Tenure Track Assistant Professor in Gender, Race, and Health

Position Summary:

The Program in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) and the Department of English at Washington State University invite applications for a permanent, full-time, nine-month, tenure-track position in Pullman, WA, specializing in Gender, Race, and Health, with health broadly defined to include wellness and social health. We seek a critical humanities scholar and educator who is dedicated to feminist and queer studies and whose research and teaching focus is in, but not limited to, one of the following interdisciplinary areas: Transgender Studies; Sexual Health and Reproductive Justice; Medical Narrative/Health Studies; Postcolonial/Decolonial Science, Technology, and Society Studies; Feminist/Queer Disability Studies; or Environmental Health/Anthropocene Studies. We also welcome applicants whose scholarship values engagement with communities, such as Indigenous community health and wellness initiatives, to cite one among several possibilities. This position builds on the commitments of WSU’s separate multi-year cluster hire program in Racism and Social Inequality in the Americas. It is anticipated that the successful candidate will begin the appointment August 16, 2023.

Job Duties:

The successful candidate will be expected to pursue an active interdisciplinary research agenda leading to publication. With primary duties in WGSS and a tenure home in English, they will be expected, as part of a regular load of two courses per semester, to teach undergraduate and graduate courses in WGSS, including but not limited to those related to gender, race, and health; gender and science; LGBTQ+ studies; and cultural studies (qualitative) methods. They will be able to develop courses in their areas of specialization at both the undergraduate and graduate level, and they will be expected to mentor students at all levels. The successful candidate will be expected to demonstrate a commitment to diversity, equity, and social justice and engage in service at the program, department, college, university, and professional levels.

Required Qualifications:

- Earned PhD in WGSS, Cultural Studies, Disability Studies, Ethnic Studies, or related interdisciplinary field, or PhD in English with formal interdisciplinary graduate training in the above or related field, prior to the appointment start date.
- Demonstrated record of or potential for published research on gender, race, and health in the critical humanities.
- Proven or potential for successful teaching and course development in WGSS.
- Ability to mentor students at all levels.
- Demonstrated commitment to campus diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.
Salary/Benefits: Salary is competitive, commensurate with experience and qualifications, and accompanied by excellent fringe benefits. Please see [http://hrs.wsu.edu/employees/benefits/](http://hrs.wsu.edu/employees/benefits/).

To Apply: Visit [hrs.wsu.edu/jobs/](http://hrs.wsu.edu/jobs/) select your appropriate employment status, and search for R-7623. Please upload the following documents:

- A cover letter addressing qualifications for this position
- Curriculum vitae
- Statement of Teaching Philosophy
- Research/Scholarship statement
- Contributions to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion statement
- A chapter, article, or other writing sample
- Names, addresses, and contact information of three references who can address your history of and potential for excellence in research, teaching, and service. Letters will be requested at a later time.

Inquiries should be directed to Dr. Pamela Thoma ([pthoma@wsu.edu](mailto:pthoma@wsu.edu)), search committee chair.

Screening Begin Date: This position is open until filled. Screening of applications will begin November 5, 2022.

About WSU, Pullman, CAS, WGSS, and English: Washington State University is a land grant, multiple-campus Research 1 institution. This position will serve on the Pullman campus, which has an enrollment of around 20,000 students and is located in Southeastern Washington on the homelands of the Nimíipuu (Nez Perce) Tribe and Palus people. With easy access to Portland and Seattle, and 80 miles south of Spokane, Pullman is a half-day drive from Glacier National Park in Montana, and Olympic, Rainier, and North Cascades National Parks in Washington. Locally, the rolling hills of the Palouse offer a wide range of activities and a true four-season climate. For more information about the region, please see [pullmanchamber.com](http://pullmanchamber.com).

Encompassing more than 30 departments, schools, and research units on five campuses statewide, the College of Arts & Sciences is the heart of WSU. Together our 730+ faculty and staff deliver more than 50% of WSU’s total undergraduate and graduate instruction, including the vast majority of WSU’s core curriculum. We also drive annual research expenditures of more than $26 million, with wide interdisciplinary strengths in public and community health, environmental change, equity and social justice, and data and technology at the boundaries. As Arts & Sciences begins its 10th anniversary as a unified college, we seek to lead a reimagining of WSU’s land-grant mission for the 21st century, expanding the boundaries of creativity and discovery while simultaneously recognizing more completely our obligations to Native and Indigenous peoples. For more about the College of Arts & Sciences at WSU, please see [https://cas.wsu.edu](http://https://cas.wsu.edu).

Housed in the Department of English, WGSS has a long history of advancing feminist and queer studies knowledge at WSU. Its Affiliate Faculty are nationally and internationally recognized for their expertise across a spectrum of disciplines and fields, including Asian American Studies, Chicanx and LGBTQ+ history, Cultural Studies in Education, and Feminist and Queer Studies.
WGSS offers a bachelor’s degree, two minors, and the successful candidate will help shape an interdisciplinary graduate certificate now in development. The Department of English offers a bachelor’s degree, an MA and PhD in English, and certificates in Editing and Publishing (undergraduate), Digital Humanities and Culture, and Teaching English as a Second Language (both at the graduate level). WGSS and English are committed to the retention of new faculty and as such the successful candidate will be provided with a faculty mentoring committee, benefit from peer/mutual mentoring opportunities, and have access to university programs such as the External Mentor Program.

WSU acknowledges that its locations statewide are on the homelands of Native American peoples, who have lived in this region and have been caretakers of the land from time immemorial. The Morrill Act of 1862 established our land-grant institution by providing public and federal lands that are traced back to the disposition of Indigenous lands, often taken by coercive and violent acts, and the disregard of treaties. For that, we extend our deepest apologies. We owe our deepest gratitude to the Native peoples of this region and maintain our commitment towards reconciliation. And as a land-grant institution, WSU is deeply committed to the land-grant mission, its Memorandums of Understanding with Native tribes in the region, and a tradition of service to society. To read the full WSU land acknowledgement, please see wsu.edu/about/wsu-land-acknowledgement/.

Washington State University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Educator and Employer. Members of ethnic minorities, women, special disabled veterans, veterans of the Vietnam-era, recently separated veterans, and other protected veteran, persons of disability and/or persons age 40 and over are encouraged to apply.

WSU is committed to excellence through diversity and faculty-friendly policy action, including partner accommodation and NSF ADVANCE Institutional Transformation programs (http://www.advance.wsu.edu/). WSU employs only U.S. citizens and lawfully authorized non-U.S. citizens. All new employees must show employment eligibility verification as required by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

WSU is committed to providing access and reasonable accommodation in its services, programs, activities, education and employment for individuals with disabilities. To request disability accommodation in the application process, contact Human Resource Services: 509-335-4521 (v), Washington State TDD Relay Service: Voice Callers: 1-800-833-6384; TDD Callers: 1-800-833-6388, 509-335-1259(f), or hrs@wsu.edu.