Wartburg Theological Seminary
Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible
Position Description

Wartburg Theological Seminary—a vibrant, innovative, and growing seminary—is seeking an Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible to teach as a member of a highly collaborative theological faculty. This position requires commitment and skill in teaching both introductory and advanced courses in Hebrew Bible and the Hebrew language. Candidates should be thoroughly grounded in Hebrew Bible research, responsible to current scholarship, and have a strong commitment and ability for teaching those who will serve as ministers in service of Lutheran and other churches. Candidates should be qualified to both teach and team-teach required courses in introductory and capstone courses, as well as electives in particular Hebrew Bible writings and topics. Ability and expertise to teach New Testament courses or another secondary competency at the Masters’ level will strengthen the application. A Ph.D. or Th.D. degree in a relevant scholarly discipline, or nearing completion of such, is expected.

This professor is expected to contribute to the common work of a faculty which values and participates in a community-oriented, worship-centered process of formation. In addition to working with colleagues within the Bible Division and the entire seminary faculty, this professor is expected to work cooperatively with the faculty of the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest, a program of Wartburg Theological Seminary that is based in Austin, Texas and with the global church, as opportunities arise, especially through Global Mission of the ELCA.

This professor will give priority to teaching effectiveness and ongoing research in the field of Hebrew Bible, thereby contributing to the seminary’s ministry as part of the wider 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 preparing 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 in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or a partner church within the world communion of Lutheranism or from among the ELCA’s full communion partners is preferred. Ordained applicants should have a minimum of three years’ service in a pastoral call. Experience in congregational ministry will be viewed positively.

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 1 January 2022. 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 16 August 2021 and continue until the search process is completed.

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