**Position Announcement: Dance**

**(Assistant Professor, Tenure Track)**

**Department of Performing Arts**

**College of Arts and Sciences, American University**

The Department of Performing Arts in the College of Arts and Sciences at American University invites applications for a full-time tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor beginning August 1, 2022.

Applicants should hold a terminal degree in dance and demonstrate a minimum of two-years’ experience teaching in a college setting. Candidates should be effective teachers and must be strongly committed to excellence in creative or scholarly research practice. We welcome applications from candidates engaged in high-quality scholarship in areas including, but not limited to performance, choreography, public scholarship, or publication. Candidates must demonstrate an understanding of the role of dance in liberal arts education and a readiness to teach coursework that is central to the BA and minor including embodied knowledge/movement courses, upper-level critical inquiry, and/or production courses as well as potentially instruct in the General Education (AU CORE) curriculum.

The successful candidate will be committed to the dance program’s pedagogical value system, which is grounded in inclusivity, hosted within the dancing body, guided by creative practice as research methodology, and committed to the multi-faceted learner within a transdisciplinary setting. Preferred candidates will demonstrate an active embodied knowledge/embodied research practice within African diasporic, Asian, Indigenous, and/or Latin American dance studies.

The position will carry a teaching load of four courses per academic year alongside active scholarship. In addition to scholarship and teaching, responsibilities will include participation in program, department, school, and university service. Candidates demonstrating leadership and curricular development experience are preferred. The candidate’s commitment to service will contribute to the continued sustainability of the program and provide ongoing advocacy for its further development as a nationally recognized dance program.

Salary is competitive. Initial review of applications will begin November 15, 2021 and will continue until the position is filled. Please submit applications via: <http://apply.interfolio.com/96231>. For the initial submission, please include a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, two sample syllabi, and an example of creative or scholarly work (uploaded PDF or a link to materials, as applicable). Letters of reference and additional materials may be requested later. Please contact Richard Streeks, Administrative Coordinator, 202-885-3422 or streeks@american.edu if you have any questions.

The dance program at American University is an innovative and unique program allowing students to approach creative practice and critical inquiry through the foundation of embodied knowledge—acquiring cognitive modalities through the body. The dance curriculum has been structurally and pedagogically designed to creatively enable students to integrate their dance studies within and beyond the university. The program includes a dance major, dance minor, as well as course offerings open to the entire campus community. To learn more about the dance program, visit <https://www.american.edu/cas/performing-arts/dance/>.

The Department of Performing Arts at American University offers undergraduate and graduate programs in Arts Management, Dance, Music, Theatre, and Audio Technology. Learn more about the College of Arts and Sciences at http://www.american.edu/cas/ and about the department at <http://www.american.edu/CAS/performing-arts/>

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