



Washington and Lee University

DeLaney Center Postdoctoral Fellowship in Southern Race Relations, Culture and Politics

The Washington and Lee University (W&L) DeLaney Center seeks candidates for the 2024-2026 DeLaney Center Postdoctoral Fellowship. The Postdoctoral Fellow will be expected to teach three undergraduate courses during the year, typically including one course in the fall, one course in the winter, and one course in the 4-week spring term. At least two of these courses should align with the DeLaney Center's interest in Southern race relations, culture, and politics. Courses are chosen in consultation with the Director. In addition, the DeLaney Center Fellow will be expected to assist with administrative duties within the DeLaney Center, participate in all DeLaney Center activities, interact with and advise undergraduates affiliated with the DeLaney Center, and help foster an intellectual community across the College, the Williams School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics, and the School of Law. The appointment will be for two years, beginning on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2026.

Washington and Lee, a private, liberal arts university with approximately 2200 students, is in Lexington, Virginia, a town of approximately 7000 people in the Shenandoah Valley. The DeLaney Center was established in 2021. Its mission is to advance dialogue, teaching, and research about race and Southern identity. To learn more, please [visit https://my.wlu.edu/delaney-center](https://my.wlu.edu/delaney-center). One of the nation's top liberal arts institutions, W&L is unique in having accredited programs in business administration, journalism, and accounting, as well as a School of Law. Established in 1749, it is the ninth oldest institution of higher learning in the nation.

Washington and Lee University promotes a dynamic and inclusive environment that allows students and employees of multiple backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives to learn, work, and thrive together. Successful candidates will contribute to that environment and exhibit potential for excellence in teaching, scholarship, and public service. In keeping with the University Strategic Plan, we welcome applications from underrepresented minority candidates and members of other communities that are traditionally underrepresented in academia.

Qualifications

Applicants must study Southern race relations, culture, and politics. The successful candidate will have a Ph.D. with a focus on race and Southern-ness

and will have completed their Ph.D. by June of 2024. The candidate must be no more than three years from the awarding of their degree (i.e., June of 2021), although exceptions to this rule may be made in unusual circumstances.

Application Instructions

In addition to a cover letter and CV, we request a writing sample (no more than 25 pages), three confidential letters of recommendation, a one-page research statement, and a teaching portfolio. Questions should be directed to Michael Hill, who is Professor and Chair of Africana Studies and the Director of the DeLaney Center, at mhill@wlu.edu.

Review of applications will begin on March 15 and continue until the position is filled. Applications will be accepted through Interfolio at <http://apply.interfolio.com/142170>.