INSTITUTION SUMMARY

Founded in 1794, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is a graduate theological school of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) offering master’s and advanced degrees as well as certificate programs. Pittsburgh Seminary prepares women and men for ministries in established and emerging Christian communities around the world. Rooted in the Reformed tradition and with a centuries-old history of mission and scholarship in service of the church, the Seminary is committed to relationships of mutual learning and serving with Christ-followers from other traditions and theological viewpoints. Our faculty and educational resources cultivate theologically reflective and contextually engaged Christian leaders. Our programs nurture vocational formation for bearing witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our student body is denominationally diverse, consisting of Presbyterians, United Methodists, Baptists, Anglicans/Episcopalian, Orthodox, Lutherans, and representatives of a number of other traditions plus nondenominational students.

In 2015, the Seminary successfully completed a $26 million capital campaign. These funds were used to introduce a reimagined master’s-level curriculum, fully renovate the Clifford E. Barbour Library, make other improvements to the physical campus, endow resource programs in urban ministry and world mission, establish the Center for Writing and Learning Support, develop ecclesial partnerships, and invest in new key personnel. All these initiatives reinforced the Seminary’s commitment to collaboration, access, resources, and diversity. The Seminary remains committed to key initiatives from the Strategic Plan, including becoming an antiracist institution, expanding program delivery, and increasing denominational partnerships and engagement, as well as advancing the institutional master plan.

POSITION SUMMARY

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary invites applications for a tenured or tenure-track position in Old Testament. The position begins Fall, 2021. We seek candidates of an interdisciplinary focus and who are open to a range of methodological and theological approaches. Successful candidates will have a demonstrated expertise in African American contexts and the societal and cultural experiences of communities of color. Primary responsibilities include teaching four courses per year, including core and elective courses in the master’s curriculum, a capacity to teach biblical Hebrew,
contributing to Old Testament scholarship with relevant research and scholarly activities, advising and mentoring students, offering meaningful service to the institution, and participating in the worshiping life of the PTS community. Ideal candidates will also be eager to teach in the Doctor of Ministry curriculum and advise thesis projects. Pittsburgh Seminary is related to the Presbyterian Church (USA) yet treasures the fact that its faculty, staff, and students are ecumenically and theologically diverse. We seek a candidate who exhibits a theological hospitality in their teaching and research as they work with students who have a wide variety of vocational interests and goals and who seeks to join other faculty and staff as a member of a larger team. Evidence of commitment to the life of the church is necessary.

Job Location
616 North Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Equal Employment Opportunity
The Seminary affirms the commitment of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to a diverse workplace and equal opportunity. It also conforms to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to equal employment. No person shall be discriminated against in hiring, discharge, promotion or benefits because of race, color, sex, cultural background, national origin, religion, veteran’s status, non-job related disability, or any other classification protected under applicable law.

To Apply
Candidates must have a terminal degree (or be ABD) in Old Testament and have shown excellence or promise in teaching and research. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, a current CV, three letter of recommendation, and a sample of your research to facultysearch@pts.edu. Candidate letters should be addressed to the Old Testament Search Committee.

The search committee will begin its review of applications on February 1, 2020. Applications will continue to be accepted until the position is filled. Pittsburgh Theological Seminary will conduct a background check on all final candidates.