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Cathy Hughes School of Communications
Department of Communication Studies

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**Howard University
Department of Communication Studies (COMM)
Tenure Track Assistant Professor Position**

Description

The School of Communications at Howard University in Washington, D.C. seeks outstanding candidates for a nine-month, full-time, tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor. The appointment begins August 15, 2025. The successful candidate will have the ability to teach various undergraduate courses within the Department Communication Studies (COMM), including courses such as Organizational Communication, Leadership and Management Communication, Communication Law and Policy, Introduction to Persuasion, Broadcast Management, etc. Applicants with a demonstrated appreciation and understanding of social scientific, multi- and interdisciplinary communication research and scholarship are preferred. Candidates will also be expected to participate in committee work and have an active agenda in research and/or creative works aligned with the department foci. Candidates may be asked to teach graduate level courses and serve on dissertation committees in the Communication Culture and Media Studies doctoral program.

Qualifications

Candidates should hold a terminal degree, preferably a Ph.D. in communication studies, or in a related discipline and should have teaching experience at the university level. The ideal candidate must demonstrate proficiency in a variety of communication and teaching perspectives, along with knowledge of contemporary communication theories and applications. In addition to being able to teach across the curriculum, applicants must possess excellent human relations skills. Ideally candidates should have an established record in scholarly research track and the pursuit of external funding opportunities. In keeping with the School's proposed interdisciplinary research agenda, a candidate with a research/creative production agenda focused on at least one of the department's strategic emphases is desirable: organizational communication, management communication, digital communication, speech and rhetoric, or intercultural and international communication. ABDs with excellent research records and/or industry experiences will be considered.

Overview

Founded in 1867, Howard University is a private, research university that is comprised of 13 schools and colleges. Students pursue studies in more than 120 areas leading to undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees. Howard also produces more on campus African-American Ph.D. recipients than any other university in the United States. In keeping with the legacy of Howard University, the department is committed to the education and preparation of academicians and professionals to assume positions of leadership and responsibility both nationally and internationally. The candidate must demonstrate understanding of and support for the mission of the Howard University.

The Department of Communication Studies (COMM) offers a Bachelor of Arts degree with concentrations specializing in legal communications (pre-law and policy), strategic communication (advertising and public relations), and management and organizational communication, as well as interdisciplinary studies (“build your own major” combining communication studies with complementary curriculum outside the School of Communications). The Department of Communication Studies is home to the MLK Forensics Program with award-winning Mock Trial Debate and Parliamentary Debate teams, student-run advertising and public relations agency, Capstone Communications (CapComm); and the NABEF Media Sales Institute funded by the National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation. The Department also sponsors the Tom Burrell Chapter of the American Advertising Federation and D. Parke Gibson Chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America.

The School of Communications also offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in Media, Journalism and Film; Master of Science degree in Speech Pathology; and doctoral degrees in Communications Sciences and Disorders and in Communication, Culture and Media Studies. The School is affiliated with a university owned and operated public television station (WHUT-TV), a top-rated commercial urban radio station (WHUR-FM), satellite radio channels and HD radio channels. The School of Communications has an international reputation for its graduates as well as its success in placing African-Americans in communications positions and graduate programs.

Additional information about the department and university can be found at <http://communications.howard.edu/>.

Application Process

Please submit: 1) Letter of application; 2) Research Statement 3) Statement of Teaching Philosophy; 3) Current vitae (including e-mail address); 4) Names and contact information for three referees; and 5) Teaching evaluation summaries. Send via email to the Search Committee Chair, Dr. Jean Claude Kwitonda at Jeanclaude.kwitonda@howard.edu

Review of applications will begin on October 1, 2024, and continue until the position is filled.

Howard University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer committed to a culturally diverse academic environment.