

FACULTY POSITIONS IN OLD TESTAMENT

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Preamble

Columbia Theological Seminary has a distinguished history of faculty in the field of Old Testament. As the Seminary shapes curricula for the 21st century, the importance of forming Christian leaders as skilled biblical interpreters only grows. To that end, Columbia seeks to appoint two new faculty colleagues in Old Testament who will:

- Teach and advise in all programs of the Seminary, including in-person and online master's and advanced degrees courses and lifelong learning programs.
- Engage in ongoing research and writing in Old Testament studies, participate in relevant guilds, and share the fruits of their research with the academy, Church, and society through publishing, teaching, and speaking.
- Fulfill general responsibilities as a member of the Columbia faculty, including student advising, institutional service, and participation in the Seminary community and wider Church.

Faculty Rank

One of the two positions will be tenure-track at the assistant professor rank, depending upon qualifications and experience. The other will be tenure-track or tenured at the Assistant or Associate rank commensurate with qualifications and experience. The anticipated start date for both positions is July 1, 2026.

Institutional Accountability

The professors in these positions report directly to the Dean of Faculty and serve as members of the Bible area of the faculty.

Requirements

- PhD or ThD in Old Testament/Hebrew Bible
- Demonstrated commitment to and promise for research and writing in the field of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible
- Demonstrated commitment to making connections between the academy, the Church, and society in ways that model a publicly engaged faith

Desired Qualities and Experience

- Commitment to teaching and serving in ways that foster intercultural intelligence and inclusion in a diverse learning community
- Excellent teaching and communication skills in a variety of modalities, including in-person, hybrid, intensive, and online
- Interest in teaching in congregations and faith communities
- Commitment to intercultural and interdisciplinary approaches
- Affiliation with the PC(USA) is preferred but not required

Applicants should send a cover letter, CV, and the names of three references to the Old Testament Search Committee c/o Dr. Christine Roy Yoder, Senior Vice President, Dean of Faculty and Academic

Approved by the OT Search Committee, 8.29.25

Approved by the Faculty, 9.3.25



Affairs. Please send all materials by Monday, October 20, 2025 to the following email address: facultysearch@ctsnet.edu.

For more information about the position and Columbia, please visit our website at <https://www.ctsnet.edu/careers>.

Physical Demands: Although physical limitations for this position can be accommodated, the job's physical demands can include but are not limited to intermittent sitting, standing, stooping, crouching, bending, crawling, walking, pushing, and lifting objects to 40 lbs. Some night and weekend work, as needed. Work is performed in a library setting.

Disclaimer: The preceding job description has been designed to indicate the general nature and level of work employees perform within this classification. It is not intended to contain or be interpreted as a comprehensive inventory of all duties, responsibilities, and qualifications required of employees for this job.

Columbia Theological Seminary is an educational institution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and a community of theological inquiry and formation committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in the service of the Church of Jesus Christ. Established in the Reformed tradition, we embody an ecumenical spirit and welcome people of all denominational backgrounds.

Consistent with the Seminary's Core Values and as a seminary affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA), Columbia Theological Seminary affirms its commitment to promoting the goals of fairness and equity in all aspects of its theological and educational enterprise. Through federal, state, and local law, and Seminary policy, the Seminary prohibits harassment of or discrimination against any person based upon sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, religion, nationality, socio-economic status, personal appearance, color, political affiliation, religion, creed, ethnicity, national origin, citizenship status, physical or mental ability, age, marital status, family responsibilities, veteran or military status, predisposing genetic characteristics, domestic violence victim status, or any other protected category.