TENURED PROFESSOR IN AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC

Harvard University
Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Department of Music and Department of African and African American Studies
Cambridge, MA

Position Description: The Department of Music and the Department of African and African American Studies seek to jointly appoint a tenured professor of African American Music. The appointment will be at the rank of Full Professor and is expected to begin on July 1, 2025.

The successful candidate will work at the intersection of practice and criticism of African American music. He or she will have a distinguished record of scholarship in the history, philosophy, or theory of African American music, coupled with practical experience in the creation, performance, or artistic practice in one or more relevant musical traditions. A commitment to public scholarship and engaged ethics is desirable. The chosen candidate will teach three courses over two semesters, at the graduate and undergraduate levels, plus one teaching-equivalent contribution.

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Boston, Cambridge, Massachusetts, MA, Northeast, New England
African American music, improvisation, performance, ethnomusicology, musicology, music theory

Basic Qualifications: Candidates are expected to hold a doctorate in a relevant field.

Additional Qualifications: Demonstrated strong commitment to teaching, advising, and research is desired. Candidates should have a strong record of intellectual leadership and impact on the field, as well as the potential to contribute to both departments, to the University, and to the wider scholarly community.

Special Instructions: Please submit the following materials through the ARiE portal (https://academicpositions.harvard.edu). Candidates are advised to apply by September 16, 2024. Applications will be reviewed until the position is filled.

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Research statement
3. Teaching/advising statement that describes the candidate’s philosophy and practices as well as their approach to creating a learning environment in which students are encouraged to ask questions and share their ideas
4. Service statement that describes efforts to strengthen academic communities, e.g., the candidate’s department, institution, and/or professional societies
5. Authorization form

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