities to promote diversity, inclusion, and equity in your teaching, (4) a sample syllabus for an American literature survey course. Apply online at [jobs.gvsu.edu](https://jobs.gvsu.edu) and select "Apply now." The online application will allow applicants to attach these documents electronically. Applicants selected for interviews will be required to submit official transcripts prior to the interview. If you need assistance, call Human Resources at 616-331-2215. Email questions about the position to Dr. Sherry Johnson, American Literature Search Committee at [johnsshe@gvsu.edu](mailto:johnsshe@gvsu.edu).

*Please note that successful applicants are responsible for ensuring their eligibility to work in the United States (i.e. a citizen or national of the United States, a lawful permanent resident, a foreign national authorized to work in the United States without the need of an employer sponsorship) on or before the effective date of appointment.*

**Application Deadline:**

The review process will begin on May 1, 2025 and continue until the position is filled. The posting may be closed at any time at the discretion of the University.

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