Assistant Professor of History of Photography, Boston University

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Gregory Williams, Boston University

Boston University's Department of History of Art & Architecture invites applications and nominations for a renewable four-year tenure-track position, beginning AY 2027–2028, as assistant professor of the History of Photography. Applicants should conduct research that explores the role of photographic images in the modern and contemporary periods in any region around the world, with close attention paid to the technology's global dimensions and transcontinental circulation. We seek exceptional scholars and teachers who have broad knowledge of modern and contemporary photography and visual culture, and an interest in developing pedagogies that encourage full participation. Preference will be given to applicants who can teach European and American modernism at the undergraduate level. Boston University and the Department actively seek diversity in the student and faculty ranks, recognizing that pluralism of experience deepens the intellectual endeavor.

The successful candidate will: teach per annum two undergraduate lecture courses (including one on History of Photography) and two upper-level seminars for undergraduate and graduate students; conduct research in the area(s) of specialization; engage with the undergraduate History of Art & Architecture track and serve as an advisor for its majors, as well as for graduate students in history of modern and, if appropriate, contemporary art. The starting salary range is $94,000 - $100,000. PhD in hand by start of appointment; teaching experience and publications preferred.

Please submit in PDF or Word format the following materials to AcademicJobsOnline (https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/33021): 1) a curriculum vitae; 2) the names of three recommenders (letters will be solicited for the second round of the search); 3) a cover letter that describes in detail your research accomplishments and plans, and your teaching principles and approaches. Review of applications begins December 1, 2026. The first round of interviews will be conducted virtually. Professor Gregory Williams is Search Committee Chair (ghw@bu.edu). Questions about the position should be directed to ahdept@bu.edu.

Since its founding in 1839, Boston University has embraced a mission of openness and access, becoming one of the first universities in the nation to welcome all students of ability regardless of race, gender, or creed. That tradition shapes our enduring commitment to academic freedom, free inquiry, and the robust exchange of ideas. Please visit https://www.bu.edu/values/ to learn more about our shared values.

We seek scholars who will contribute to our community of teachers and researchers through

excellence in innovative scholarship, engaged teaching, and participation in the intellectual life of the University. Boston University provides an environment where faculty and students work together across disciplines, perspectives, and experiences to advance knowledge and address society's most pressing challenges.

Boston University is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, gender, age, national origin, ethnicity, disability, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law or identified in the University's Notice of Non-Discrimination. Retaliation is also prohibited. We are a VEVRAA Federal Contractor. Under Massachusetts law, we may not require or administer a lie detector test as a condition of employment or continued employment.

Boston University, consistent with the AAU's Principles on Preventing Sexual Harassment, conducts background checks for final candidates for certain faculty and staff positions. As part of this process, we ask current and past employers of the last seven years whether there has been a substantiated finding of sexual misconduct under their policies. To move forward, final candidates must complete and sign an "Authorization to Release Information" form after receiving an offer to enable this background check.

Reference:

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