



**Assistant Professor of History (World History)
Full-Time, Tenure-Track Position**

Union Commonwealth University invites applications for a full-time Assistant Professor of History beginning January 15, 2027. We seek an engaged, student-centered teacher of world history who helps students see the connections that have bound distant peoples together, and who takes the work of teaching those connections to undergraduates in their first college history course seriously.

The successful candidate will join a growing academic community committed to student-centered learning, professional preparation, and the liberal arts tradition. The position carries a substantial and valued role in the university's general education core and in preparing our teacher candidates, along with the opportunity to shape a revised History curriculum through upper-division teaching, advising, and program development.

The appointment is tenure-track, contingent upon the successful candidate holding an earned terminal degree in History or a closely related field at the time of appointment.

Areas of Specialization

We privilege applications from candidates whose training and research engage the Atlantic World. Period and regional focus within that frame are open, and we welcome candidates working in African, European, Caribbean, or American contexts, and in any era from the early modern period forward. Candidates prepared to teach broadly in world history outside their own specialization are especially encouraged to apply.

Position Responsibilities

The successful candidate will:

- Teach the world history survey sequence as a core contribution to the university's general education program, with a commitment to making those courses a genuine intellectual experience rather than a requirement students endure.
- Teach world history content courses that serve our Education students and support Social Studies certification, working closely with colleagues in the Education program on curricular alignment.
- Develop and teach upper-division courses in the candidate's area of specialization, including a signature course in the Atlantic World.

- Mentor and advise History majors and minors, and direct undergraduate research through the program's methods and capstone sequence.
- Participate in assessment, curriculum development, academic advising, and university service.
- Maintain an active program of scholarship appropriate to the discipline and to a teaching-centered institution.

Required Qualifications

- Earned Ph.D. in History or a closely related field by the time of appointment. ABD candidates nearing completion may be considered, with appointment status determined by degree completion timeline and institutional needs.
- Evidence of effective teaching, or strong potential for teaching, at the undergraduate level.
- Demonstrated ability to teach the world history survey and to contribute broadly across the History curriculum.
- Commitment to undergraduate education, student mentorship, and inclusive learning environments.

Preferred Qualifications

- Research or teaching expertise in the Atlantic World.
- Experience teaching general education courses to non-majors.
- Familiarity with teacher preparation, Social Studies content standards, or collaboration with education faculty.
- Experience with dual credit instruction, undergraduate research mentorship, or project-based learning.
- Interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and community engagement.

About Union Commonwealth University

Union Commonwealth University is a private, liberal arts institution located in Barbourville, Kentucky, with a longstanding commitment to educating students for meaningful lives and careers. Founded in the Appalachian region, Union combines personalized education with opportunities for students to engage deeply with their communities and the wider world.

Our faculty are dedicated teachers, mentors, and scholars who value close student relationships, classroom innovation, and the transformative power of higher education.

Application Process

Applicants should submit:

- Letter of application addressing qualifications and interest in the position
- Curriculum vitae
- Statement of teaching philosophy

- Unofficial transcripts (official transcripts required upon appointment)
- Contact information for three professional references

Screening of applicants will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and the contact information for three professional references to:

HumanResources@unionky.edu & facultyhiring@unionky.edu

Founded in 1879, Union is a small, liberal-arts institution located in southeastern Kentucky. Union boasts a long commitment to Appalachia, providing quality education to a wide range of students from across the world, while maintaining a focus on the underserved and marginalized, especially first-generation college students.

Union Commonwealth University (the "University") is committed to maintaining an educational, employment, and business environment free of all forms of discrimination. The University provides full and equal access to its educational services, classes, and programs without regard to and prohibits discrimination based on the protected characteristics of age (40 and older), race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex (including transgender status, gender identity or expression), pregnancy (including childbirth, lactation, and related medical conditions), physical or mental disability, AIDS/HIV status, genetic information (including testing and characteristics), veteran status, uniformed servicemember status, status as a smoker or nonsmoker, medical condition, sexual orientation, marital status, or because an individual is perceived to have one or more of the foregoing characteristics, or any other status protected by federal, state, or local laws