

[Job: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, History Chair of Department \(Deadline 01 Nov\)](#)

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[Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, History](#) **Chair of Department**

Institution Type: [College / University](#)
Location: [Virginia, United States](#)
Position: [Department Chair](#)

The Virginia Tech College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences seeks a Chair of the Department of History. This full-time, twelve-month appointment will begin July 1, 2023.

The Chair should be an established senior scholar with successful records of teaching, research, service, and administrative leadership, and should demonstrate strong potential for collaborative leadership and shared faculty governance. Candidates should be able to promote innovative research, teaching, and outreach initiatives as well as mentor faculty effectively through the promotion and tenure process. The successful candidate must have a demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion and will champion the University's mission of student success.

The Department of History has 31 full-time faculty members, around 150 undergraduate majors, and about 15-20 MA students, most of whom are fully funded with stipends and tuition remission. There is no dedicated Ph.D. in History, but historians regularly mentor doctoral students in interdisciplinary programs such as Science and Technology Studies and the Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical, and Cultural Thought (ASPECT). In addition to producing nationally and internationally distinguished scholarship, the Department places great emphasis on creative, collaborative, and high-quality teaching at all levels, and includes many award-winning teachers.

The Department has experienced rapid growth in recent years, resulting in greater diversity, a large proportion of pre-tenure faculty, and new areas of strength. The Department now houses the director of the Food Studies program and Virginia Tech's American Indian Studies faculty. It also highly values digital and public history and contributes to transdisciplinary initiatives such as Latinx Studies, Asian and Asian American Studies, Africana Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, and the Center for Human-Computer Interaction. The Department is dedicated to advancing inclusion and diversity in teaching, research, and outreach, and it seeks a leader with the vision, administrative skills, and managerial experience to guide it forward. Members of groups historically underrepresented in the professoriate are especially encouraged to apply.

The Chair works with faculty, staff, and the Office of the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences to realize the Department's mission and continue to build a Department of national and international distinction.

Required Qualifications:

- Ph.D. in history or a related discipline
- Reputation, research publications, and other academic achievements commensurate with appointment at the rank of professor or advanced associate professor with tenure in history
- Established record of teaching excellence
- Significant academic administrative experience
- Demonstrated ability to contribute to the growth of an inclusive campus culture while building diversity among faculty, staff, and students
- Demonstrated interest in, and commitment to, working with diverse populations

Appointment Type:

Regular

Salary Information:

Commensurate with experience

Review Date:

11/01/2022

Additional Information:

Applicants must apply online at jobs.vt.edu. Application materials include C.V., cover letter addressing how the applicant meets the required qualifications, including academic achievements, administrative experience, and commitment to diversity and inclusion, and contact information for at least three professional references, who will be contacted if the applicant reaches the first-round interview stage. Please do not send any other materials at this time. After an initial review, applicants may be asked for additional materials.

The successful candidate will be required to have a criminal conviction check.

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If you are an individual with a disability and desire an accommodation, please contact Samantha Granzetto at sgranzetto@vt.edu during regular business hours at least 10 business days prior to the event.

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