

Open Rank Professor of Global Black Studies, Purchase, NY

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Open Rank Professor of Global Black Studies, Purchase College, SUNY, and Open Rank Curator of Africa & African Diaspora, Neuberger Museum of Art.

Global Black Studies and the Neuberger Museum of Art at Purchase College, SUNY, seek candidates with specializations in African diasporic culture and art. The successful candidate will be affiliated with the Global Black Studies program and will be jointly appointed to an academic discipline appropriate to their training and to the Neuberger Museum of Art. While expertise in African Arts is essential, we welcome applicants from diverse disciplinary backgrounds, and past curatorial experience is not required. Preferred applicants will possess research expertise in one or more of the following interdisciplinary fields: critical race theory; decolonial/postcolonial studies; disability studies; indigenous studies; and gender/queer studies. The successful candidate will be committed to innovation as they situate the Neuberger Museum of Art's African collection in its post/colonial histories.

Located 25 miles north of Manhattan, Purchase College, celebrates diversity and creativity, encouraging students to "Think Wide Open." The College was founded on the principle that artists and scholars are indispensable to each other and the pursuit of social justice. Toward that unique effort, the successful candidate will combine their work in teaching and curating to create unique opportunities across campus for learning and scholarship.

Global Black Studies is an interdisciplinary minor within the School of Natural and Social Sciences with dynamic course offerings in anthropology, history, literature, music, philosophy, political science, and sociology. The minor is enthusiastically supported by its faculty and animated by the intellectual curiosity and political engagement of its students.

The Neuberger Museum of Art is one of the largest academic museums in the nation with a permanent collection of more than 6000 works of art and a robust program of exhibitions and related education programs. African art has been an integral part of the Neuberger Museum of Art since it opened in 1974. The collection of over 300 works is the only African collection in New York stewarded by an academic museum. The collection is distinctive in its diversity and in the rarity of several of its objects. It is highly sought after by community in the region, locally by our PK-12 school group partners, and by campus collaborators.

The successful candidate should have a record of excellence in teaching and a passion for working closely with students, as well as be committed to student success, and a liberal arts education. The successful candidate must be able to use their scholarly expertise to work with the Neuberger collections of African art and organize exhibits both from historical and

contemporary perspectives. The successful candidate will also use their expertise to highlight, foreground, and disrupt the complex, troubled histories of African art collections.

This is a full-time, tenure track faculty position at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor. Five years full-time experience at the rank of Assistant Professor, or professional equivalent thereof, is required for appointment at the rank of Associate Professor.

Primary responsibilities per academic year will include teaching 2 courses; creating curatorial projects in relation to the African collection along with related programming; working with students including supervising 2-3 senior projects or graduate equivalent, and mentoring upper-level students and interns; service on campus committees; and attendance at unit and department meetings. The successful candidate is expected to be fully engaged in college activities, making the work that they do a meaningful part of campus life.

To apply, please visit the following website: <https://jobs.purchase.edu> and complete an online application.

For questions, please contact the search chair, Shaka McGlotten, shaka.mcglotten@purchase.edu

Reference:

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