

Faculty Position in Theology and Culture (four-year term call)

The Holy Spirit calls Luther Seminary to lead faithful innovation for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a rapidly changing world through witness, education, accompaniment, and discovery.

Position – Faculty in Theology and Culture

Luther Seminary seeks a scholar and teacher personally rooted in the traditions of Christian theology who can foster a critical conversation between these traditions, Christian communities, and contemporary cultures. Women, members of minoritized communities, and/or those immersed in Latin American, African, or Asian languages and cultures are strongly encouraged to apply.

Theology and Culture

This scholar will offer 2-3 courses yearly in our degree programs, as well as teaching, learning, and developing resources specifically within Luther's emerging non-degree program, Faith+Lead, which is designed to bring theological education to a wide range of lay and ordained Christian leaders, everyday disciples, and spiritual seekers. We are looking for a candidate who understands how the Gospel of Jesus Christ provides direction and meaning for people seeking meaning, purpose, hope, and justice in a culture that seeks the good without God. This teacher will understand and engage culture in its diversity in theological reflection, social relations, and ministerial practice. They will be able to ignite a missional imagination for Christian communities and discover practices for engaging persons from diverse cultural locations and backgrounds. They will also be able to communicate clearly to a wide range of audiences—from seminarians and established church leaders to everyday disciples and spiritual seekers and be adept at fostering practices of Christian faith that are clearly rooted in and responsive to God's love for all of Creation within a variety of forms of Christian community.

This person will report jointly to the Dean of Academic Affairs and the VP of Innovation, with specific accountability discussed and made explicit each year. They will serve in the faculty's History and Theology Division. Additional responsibilities include pursuing a lively research and scholarship agenda, contributing to the work of shared governance that belongs to the faculty as a whole, and participating in the collegial life of the community. They may advise students representing a variety of Christian denominations in vocational for professional ministry.

Qualifications

The successful candidate will possess an earned doctorate in some area of Christian theology, especially as it relates to contemporary cultures, or the equivalent, and a clear commitment to excellence in teaching and scholarship. The faculty of Luther Seminary embraces a generous Lutheran confessional witness with an ecumenical openness. All faculty place a priority on understanding how their work intersects with Lutheran traditions.

Rank and salary are dependent on qualifications and experience.

Luther Seminary provides medical and retirement benefits, skilled support for course/learning design, funds for scholarly conferences, a sabbatical policy, and the opportunity for collegial mentoring and/or an external mentor.

Application materials should be emailed to HR@luthersem.edu with “Theology and Culture” in the subject line. Those materials should include: a letter of application and CV from the applicant and letters of recommendation from three references. Review of applications will begin on May 1, 2022, and will continue until a candidate has been selected. Please address any questions or nominations to Human Resources at HR@luthersem.edu.

About Luther Seminary

"Luther Seminary educates leaders for Christian communities called and sent by the Holy Spirit to witness to salvation through Jesus Christ and to serve in God's world." That mission statement governs all of the seminary's educational programs. The seminary endeavors to be a theologically and racially diverse community, committed to engage deeply in meaningful relationships across difference through honest, courageous, and respectful dialogue. The seminary recognizes a calling to welcome all people as Christ among us.

Luther Seminary is one of the seven seminaries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, with over twenty-five faculty members and approximately 500 students. The seminary offers five degree programs: MDiv, MA, MTh, DMin, and PhD. Current students represent thirty-five different denominations, with nearly 30% of enrolled students from Christian communities other than the ELCA. Students at the seminary currently come from approximately twenty different countries.

Luther Seminary was founded in 1869 and is located in a metropolitan area of 3.5 million people, in close proximity to the University of Minnesota, three other seminaries, and numerous private colleges and universities. See the seminary's website at www.luthersem.edu for more information.

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