Open-Rank Faculty Position in
Race and Science

Emory University
Race and Difference Initiative

Emory University seeks nominations and applications for an open-rank faculty position — tenured or tenure-track — with research interests in Race and Science. We recognize the importance of complex and critical examinations of the social, political and ethical challenges raised by the use and misuse of concepts of race in the sciences. We are interested in scholars whose work bridges the sciences and the humanities and investigates socio-political concepts of race as they historically and currently have intersected with, and been constituted by, the biological sciences, medicine, and health more generally. This new position will be located in the department(s) appropriate to the successful candidate’s research interests and background. While preference will be given to senior scholars, we will consider applicants at all ranks. In addition to playing a leadership role in his or her home department(s), the successful candidate is expected to work closely with Emory University’s university-wide strategic initiative on Race and Difference. This Initiative seeks to promote understanding of and generate new knowledge about race and other intersecting forms of human difference. This new position will work closely with the leadership of the Race and Difference Initiative (RDI) to support the development of new research, campus programs, and undergraduate and graduate courses focusing on all aspects of race and difference. Candidates should have a distinguished academic reputation, demonstrated teaching and mentoring skills and an interest in or record of external funding (PhD or other terminal degree required). Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. Emory University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and actively encourages applications from minority and women scholars. Please mail applications or nominations to: Co-Director, Race and Difference Initiative, Professor Dorothy A. Brown, Emory University, Gambrell Hall, 1301 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30322-2770. Interested applicants should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and names of three recommenders. Review of applications will begin on February 1, 2011. Preliminary inquiries may be directed to RDI co-director Amanda Lewis (amanda.evelyn.lewis@emory.edu).

About Emory University:

Emory University is an inquiry-driven, ethically engaged and diverse community whose members work collaboratively for positive transformation in the world through teaching, research, scholarship, health care, and social action. The university is recognized internationally for its outstanding liberal arts college, superb professional schools (including top medical, nursing and public health schools), and one of the Southeast’s leading health care systems.

Emory maintains an uncommon balance for an institution of its standing: it generates more research funding than any other Georgia university while maintaining its traditional emphasis on teaching. The university is enriched by the legacy and energy of Atlanta and by strong collaborations among its schools, units, and centers, as well as with affiliated area institutions.

Located just 15 minutes from downtown Atlanta in the tree-lined suburban neighborhood of Druid Hills, Emory University is positioned along the Clifton Corridor, which also includes the
U.S. Centers for Disease Control. One of Atlanta's largest private employers, Emory University employs over 11,000 staff and faculty to support the University's 11,300 students and its nine major academic divisions, numerous centers for advanced study, and a host of prestigious affiliated institutions.

Emory is among the top 20 universities in the country and is internationally recognized for its academics, groundbreaking research and technological advances with staff, faculty and students representing all regions of the United States and more than 100 foreign nations.

Founded at Oxford by the Methodist Church in 1836, Emory University is currently led by President James W. Wagner. This is a time of dynamic change on campus where the future is being guided by an ambitious strategic plan, Where Courageous Inquiry Leads.

About Emory’s Race & Difference Initiative:

The Race and Difference Initiative (RDI) is an institution-wide effort to transform Emory into a destination university, internationally recognized for research, teaching, and public dialogue on race and other intersecting dimensions of human difference. RDI represents a strategic investment by Emory University to understand and address the complexity of the human condition and human experience in a pluralistic, democratic society. Specifically, RDI seeks to advance the understanding of these forms of human difference (race, class, gender, religion, and sexuality) and to generate new knowledge about them, in particular the way they intersect in our complex and rapidly diversifying society. RDI works to achieve this goal by connecting a network of scholars and students within and beyond the university in an interdisciplinary dialogue. RDI draws upon Emory’s scholarly strengths in interdisciplinary inquiry, the strong relationships between its various schools and colleges, and the university’s distinctive place in Atlanta (a key site of the historic civil rights movement). These strengths uniquely equip Emory with the capacity to create the conditions for faculty and students to imagine and explore alternative frameworks as well as to set new and daring intellectual agendas in the sciences and humanities. We are especially interested in how social differences intersect at the level of individual identity, and also how these systems of social distinction shape modes of knowing, processes of inclusion and exclusion, acts of representation, and organizational practices. Our view is that by encouraging and supporting rigorous, innovative, and courageous inquiry about race and difference within Emory’s schools and colleges, we can make vital advances in knowledge that not only change the way we understand the world but also our engagement with it. For more information see the RDI website – www.rdi.emory.edu.