

**University of South Carolina  
Department of English Language and Literature and  
African American Studies Program**

**Open Rank Search (Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor) in Creative Writing/Fiction**

The [Department of English](#) and the [African American Studies Program](#) at the [University of South Carolina](#) seek a fiction writer. This is an open-rank, tenured or tenure-track joint position for a writer with teaching expertise in creative writing and African American literary and/or cultural studies. The successful candidate will contribute meaningfully to our fully funded MFA Program and to our undergraduate degree in African American Studies through courses that build on the hire's strengths and interests. (The teaching load in English, which will be the tenure home, is typically 2/2.) Rank is dependent on qualifications and experience, but all candidates must have a terminal degree in creative writing (MFA or PhD) by time of appointment (August 16, 2022), demonstrated teaching ability, and a strong record of publication, including at least one book published or under contract with a trade or academic publisher. This is a true open-rank hire, and we encourage writers at any stage of their career to apply.

All applicants must complete an online application at: <https://uscjobs.sc.edu/postings/105972>. Applicants must submit a letter of application, CV, writing sample of at least 20 pages, statement of teaching philosophy, and the names and email addresses of three reviewers (who will be prompted to submit letters of recommendation directly). Review of applications will begin on November 1, 2021 and will continue until the position is filled. Inquiries about the search may be directed to the search committee chair, Elise Blackwell at [EBLACKWE@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:EBLACKWE@mailbox.sc.edu).

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