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Visiting (Open Rank) Research Professor

Job no: 527921

Work type: Faculty Full Time

Location: UMass Amherst

Department: Dean - Humanities & Fine Arts

Union: Non-Benefited

Categories: College of Humanities & Fine Arts, Lecturer/Non-Tenure Track

About UMass Amherst

The flagship of the Commonwealth, the [University of Massachusetts Amherst](http://www.umass.edu) is a nationally ranked public land-grant research university that seeks to expand educational access, fuel innovation and creativity, and share and use its knowledge for the common good. Founded in 1863, UMass Amherst sits on nearly 1,450-acres in scenic Western Massachusetts and boasts state-of-the-art facilities for teaching, research, scholarship, and creative activity. The institution advances a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community where everyone feels connected and valued—and thrives, and offers a full range of undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees across 10 schools and colleges, and 100 undergraduate majors. We believe every member of our university community can contribute to our ongoing success by striving for the highest level of excellence as we seek breakthrough solutions to mounting environmental, social, economic, and technological challenges in our world.

About Slavery North

Founded in 2022, [Slavery North](http://www.slaverynorth.com) is a one-of-a kind academic and cultural destination where scholars, thinkers, artists, and cultural producers build community and produce research and cultural outcomes that transform our understanding of the neglected histories of Transatlantic Slavery in Canada and the US North. Slavery North seeks to advance social justice by recuperating and interrogating the complex histories of Transatlantic Slavery and European colonization of the Americas, thereby recovering and centering the cultures, experiences, lives, and resistance of enslaved peoples in Canada and the US North. At the heart of Slavery North is a fellowship program that welcomes national and international students, artists, and scholars, providing

them with the space, funding, time, and community to produce transformative research outcomes.

Job Summary

The Visiting (Open Rank) Research Professor for Slavery North will actively participate in both the scholarly and social environment of the center. Visiting Research Professors, with support of Slavery North leadership, will conduct independent research and create original works in one or more of the five mandate areas of Slavery North which include 1) Canadian Slavery, (2) slavery in the US North, (3) the comparative study of slavery in Canada, the US North, and other northern or temperate regions, (4) the study of the inter-connectedness of slavery in Canada and the US North with Caribbean Slavery, and (5) Black-Indigenous relations in Canadian Slavery or US North Slavery. Furthermore, the research must center on the enslaved and/or adopt an anti-colonial, de-colonial, post-colonial, and/or anti-racist methodology/approach which challenges the nature of European and Euro-American imperialism and colonialism and interrogates the racist logic of the institution of Transatlantic Slavery.

Essential Functions

- Self-directed research and production of original works with the support of Slavery North leadership in one or more of the five core mandate areas of Slavery North as described above.
- Actively participate in the life of Slavery North including working in our shared office space, attending and contributing to Slavery North and relevant UMass Amherst and regional activities.
- Contribute to a culture of conversation, support, and the sharing of ideas, resources, and knowledge.
- Mentoring and supporting UMass Amherst students.
- Present at least one public lecture, and participate in exhibitions, workshops, and/or podcast related to your research project, where appropriate, while in residence.
- Provide suitable biographical and research information for use on Slavery North website and in promotional and outreach materials.

Other Functions

- Performs other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications (Knowledge, Skills, Abilities, Education, Experience, Certifications, Licensure)

- PhD.
- Must hold a full-time academic appointment at another institution of higher learning.

Additional Details

Visiting (Open Rank) Research Professors must credit Slavery North Initiative-UMass Amherst in all outcomes derived from their appointment.

Work Schedule

Flexible. Visiting (Open Rank) Research Professors are expected to work in the shared office and actively contribute to the Slavery North community.

Salary Information

This is a maximum one-year non-benefitted appointment. Appointments will be made according to the following ***approximate*** schedule:

Fall Semester: 9/1/26—12/18/26 (Biweekly Gross Salary= \$2,961.53 per 8 pay periods)

Spring Semester: 1/25/27—5/14/27 (Biweekly Gross Salary=\$2,961 per 8 pay periods)

Full One Year Appointment: 9/1/26—8/31/27 (Biweekly Gross Salary=\$2,961.53 per 26 pay periods)

Special Instructions to Applicants

In addition to a completed employment application, please submit the following materials for consideration. Application will not be considered complete until all materials are received.

- Current CV (maximum 3 pages) which addresses education/training, current affiliations, related work experience, grants and awards, curation, publications, other research outcomes, lectures, talks, and

conference papers, and relevant community contributions and engagement.

- Project Statement (Maximum 5 pages): The project statement must be written in full sentence form and include the following areas:
 1. Page 1: Project summary (avoid jargon and write for non-specialist audience)
 2. Pages 2-4: Objectives; Context; Importance and Originality; Literature Review; Theoretical and Methodological Approach; Archival or Primary Sources; Impact and Outcomes.
 3. Page 5: Timeline (point form); indicate desired semester(s) for appointment or full calendar year appointment and describe intended timetable for project completion.
- A list of three professional references (name, position title, and contact information).
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Questions can be directed to: Emily Davidson emilydavidso@umass.edu

To guarantee full consideration, all application materials must be received the deadline of **September 21, 2025**.

The University of Massachusetts Amherst welcomes all qualified applicants and complies with all state and federal anti-discrimination laws.

Advertised: Jul 22 2025 Eastern Daylight Time

Applications close:

Job Posting: <https://careers.umass.edu/amherst/en-us/job/527921/visiting-open-rank-research-professor>