

## DEPARTMENT HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF BLACK STUDIES UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

The Department of Black Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) invites applications for the position of Head of the Department. We are seeking an innovative and dynamic leader with a distinguished record of scholarship in any area of African, African American Studies and/or African Diaspora studies broadly construed, and a commitment to interdisciplinary work. Black Studies at UIC was founded in 1971 and has grown into a multidisciplinary department with 18 faculty and 5 faculty affiliates. Our faculty includes award-winning authors and scholars, nationally known policy analysts, and community activists engaged in pioneering work on race, racism, gender, sexuality, inequality, and the African Diaspora. The Department offers an undergraduate major and minor and an Interdisciplinary Graduate Concentration in Black Studies. We maintain strong, interdisciplinary connections to scholarly and civic communities. For further information, please visit our website: <https://blst.uic.edu/about/>.

UIC is among the nation's top five most diverse campuses and is designated a Minority Serving Institution (MSI). Located in the heart of Chicago, UIC is a Carnegie, Research 1, urban, public, Research 1 university with access to state-of-the-art research facilities with approximately 22,000 undergraduates, 7500 graduate students, and 4100 professional school students. The University is host to several exciting interdisciplinary units with which the Black Studies Department frequently collaborates. These include, among others, the Humanities Institute, the Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, the Latin American and Latino Studies Program, the Program in Gender and Women's Studies, the Program in Global Asian Studies, the Social Justice Initiative, and the Great Cities Institute. The Head is the chief administrative officer of the department with responsibility for instructional programs and for administrative, budgetary, promotion, and recruitment matters. The successful candidate will have a distinguished scholarship record commensurate with the rank of full professor, a strong teaching record, and appropriate academic administrative experience. PhD or equivalent degree required. The desired appointment date is August 16, 2021. Salary is competitive based on qualifications. To apply, complete an on-line application and upload a cover letter, full curriculum vitae and the names and full contact information of four referees at <https://jobs.uic.edu>. Please click on the Job Board and then the position. For further information please contact Prof. Beth Richie ([brichie@uic.edu](mailto:brichie@uic.edu)). Applications and nominations should be received by March 15, 2021 to receive full consideration. Applications from women and minorities are particularly encouraged. The University of Illinois is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer.

The University of Illinois System requires candidates selected for hire to disclose any documented finding of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment and to authorize inquiries to current and former employers regarding findings of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment. For more information, visit <https://www.hr.uillinois.edu/cms/One.aspx?portalId=4292&pageId=1411899>