

Wartburg Theological Seminary
Professor of Homiletics

Wartburg Theological Seminary—a vibrant, innovative, and growing seminary—is seeking a faculty colleague to teach in the area of homiletics. Wartburg invites application materials from candidates whose primary discipline has equipped them to take seriously biblical texts as central to preaching. This position requires commitment to and skill in teaching homiletics with particular regard for and engagement of Lutheran hermeneutics. Strong candidates will tend to the critical place of proclamation of the Gospel for the life of the Christian, the mission of the Church, and be committed to forming students to be faithful preachers. We are open to candidates whose primary discipline (not necessarily homiletics) has equipped them to exegete biblical texts, engage the lectionary, articulate the hermeneutical process (including contextualization), and integrate biblical studies, Lutheran theology, and worship in the practice of proclamation. Experience as a parish pastor is preferred and a secondary teaching competency will strengthen the application. A Ph.D. or Th.D., or nearing completion of such, is preferred.

The Professor of Homiletics has primary responsibility for required preaching courses. In addition to electives, the professor will also contribute to the collective work of a highly collaborative theological faculty, including team-taught courses designed to promote integration of ideas and materials across disciplines. This faculty colleague contributes to the common work of a faculty who values and participates in a community-oriented, worship-centered process of formation. In addition to working collegially with the entire seminary faculty, this professor works cooperatively with the faculty of the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest based in Austin, Texas, and with the global church, as opportunities arise.

This professor will give priority to teaching effectiveness and ongoing research, thereby contributing to the seminary's ministry as part of the larger church. Wartburg affirms its mission statement as summarized in the motto, "Where Learning Leads to Mission and Mission Informs Learning," and looks for a colleague to 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 who values and participates in a highly collegial and integrative curriculum. Wartburg's innovative and integrative curriculum necessitates 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 underrepresented in theological education are encouraged to apply. Membership and ordination in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are preferred.

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, 2022. Consideration for tenure normally comes 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 February 1, 2022 and continue until the search process is completed.

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