

University of Detroit Mercy
College of Liberal Arts & Education
Tenure-track Assistant Professor in African American Religion

The Department of Religious Studies at the University of Detroit Mercy invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor in African American Religion, to begin August 2022. Area of specialization within African American Religion is open, but special consideration will be given to candidates whose research and teaching intersects with studies in one or more of the following: gender and sexuality, race and ethnicity, politics, or sociology of religion. Furthermore, preference will be given to candidates who also have teaching competence in Ethics.

The successful candidate will make significant contributions to our undergraduate and graduate curricula, as well as the university Religious Studies Core Curriculum requirement. At the undergraduate level, they will be expected to teach courses exploring the African American religious experience in a variety of religious and cultural traditions (e.g., Islamic, Christian, diasporic African, etc.) and in the study of religion more broadly (e.g., Introduction to the Study of Religion), in addition to topics in their area of specialization. At the graduate level, beyond their research interests, they will contribute to exploring religion in modern and/or contemporary contexts, and to teaching methods and theories in the study of religion. The candidate will also contribute to the interdisciplinary African American Studies program at the university. The teaching load is 18 credit hours (6 courses) per academic year.

We are especially interested in applicants dedicated to excellence in both teaching and research in a liberal arts setting. Strong candidates will have a record of experience or demonstrated commitment to teaching diverse students. The Department of Religious Studies is deeply committed to the University's distinctive mission of educational excellence to a diverse student population within a vibrant urban context and a commitment to community engagement. Information about the Department of Religious Studies, its structure, and its curricula, is posted on our website at <https://liberalarts.udmercy.edu/academics/rels/index.php>.

Michigan's largest, most comprehensive private University, University of Detroit Mercy is an independent Catholic institution of higher education sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy and Society of Jesus. Detroit Mercy seeks qualified candidates who will contribute to the University's mission, diversity, and excellence of its academic community. University of Detroit Mercy is an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer with a diverse student body and welcomes persons of all backgrounds.

Advanced ABDs will be considered but must have their PhD completed within one year of hire.

An Application should be made online at <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Details/791846/University-of-Detroit-Mercy/Tenure-Track-Assistant-Professor-in-African-American-Religion> and should consist of a

letter of application, a curriculum vitae, sample syllabi or detailed course proposals, transcripts, three (3) letters of recommendation and a diversity statement (e.g., your values related to diversity, your experiences working with diverse populations, and your future plans related to inclusivity). Applications will be reviewed beginning November 15, 2021 and will continue until an appointment is made.