

The **Faculty of Linguistics and Literary Studies** at Bielefeld University has an open position for a

Professor for American Literary and Cultural Studies (W2 TT W3/W3).

As the holder of this position you would be expected to teach and conduct research in the field of American Literary and Cultural Studies in its full cultural, geographical, and historical breadth. For this reason, you should have at least one historical focus of research on American Literary and Cultural Studies ranging back to the 19th century (or earlier). In addition, a focus on InterAmerican Studies, i.e. an American Studies perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean, is expected. In the interest of philologically and culturally informed research and teaching you should show evidence of expertise in current theories and recent research paradigms, e.g. in the areas of postcoloniality and transculturality. Of particular interest would be research on cultural contact in the (trans-)Atlantic area as well as a willingness to work comparatively in the field of literary studies. Finally, you should be able to demonstrate sound media competence and experience in university teaching.

In terms of the professional orientation of the advertised professorship, you are expected to have the following linguistic skills: English on a C2 (CEFR) level as well as profound knowledge – both in speaking and writing – of another language that is prominently spoken in Latin America/the Caribbean.

As the person holding this position we anticipate your participation in teaching in all the Bachelor's and Master's degree programs in British and American Studies. In addition, you are to participate in examinations, in self-administration, and to cooperate with the other sections of British and American Studies as well as the other subjects of our faculty and other faculties and institutes at the university such as the Center for InterAmerican Studies (CIAS), both in teaching and in the development of research projects and collaborative research proposals.

According to § 36 HG NRW, the prerequisites for employment are your completed university degree in the relevant subject, your exceptional performance in academic work, as demonstrated by the superior quality of your doctoral thesis, suitable pedagogical skills, as shown in your previous education or, exceptionally, as determined in the appointment procedure, as well as additional postdoctoral research achievements, which will be evaluated exclusively and comprehensively in the appointment procedure.

In the case of an appointment as a W2-Professorship, recruitment is initially limited to five years; following appointment, a target agreement will be formulated. In case of a positive evaluation in the final year, the appointment will be transferred to an indefinite W3-Professorship. The tenure evaluation procedures are regulated in the statutes concerning the implementation of W2-Professorships with Tenure Track. W2-Tenure-Track-Professorships are firmly established at Bielefeld University as an appointment option. Tenure-Track-Professors (f/m) are offered a target group specific personnel development programme that provides support during the arrival phase and the preparation of the tenure evaluation.

The faculty regards equality between women and men as important and the implementation of this is part of the future holder's responsibilities.

Applications from suitable severely impaired and equal disabled persons are explicitly welcome.

Bielefeld University has received several awards for its success in gender equality and is certified as a family friendly university. Bielefeld University welcomes applications from women. This is

particularly true in the academic field. It handles applications in accordance with the State Equal Opportunities Act. Family times will be considered in the context of the selection decision.

Bielefeld University promotes dual-career couples and supports them in creating a common place of work and life.

Applications should consist of: a cover letter, your resumé/curriculum vitae with a description of your academic career, a 2-page presentation of your research and teaching concepts, a list of your publications identifying up to 10 of the most important publications relating to the position advertised, a list of your research activities and, if applicable, third-party funding you have initiated, a list of the courses you have taught and other evidence of your teaching qualifications.

Please submit your application online via the University of Bielefeld's vocation portal by **April 19, 2022**:

<https://berufungen.uni-bielefeld.de/>

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