

**Department:** English

**Effective Date of Appointment:**  
**AY 2011-12**

**Rank:** Assistant Professor, Tenure Track

**Salary:** \$49,716-\$62,664 (subject to budgetary approval)

### **African American Literature and Culture**

**Qualifications:** Candidates must have a Ph.D. in English; or African American or Black Studies; or American Studies with a specialization in African American Literature and Culture; the degree should be awarded prior to August 17, 2011. We are particularly interested in candidates with specializations or demonstrated expertise in 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Century and/or contemporary African American literature; African American literary criticism and theory; African American genres, including oral traditions. Desirable supporting areas may include women and gender studies, postcolonial studies, diaspora/migration studies; cultural studies. Specialists in Pan-African literatures also will be considered if one or more of the areas of African American specializations are met. Evidence of teaching effectiveness and potential for successful research, publication, and other scholarly and professional activities required, with publication in field of specialization desirable. All faculty in the Department of English are encouraged to teach a variety of courses and can expect to teach General Education courses, as well as graduate and undergraduate courses in their field. Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to working with an ethnically, and culturally diverse student population.

Located in Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley, CSUN is a learning centered university that is regionally focused and nationally recognized with a diverse student population drawn largely from the Los Angeles area. The successful candidate will be expected to join faculty and staff in serving this diverse student body through a commitment to active learning, to the assessment of learning outcomes, and to multiple pathways to graduation.

At time of appointment, the successful candidate, if not a U.S. citizen, must have authorization from the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services to work in the United States. Evidence of degree(s) required at time of hire.

**Responsibilities:** The University especially seeks individuals who will contribute to their chosen discipline and to the University's commitment to teacher preparation and general education. All faculty are expected to serve on departmental and/or university committees and to advise students. The standard teaching load at Northridge is 12 units per semester, although reassigned time is available for research and/or curriculum development on a competitive basis.

**Application Deadline:** Initial consideration will be given to applications received by Wednesday, December 15, 2010. Selected applicants will be invited to interview at MLA, although position will remain open until filled.

**Letter of application should include a brief statement of the candidate's philosophy of teaching. Send letter of application, C.V., brief writing sample (approx. 15-20 pages), three letters of recommendation/dossier to:**

Dr. Anthony Dawahare  
Search Committee Chair  
Department of English  
18111 Nordhoff Street  
California State University, Northridge  
Northridge, CA 91330-8248

### **General Information:**

California State University, Northridge, long known for the intellectual, social and cultural relevance of its 200 academic programs and engaged centers, embraces both innovation – in community service and hands-on experience – and rigor. A minority serving university in a globally diverse region, it is a national leader in preparing teachers for K-12 and first generation college students for graduate studies. 1,700 of its 34,000 students are international. Located in the San Fernando Valley, with 1.8 million people, Cal State Northridge is a park-like campus, 20 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles. Cal State Northridge is a welcoming university; we value accessibility, academic excellence and student achievement. For more information about the University, check our website: <http://www.csun.edu/>.

In compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, California State University, Northridge has made crime-reporting statistics available on-line at <http://www-admn.csun.edu/publicsafety/police/crimereport.htm>. Print copies are available in the library and by request from the Office of Public Safety and the Office of Faculty Affairs.

Applicants who wish to request accommodations for a disability may contact the Office of Equity and Diversity, (818) 677-2077.

The university is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, marital status, age, disability, disabled veteran or Vietnam-era veteran status.