University of South Carolina
Department of English Language and Literature

Assistant Professor of Children’s and Young Adult Literature

The Department of English at the University of South Carolina invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Children’s and Young Adult Literature with expertise in African American, Latinx, and/or multi-cultural literature. Candidates must have a PhD in English, American Studies, or other fields related to the study of children’s and YA literature at time of appointment (August 16, 2022); demonstrated engagement in the field through doctoral course work and/or publications, conference presentations, or other professional activity; and potential for excellence in research and teaching, including the ability to offer core survey courses in children’s/YA literature, as well as special topics and graduate courses. The teaching load in English is typically 2/2.

All applicants must complete an online application at: https://uscjobs.sc.edu/postings/105961. Applicants must submit a letter of application, CV, writing sample, statement of teaching philosophy, and the names and email addresses of three reviewers (who will be prompted to submit letters of recommendation directly). Review of applications will begin on November 1, 2021 and will continue until the position is filled. Inquiries about the search may be directed to the search committee chair, Dianne Johnson-Feelings, dianne@sc.edu.

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