

## American Studies Program

### Job description for 2022-2023

The American Studies Program at Williams College seeks to make a tenure-track appointment in Asian American Studies, to start July 1, 2022, at the rank of Assistant Professor (in exceptional cases, a more advanced appointment may be considered). The Ph.D. is expected by the time the appointment begins. The program seeks to complement and expand the expertise of existing faculty who teach Asian American topics, at a time when the College is working towards building an Asian American Studies program.

We are particularly interested in scholars doing comparative ethnic studies work, especially at the intersection of Asian American and African American/Black studies, but we welcome applications from those working on other topics as well. We also have a strong preference for those who demonstrate a commitment to the interdisciplinary nature and methodologies of American Studies in their research and teaching. The teaching load is two courses per semester and a three-week-long winter-study course every other January.

The successful applicant will be expected to teach courses in their specialties and periodically offer the introductory American Studies course (AMST 101) and the junior-level theories and methods course (AMST 301). The candidate should be a committed and imaginative scholar with an established record of excellence in scholarship and teaching and a willingness to help build the Asian American studies program at Williams. The hire will join three other Asian Americanists at the college.

American Studies at Williams is a small but vibrant program with a diverse faculty and dynamic and engaged majors, whose numbers are growing. Created in 1940, it is one of the oldest American Studies programs in the country and has been at the forefront at Williams in teaching courses that foreground issues of race and racism, class, gender/sexuality, globalization, and diaspora, among others. We are especially interested in candidates from historically under-represented groups, candidates whose scholarship and teaching enrich the diversity and intellectual vibrancy of our academic communities, and candidates who have experience working effectively with students who are widely diverse with regard to race, ethnicity, nationality, ability, gender, sexual orientation, and religion.

Please send the following application materials to the chair of the search committee, Prof. Dorothy Wang, Chair of the American Studies Program, via Interfolio <http://apply.interfolio.com/91372>: a letter of application, a curriculum vitae, a writing sample of no more than 25 pages, a statement of teaching philosophy, and three letters of recommendation. All applications received by Oct. 11, 2021 will receive full consideration. Preliminary video interviews begin at the end of October. Finalists will be invited to Williamstown for campus interviews in mid- to late November, possibly into early December.

All offers of employment are contingent on completion of a background check. Further information is available at: <http://dean-faculty.williams.edu/prospective-faculty/background-check-policy/>.

Williams is a liberal arts institution located in the Berkshire Hills of western Massachusetts. The college has built its reputation on outstanding teaching and scholarship and on the academic excellence of its approximately 2,000 students. Please visit the Williams website (<http://williams.edu>). Beyond meeting fully its legal obligations for non-discrimination, Williams is committed to building a diverse and inclusive community where members from all backgrounds can live, learn, and thrive together.