Assistant or Associate Professor in African American and Africana Studies and Environmental Justice

The University of Kentucky in Lexington is in the second year of a multi-year hiring plan to build a more inclusive curriculum, diversify our faculty, support our Program in African American and Africana Studies, and to contribute to our new undergraduate major in that program. Faculty will have tenure homes in departments relevant to their training and research focus and will actively help build and support the AAAS program. Last year we hired seven new faculty and this year we plan to hire additional faculty in diaspora studies, black feminisms, environmental justice, ethnomusicology, and the economics of inequality. This ad is explicitly a call for applications for a position in Environmental Justice.

The program in African American and Africana Studies (AAAS) invites applications for an Assistant or Associate Professor with a specialization in social science approaches to Environmental Justice to begin August 2020. The successful applicant’s tenure home is open, and will be discipline-specific to include the departments of Anthropology, Geography, Sociology or other departments in the College of Arts and Sciences (https://www.as.uky.edu/).

We seek candidates who center Black perspectives and experiences in areas such as environmental racism, (feminist) political ecology, racialized landscapes, cultural memory, community response to disaster and disaster recovery, critical development studies, conservation, climate justice, land rights and territorial politics, political activism, and/or social justice. Applicants who include community engagement, participatory research or other qualitative approaches in their research programs are especially welcome. Area of geographic specialization is open.

Teaching and service will be shared with AAAS and the tenure-home department. Arts and Sciences academic units and AAAS are committed to interdisciplinary collaboration and dialogue among faculty with diverse geographical interests, theoretical concerns, and methodological approaches. Applicants should have PhD in hand by July 2020.
Responsibilities of the position also include pursuing an active research program in the candidate’s area of specialization; teaching a total of four courses per year in AAAS and the home department; contribution to the mission of the home department, and taking an active role in the expansion of the program in AAAS. Competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Interested applicants should apply online at: http://ukjobs.uky.edu/postings/254938. Applicants should submit the following: 1) a letter of application; 2) a current CV; 3) one writing sample; 4) a teaching portfolio, which should include a teaching statement, sample course syllabi, and sample teaching/course evaluations (upload under Specific Request 1); and 5) a diversity statement (upload under Specific Request 2): The University of Kentucky is strongly committed to creating an inclusive and effective teaching, learning, research, and working environment for all. In one to two pages, applicants should reflect on their commitments, approaches, and insights related to inclusion, diversity, and equity. Also provide the names and contact information for three references when prompted in the academic profile. This information may be utilized to solicit recommendation letters from your references within the employment system.

Review of applications begins December 1, 2019. Questions about the search should be addressed to the search committee chair, Professor Lisa Cliggett, lisa.cliggett@uky.edu.

The University of Kentucky is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages applications from veterans, individuals with disabilities, women, African Americans, and all minorities.