

UNION PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY
Faculty Position Description (Tenure Track)
Theology and Ethics (Assistant Rank)

Mission Statement

Union Presbyterian Seminary equips people in the ways of Jesus to witness, teach, and live into the movement of God's Reign through their ministry in the church and world—a sacred vocation that requires deep learning, commitment to service, and an ability to read cultures and circumstances in the light of the rich resources of Scripture and theological tradition.

Areas of Responsibility

Union Presbyterian Seminary invites application and nominations for the position of Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics (tenure-track), to serve primarily on our Charlotte, North Carolina campus. The seminary seeks a theologian whose expertise is in constructive theology or theological ethics. The candidate will be responsible for teaching required courses in theology and ethics in our Masters level professional degree programs (M.A.C.E., M.Div., M.A.P.T.) as well as in advanced degrees (Th.M. and D.Min.). The ideal candidate will have broad competence in historical and systematic theology as well as ethics that enables them to offer elective courses on a wide range of topics within the fields of theology and ethics. With respect to current strategic priorities of the school, it would be desirable to appoint a candidate with interest in public theology who is able to offer courses in relation to our Centers (The Center for Social Justice and Reconciliation; The Katie Geneva Cannon Center for Womanist Leadership; The Syngman Rhee Global Mission Center for Christian Education). The successful candidate holds a Ph.D. or equivalent degree in theology or ethics.

While based in Charlotte, the candidate will be expected to teach courses on both the Richmond and Charlotte campuses, as well as across all degree programs and platforms, and through in-person, hybrid, and distance formats. The person will be expected to make significant scholarly contributions to the discipline through research and writing and to participate in appropriate academic guilds. The new faculty member will share in the administrative work expected of a full-time faculty member (such as academic advising responsibilities, collaboration with colleagues, faculty committee responsibilities, and program assessment). The successful candidate will also be one who is committed to serving as a theological resource for congregations, agencies, denominational entities, and other relevant public institutions.

Qualifications

- Ph.D. or Th.D. in Theology and/or Ethics
- Broad preparation in historical and systematic theology, and ethics
- Familiarity with the breadth of Protestant theological traditions, with particular knowledge of the Reformed confessional tradition.
- Teaching experience
- Digital literacy and experience with technology-based teaching and learning

- Evidence of scholarly engagement
- Engagement in scholarly practices that affirm diversity in age, race, ethnicity, gender, theological perspective, and culture
- Commitment to theological education that values diversity and the life and witness of the church in an interreligious and intercultural world

Union Presbyterian Seminary is a free-standing graduate educational institution related to the Presbyterian Church (USA) and an EO/AA employer committed to increasing gender, racial-ethnic, and international and cultural diversity in its faculty and student body. Therefore, candidates of underrepresented groups are especially encouraged to apply as the seminary strives to increase the diversity of its faculty to achieve its strategic goals.

Letters of application, including a curriculum vitae and the names and contact information of three references, should be addressed to Ken McFayden, Academic Dean, Union Presbyterian Seminary, 3401 Brook Road, Richmond, VA 23227, staylor@upsem.edu. Review of applications will begin on October 15, 2022 and will continue until the position is filled.