

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**  
**History Department**  
**African-American History-Civil Rights**

The Department of History at the University of Massachusetts Amherst seeks a scholar of African-American history specializing in civil rights, broadly defined, at the assistant professor level. The candidate must be prepared to teach courses on 20<sup>th</sup> century civil rights movements, including an existing course on the "Black Freedom Struggle in the United States since 1945." Other duties will include the development of new undergraduate and graduate courses in the field and active involvement in graduate mentoring of doctoral students in the Department of Afro-American Studies as well as in the History Department's Five College Graduate Program.

This position is part of a multi- position, multi-department cluster hire in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts designed to build upon UMass's extensive strengths in African American studies, including the center for the study of African American Languages, the W.E.B. Du Bois Papers, and the W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies.

Preference will be given to those candidates whose research complements existing fields of study on this campus or in the Five Colleges. Qualifications include a Ph.D. in hand by 1 September 2009, promise of excellence in teaching and scholarship. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

In order to complete this search in the fall, we hope to conduct preliminary interviews via teleconferencing. Applicants must submit a letter of application stating research interests and qualifications, c.v., sample syllabi, a short writing sample; and three reference letters to Prof. Christian R. Appy, Chair of Civil Rights History Search Committee, Department of History, Herter Hall, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 161 Presidents Drive, Amherst, MA 01003-9312. Consideration of applications will begin on October 10, 2008 and continue until the position is filled. The University of Massachusetts Amherst is a member of the Five College consortium along with Amherst, Smith, Hampshire and Mt. Holyoke colleges and is also a member of the Academic Career Network, a resource for dual career couples. The University of Massachusetts Amherst is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. The department is committed to developing a more diverse faculty, student body, and curriculum. Women and members of minority groups are strongly encouraged to apply.