

Position Description

The Department of English at the College of the Holy Cross invites applications for a full-time tenure-track Assistant Professor specializing in American Fiction of the Long Twentieth Century.

Our new colleague will join a department that balances a longstanding commitment to the study and teaching of literary forms and literary history with an openness to new methods of inquiry in the field. We welcome applications from candidates demonstrating engagement with any of the wide range of interests and methodologies in American literary studies and the ability to teach American fiction across the twentieth century. We are particularly, but not exclusively, interested in applicants whose work engages with the subfields of Environmental Literature, African American Literature, and MELUS. Teaching responsibilities will include courses at all levels of the curriculum, ranging from introductory literature courses for non-majors to upper-division courses in the candidate's area of expertise. In addition to departmental course offerings, a tenure-track hire in American Fiction of the Long Twentieth Century may have opportunities to teach in and support the College's longstanding investment in interdisciplinary studies, including the Department of Environmental Studies; the Department of Critical Race & Ethnic Studies; the Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies program; as well as the College's first-year Montserrat program. Candidates are encouraged to find out more about our department here:

<https://www.holycross.edu/academics/programs/english>.

This position carries a 3-2 teaching load with a research leave prior to tenure review of either a full year at 80% salary or a semester at full salary, and generous sabbatical and fellowship leaves for tenured faculty. To enable a smooth transition to Holy Cross, new full-time tenure-track Assistant Professors receive start-up funding to support their research and professional development and have a one-course reduction in their first year of teaching (i.e., 2-2). This position offers full benefits and a starting salary in the range of \$101,850 to \$103,850. Faculty at the College cultivate a richly diverse academic community, pursue innovative teaching, and create high-impact scholarship. To learn more about faculty life at the College and the Worcester area, candidates are encouraged to visit our [Faculty Openings page](#).

Qualifications

Candidates must demonstrate excellence in scholarship and undergraduate teaching as well as a commitment to inclusive pedagogies. Ph.D. required by the beginning of the appointment.

Application Instructions

Please submit:

- a cover letter addressing the position requirements listed above, as well as ways you might contribute to and further the [College's mission](#) as a

Jesuit, undergraduate liberal arts college and its core commitment [to creating a community](#) where every individual feels empowered to contribute their talents and perspectives.

- a current curriculum vitae
- unofficial undergraduate and graduate transcripts;
- a statement of your teaching philosophy and interests.

Later in the process candidates may be asked to submit a writing sample, three confidential letters of recommendation, and official undergraduate and graduate transcripts.

The College of the Holy Cross uses Interfolio to collect all faculty job applications electronically. Please submit all application materials to <https://apply.interfolio.com/172298>.

Applications must be submitted by October 10, 2025. Initial interviews of selected applicants via Zoom will take place in early January, and campus visits for selected applicants will take place after semester break in late January and early February. Questions about this search may be directed to Prof. Madigan Haley, Search Committee Chair (mhaley@holycross.edu)