

Assistant Professor of English and Theatre
Pennsylvania State University

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Job Title	Assistant Professor of English and Theatre
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Institution	Pennsylvania State University Middletown, Pennsylvania
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Application Deadline	Open until filled
Position Start Date	Available immediately
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Assistant Professor of English and Theatre

The Assistant Professor of English and Theatre is a full-time, tenure-track faculty position within the English Program in the School of Humanities at Penn State Harrisburg.

We are seeking an enthusiastic and dedicated individual who shares our commitment to teaching, research, and service. Areas of expertise sought include British literature and theatre. The successful candidate will contribute to our efforts to create a welcoming and inclusive learning environment for students, foster robust, collaborative research, and engage in service activities supporting institutional goals.

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Responsibilities:

The primary responsibilities of the Assistant Professor of English and Theatre include teaching, research, and service to the school, college, university, community, and profession.

Teaching:

Teaching responsibilities will be 2-3 for the first two years, followed by a 3-3 load.

Research/Scholarship/Creative Accomplishments:

Candidates are expected to have an active and promising research agenda in their field of expertise.

Tenure-track faculty in the School of Humanities are required to publish articles, book chapters, and/or books with major academic journals and presses, leading to a national reputation at the time of tenure.

Service:

The Assistant Professor of English and Theatre will participate in service activities that reflect a commitment to campus, university, and regional communities as well as national and international academic communities.

Qualifications:

To be considered for the Assistant Professor of English and Theatre, candidates should possess the following qualifications:

Education:

PhD in English or a closely associated field is required by July of 2025.

Expertise:

Applicants working in premodern critical race studies, disability studies, and gender and sexuality studies are particularly welcome. The successful candidate will be able to teach the required Shakespeare class for the English major as well as offerings across multiple periods of British literature, including medieval, early modern, nineteenth, and twentieth centuries. This position includes an appointment in Theatre to support the theatre minor. The successful candidate may direct theatre

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productions in conjunction with teaching. This person will also serve as a collaborative faculty member in the School of Humanities and promote and develop programming as needed by the college.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Commitment:

The successful candidate will demonstrate a commitment to transformative teaching methods, communication approaches, course materials, learning objectives, and learning environments to genuinely support, respect, and cater to the diverse needs of student populations at Penn State Harrisburg.

Experience:

The successful candidate will provide evidence of successful teaching at the university level.

Application Process

To apply for the Assistant Professor of English and Theatre, please visit Penn State's Human Resources website <https://hr.psu.edu/careers> and submit the following documents as separate files:

- **Cover Letter:**
 - The cover letter should address the applicant's qualifications for the position, including teaching, research, service, DEIB commitment, and alignment with Penn State Harrisburg's values. If the candidate is ABD, the candidate should also address progress toward completion of the dissertation and degree requirements by the time of appointment.
- **Curriculum Vitae:**
 - The CV should highlight the applicant's education, research, teaching, service, and other professional academic experience.
- **Teaching Philosophy:**
 - The teaching philosophy should include strategies for promoting diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging.
- **Research Philosophy:**
 - The research philosophy should include the applicant's approach to establishing and extending their research, including future projects and topics.
- **Professional References:**
 - In a separate file, applicants should provide a list of three professional references.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. For

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additional questions, please contact Dr. Russell Kirkscey: trk82@psu.edu.

About Penn State Harrisburg

Penn State Harrisburg is a campus of the Pennsylvania State University, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's land-grant institution, serving more than 85,000 students.

Penn State Harrisburg, the Capital College, enrolls 4,600 students in residential instruction and an additional 1,000 students in programs delivered online via the University's World Campus.

Penn State Harrisburg offers two associate, 35 baccalaureate, 25 Master's, and three doctoral degrees. The college also offers the first two years of study leading to more than 275 baccalaureate majors available throughout Penn State. Additionally, the campus participates in nine online degree offerings (six graduate and three undergraduate) through Penn State World Campus, and offers accelerated undergraduate/graduate programs, joint degrees in collaboration with Penn State Dickinson Law and the Penn State College of Medicine, and continuing education opportunities.

For more information about Penn State Harrisburg, please visit the college's website at <https://harrisburg.psu.edu/>.

About the School of Humanities

The School of Humanities is not a single place, but a group of extraordinary people teaching vital skills for careers and life after college. We offer programs in American Studies, Communications, English, and Humanities, many at both undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as minors and courses in related disciplines in the arts, languages, and the Humanities. The faculty in the School of Humanities understand and address issues of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in virtually every aspect of their teaching and research.

For more information about the School of Humanities, please visit <https://harrisburg.psu.edu/humanities>.

The Pennsylvania State University is committed to and accountable for advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and sustainability in all its forms. We embrace individual uniqueness, foster a culture of inclusion that supports both broad and specific diversity initiatives, leverage the educational and institutional benefits of diversity in society and nature, and engage all individuals to help them thrive. We value inclusion as a core strength and an essential element of our public service mission.



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Likewise, the School of Humanities is committed to attracting and retaining a diverse workforce. We believe diversity benefits and enriches students, staff, and faculty within our school. We are dedicated to building and sustaining an equitable, inclusive, and welcoming teaching and learning environment where cultural diversity is valued and celebrated.

Apply online at https://psu.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/PSU_Academic/job/Penn-State-Harrisburg/Assistant-Professor-of-English-and-Theatre_REQ_0000062314-1

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Penn State is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer, and is committed to providing employment opportunities to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or protected veteran status.

Contact Information

Please reference Academickeys in your cover letter when applying for or inquiring about this job announcement.

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