



Samford University

Howard College of Arts and Sciences

Assistant or Associate Professor, Department of Biblical and Religious Studies

Samford University's Howard College of Arts and Sciences invites individuals interested in serving in a Christian university environment to apply for an anticipated opening for a position as Assistant or Associate Professor in the [Department of Biblical and Religious Studies](#) within the Howard College of Arts and Sciences. This would be a tenure-track full-time faculty 9-month appointment to begin in August 2020.

Qualified candidates will hold an earned Ph.D. in biblical studies (New Testament preferred) and be qualified to teach not only biblical studies but also in the college's "[Cultural Perspectives](#)" (Western intellectual tradition) sequence and, preferably, theology as well. Successful candidates will have a demonstrated record of outstanding teaching and proven research agenda and publications. Candidates must affirm the Baptist Statement of Faith and Message of 1963, including the preface and without added interpretation (see Samford Faculty Handbook section A5.1 for full information). Candidates must also be committed to promoting the study of biblical, theological, and religious studies as a central academic pursuit in the university and as valuable to the intellectual, vocational, and spiritual maturation of students. The successful candidate will normally teach multiple sections of the University's required [Biblical Foundations](#) course each year, as well as at least one section of the Cultural Perspectives sequence and an upper-level course in the area of his or her specialization. Duties also include mentoring and advising students as well as service to the department, college, and university.

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Applications will be reviewed beginning November 30 and should be submitted by then for full consideration. Applications will be accepted until January 1, 2020. Selected candidates will be invited to preliminary Skype interviews in February. Please submit (combined into one PDF) a cover letter, application for faculty position, faculty applicant Christian mission statement, curriculum vita with names and contact information of three references, evidence of teaching effectiveness, and description of research interests and activities.

"Application for Faculty Position" can be found at:

(https://www.samford.edu/departments/files/Human_Resources/application-for-faculty-employment.pdf)

"Faculty Applicant Christian Mission Statement" can be found at: (<https://www.samford.edu/departments/files/academic-affairs/Faculty-Applicant-Christian-Mission-Statement.docx>)

Application materials (combined into one PDF document) should be sent to:

FACAPP@samford.edu

Subject: Biblical and Religious Studies Search

Questions may be addressed to the chair of the search committee, Dr. Roy Ciampa (rciampa@samford.edu).

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