Assistant Professor in Landscape Architecture
College of Architecture and Graduate School of Architecture & Urban Design

Cluster Hire Initiative
The Race and Ethnicity Cluster Hire Initiative at Washington University in St. Louis aims to build a world-class research program on race and diversity scholarship. As part of this initiative, the College of Architecture in the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts and the Departments of Anthropology and Biology in Arts & Sciences seek colleagues to fill three tenure-track faculty positions at the Assistant Professor level (i.e., one each in Anthropology, Architecture, and Biology) as part of a multidisciplinary cluster hire focused on environmental justice.

Our shared goal is to create a community of scholars spanning the multifaceted challenge of understanding the legacy and contemporary dynamics of environmental racism and justice while looking ahead to an inclusive and equitable future. The College of Architecture seeks a colleague with expertise in ecological systems (natural and social) at the nexus of landscape architecture, architecture, and urban design to advance scholarship and design practices under the broad umbrella of environmental justice and climate change. The Department of Biology is looking for a colleague working at the nexus of urban biology and environmental justice. This opening would fit a wide range of research topics, including food security, access to natural resources, maintaining biodiversity, urban eco-evolutionary dynamics, energy production and use, water and land use, water and air quality, and human health. The Department of Anthropology seeks a scholar researching the economic, legal, and societal drivers behind environmental racism and the experiences and responses of affected peoples.

Landscape Architecture Position Description
Applicants for the Landscape Architecture position should hold a master’s degree in Landscape Architecture or a closely related field with professional design qualifications. Although not required, we welcome candidates with doctoral or PhD degrees in aligned areas of study. All candidates shall have significant scholarly or design practice accomplishments and demonstrate dedication to graduate and undergraduate education excellence. Teaching responsibilities include a new transdisciplinary ecology course offered to students in the College of Architecture and open to students across the university.

Successful candidates will provide strengths complementary to other areas of scholarship already represented in Architecture, Anthropology, and Biology at Washington University. In addition, successful candidates will develop externally funded and internationally recognized research agendas or an internationally recognized design practice, contribute significantly to undergraduate and graduate curricula through teaching and mentoring students, and participate fully in College, School, and University activities. The assistant design professor will teach a typical load equivalent to four courses per academic year, including studio and seminar courses across the School’s disciplines of architecture, landscape architecture, and urban design. Diversity and inclusion are core values at Washington University; the Sam Fox School strives to increase diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice in our community. Therefore, candidates should demonstrate an ability to nurture an inclusive learning and work environment where a diverse array of students can learn and thrive. The full-time (9-month) appointment will begin in August 2022.

Please clearly indicate your academic unit in an application cover letter. In addition, provide a curriculum vitae, research and teaching statements, diversity statement, three examples of scholarship or a design portfolio, and three letters of recommendation, all submitted through Interfolio.

The review of applications will begin on September 15, 2021. Applications will be accepted until the search concludes. However, the committee will give preference to applications received before November 15, 2021.

Washington University in St. Louis is committed to the principles and practices of equal employment opportunity and affirmative action. It is the University’s policy to recruit, hire, train, and promote persons in all job titles without regard to race, color, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, veteran status, disability, or genetic information.

Each year Washington University publishes a Safety and Security brochure that details what to do and whom to contact in an emergency. This report also publishes the federally required annual security and fire safety reports, containing campus crime and fire statistics as well as key university policies and procedures. You may access the Safety and Security brochure at https://police.wustl.edu/clery-reports-logs/
INSTITUTIONAL BACKGROUND

The Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts at Washington University in St. Louis is a unique collaboration in architecture, art, and design education within the context of an internationally recognized research university. Comprising the College of Architecture and Graduate School of Architecture & Urban Design, the College and Graduate School of Art, and the Mildred Lane Kemper Museum, the Sam Fox School offers a depth of professional education in conjunction with one of the premier university art museums.

The College of Architecture, one of the founding members of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, enrolls approximately 200 students and offers a four-year undergraduate degree leading to a Bachelor of Science in Architecture or a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture. This flexibility allows students to pursue other academic interests within the University. The nationally ranked Graduate School of Architecture & Urban Design enrolls approximately 300 students and offers design-centered programs of critical inquiry and professional preparation, including international venues. The Graduate School offers professional degrees in Architecture and Landscape Architecture, along with post-professional degrees in Urban Design. Additional post-professional degrees include: Master of Science in Advanced Architectural Design and Master of Science in Architectural Studies. Along with dual degree options between the three programs, there are joint degree options with Business, Construction Management, Computer Science & Engineering, Public Health, and Social Work.

The College of Art, one of the founding members of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, offers Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in Communication Design, Fashion Design, and Studio Art; Bachelor of Art degrees in Studio Art and Design (with concentrations in Communication Design or Fashion Design); and second majors in Studio Art or Design. The Graduate School of Art offers the Master of Fine Arts in Visual Art through an academically rigorous, individualized course of study that encourages creative activity and collaboration across disciplines and media. The Graduate School also offers the Master of Fine Arts in Illustration & Visual Culture, which combines studio practice in illustration and writing with the study of visual and material culture. Together, the College and Graduate School of Art educate approximately 300 undergraduate and 45 graduate students.

The Sam Fox School is housed in a six-building complex that includes the Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum, home to one of the finest university collections of paintings, sculptures, photographs, and works on paper by 19th-, 20th-, and 21st-century American and European artists. The School opened Weil Hall in 2019, a LEED Platinum state-of-the-art center for graduate art and architecture education and an innovative making hub for the entire school.

The Sam Fox School hosts a lively series of lectures, symposia, and exhibitions and enjoys strong collaborations with the Pulitzer Arts Foundation, Laumeier Sculpture Park, the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, Missouri Botanical Garden, and the Saint Louis Art Museum. The School has a strong commitment to social justice, environmental justice, and community-based work housed in the Office for Socially Engaged Practice.

Washington University is an independent research university dedicated to challenging its faculty and students to seek new knowledge and greater understanding of an ever-changing, multicultural world. The University is counted among the world’s leaders in teaching and research, and draws students and faculty from all 50 states and more than 80 nations. The University is highly regarded for its commitment to excellence in learning. Its programs, administration, facilities, resources, and activities combine to further its mission of teaching, research, and service to society.