

Wartburg Theological Seminary
Assistant Professor of Liturgics
Position Description

Wartburg Theological Seminary — a vibrant, innovative, and growing seminary — is seeking an Assistant Professor of Liturgics to teach as a member of a highly collaborative theological faculty. This position requires commitment to and skill in teaching the history, theology, and practice of Christian worship. Candidates should be qualified to teach required courses in worship. This professor should link historical Lutheran liturgical commitments, including the Loehe tradition, with contemporary expressions of Lutheran worship, North American and global. A secondary teaching competency in homiletics or in another discipline that will complement the current composition of the WTS faculty will strengthen the application. A Ph.D. or Th.D. in a relevant scholarly discipline, or nearing completion of such, is preferred.

This professor is invited to contribute to the common work of a faculty which values and participates in a collegial and integrative curriculum and community-oriented, worship-centered process of formation. In addition to working with colleagues within the Ministry Division and the entire seminary faculty, this professor is expected to work cooperatively with the faculty of the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest based in Austin, Texas, and, as called upon, with the Executive for Worship the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

This professor will give priority to teaching effectiveness and ongoing research in the field of liturgics, thereby contributing to the seminary's ministry as part of the larger church. This professor should be ready to affirm Wartburg's mission statement as summarized in the motto, "Where Learning Leads to Mission and Mission Informs Learning," and share in the seminary's commitment to contextualization, the global church, and lifting up valued leaders for God's mission through the church. In addition to student advising and administrative responsibilities, this professor is expected to contribute to the common work of a faculty which values and participates in a highly collegial and integrative curriculum. Wartburg's faculty employs dynamic methods of teaching and learning with both residential and distance students, who participate both synchronously and asynchronously.

Candidates whose ethnicity or geographic origins have been historically underrepresented in theological education are encouraged to apply. Membership and ordination/rostering in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or a partner church within the world communion of Lutheranism is expected.

Starting rank for this position is negotiable if the candidate brings seminary or college teaching experience. This position is tenure eligible, beginning with a three-year term appointment, and commences July 1, 2020. Consideration for tenure comes normally in the fifth year of service.

Applicants should submit cover letter, curriculum vitae, and list of references to Andy Willenborg, Human Resources, Wartburg Theological Seminary, at hr@wartburgseminary.edu. Questions may be addressed to Mr. Willenborg at hr@wartburgseminary.edu or 563-589-0217. The search committee will begin reviewing materials after March 1, 2020, and continue until the search process is completed.

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