

Title: Associate/Full Professor and Director of the Institute for African American Studies  
Department: Liberal Arts & Sciences Dean Search #: 2012299  
Campus/Location: Storrs Campus

### **Position Summary**

The University of Connecticut seeks applications for a faculty member at the rank of associate or full professor, to serve as Director of the Institute for African American Studies (IAAS). The Director should have a significant record of research and an active research agenda. He or she will be charged with the fostering of the Institute's interdisciplinary research activities in the College and wider university. The IAAS offers an interdisciplinary major and minor, with joint-appointment of ten faculty across two schools and seven departments. Its mission is "to enlighten and inform the University of Connecticut community and the people of the State of Connecticut, nation and the world about the history, culture, contributions and experiences of people of African descent in the United States and abroad." Additionally, the Institute supports programmatic endeavors such as symposia, conferences, and guest lectures. The Director will be expected to contribute to the intellectual life of the institute through his or her research agenda and mentor junior faculty. With full staff support (full time program assistant, GA, and student workers), the director will also coordinate and develop instruction and curricula to enhance the profile of the IAAS nationally through collaborative programming from within and without the University community. He or she will also be expected to develop long range goals for the growth and development of IAAS and its major and minor and provide leadership in moving towards those goals.

### **Qualifications**

Minimum Qualifications: Applicants for this position must have a Ph.D. or an equivalent foreign degree, and they should be eligible for consideration for tenure in one of the departments in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The successful candidate will be expected to have a substantial record of scholarly research and publication in African American Studies and related disciplines and to demonstrate skills in academic leadership.

Preferred Qualifications: Experience directing programs; a commitment to integrating theory, research, and practice into the major and minor; the ability to contribute through research, teaching, and public engagement to the diversity and excellence of the learning experience; and the ability to design and develop interdisciplinary courses in African American Studies. Also desirable is experience with graduate and undergraduate curriculum development.

### **Appointment**

This is a ten-month position, at the level of Associate or Full Professor, eligible for tenure upon approval by the University's Board of Trustees. Salary and rank will be determined based on the candidate's qualifications and research record. The Director reports to the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

### **To Apply**

Interested candidates should apply online using Husky Hire (<http://jobs.uconn.edu/>) and upload a letter of interest outlining full qualifications, a curriculum vitae, and a list of three references with full contact information. Review of applications will begin 02/15/12 and will continue until the position is filled. The University of Connecticut is an EEO/AA employer.