



# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## Postdoctoral Fellowship in Race, Freedom, and Democratic Citizenship in African American Studies

The African American Studies Program is excited to invite applications for two interdisciplinary postdoctoral teaching fellowships in “Race, Freedom, and Democratic Citizenship” at the University of South Carolina. The main focus of these postdoctoral fellowships is on teaching courses in our program that meet the aims of a new state mandate to offer instruction on the United States’ founding documents, including the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, the Federalist Papers, and the Emancipation Proclamation. The African American Studies program aims to supplement this mandate with a robust exploration of the evolving definitions of freedom in the United States through an analysis of the lives and writings of African Americans who have struggled to realize the country’s founding principles and core values. In considering how the provisions of these documents impact the everyday lives of Black citizens from the seventeenth-century to the present, **we welcome interdisciplinary perspectives and modes of inquiry that range from history and political science to rhetoric, art, film and media studies, music, literature, gender studies, philosophy, anthropology, sociology, environmental studies, and more.** Postdoctoral fellows will also be given some flexibility to pursue their own research agenda, to collaborate with other scholars in African American Studies, and to contribute to the intellectual life of the university through colloquia and at least one public talk.

Each postdoctoral fellow will be appointed for two years (2021-2023) with the option to renew for a third year. Fellows will be required to take part in professional and intellectual development activities with a cross-campus cohort of other founding documents instructors. The fellowship carries a salary of \$45,000 plus benefits for a 2-2-1 teaching load over the fall, summer, and either a summer or winter term. The fellows will also be associated with the UofSC Institute for African American Research (IAAR) and receive a yearly \$3,000 research/travel fund along with office space in IAAR.

**Required Experience:** Scholars who have received their Ph.D. degree in any relevant field in the humanities and social sciences are invited to apply.

**Preferred Qualifications:** Applicants that have demonstrated excellence in the classroom, along with a willingness to teach the U.S. founding documents. Scholars who have been awarded a Ph.D. within the previous five years are preferred.

**AAIHS**  
African American Intellectual History Society

<https://www.aaihs.org/resources/af-am-job-openings/>

**Applications should include:**

- a letter from the applicant, including an overview of current research interests and a teaching statement that describes your proposed approach to teaching the U.S. founding documents (not to exceed 3 pages)
- a curriculum vitae
- three letters of recommendation
- writing sample (not to exceed 20 pages)
- a transcript that states degree completion no later than May 2021

**For best consideration, completed applications should be submitted as soon as possible. The search committee will begin reviewing applications on April 30, 2021.**

For more information and to submit an application, please visit: <https://uscjobs.sc.edu/postings/95534>



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