The Public Historian works closely with the Executive Director to develop public programs including lectures, symposia, and workshops, as well as digital presentations and online outreach that showcase Avery’s growing archival material. The Public Historian drives the academic arm of the Center and is expected to conduct scholarly research around specific themes and or aspects of African American history and culture and to engage in grant-writing activities to be determined in collaboration with the Executive Director. Primary responsibilities include production of relevant scholarship, identifying and pursuing grant-funded initiatives, organizing conferences and relevant public history colloquia in addition to programs and outreach designed for the wider public. Having full access to Avery’s robust collections, he/she is expected to maintain his/her own research and publications in academic journals and manuscripts and direct Avery publications.

The Public Historian is a tenure-track faculty member in the library with joint affiliation in African American Studies (AAST). As such, he/she is expected to teach one course per academic year and develop collaborative programs between Avery, AAST, and CLAW rooted in the epistemologies of African American Studies and that foster high-impact learning opportunities for students.

Duties include, but are not limited to the following:

**Programming Duties 40%**
- Designs framework and online presentation of the Avery Oral History Project and other public history programming; Conducts project workshops and other initiatives for the community, with the help of the Education Outreach Coordinator.
- Leads the development and delivery of public programs including online initiatives, the development of open access educational outreach tools, and conferences and symposia in conjunction with African American Studies Program, the Carolina Lowcountry and Atlantic World Program and other departments on campus.
- Hires, trains, and supervises Oral History Project temporary and permanent staff.

**Teaching and Research 20%**
- Teaches one course annually in the African American Studies program
- Serves as affiliated African American Studies program staff

**Administrative Duties 30%**
- Supervises the Curator and works with him/her to develop exhibitions that showcase the Avery collections and highlight important aspects of the African American historical narrative as well as relevant topics around contemporary African American issues. Works with the Curator to develop clear, informative, and comprehensive text for exhibition panels and online exhibitions and promotional materials for each exhibition.
- Serves as Saturday Administrator on duty on a rotating basis
• Works with the Executive Director to identify potential funding opportunities and write grant proposals
• Communicates research and Center initiatives via publications including the Avery Institute Messenger, the Avery website, digital exhibitions and presentations at professional meetings and conferences, as well as other scholarly publications developed by the Avery Research Center, African American Studies and CLAW programs. Provides copy for Avery website and other marketing materials.

Avery and College Affairs 10%
• Serves on Avery, College and professional committees, elected or assigned.
• Represents the College of Charleston at meetings and conferences locally and nationally

Essential requirements:
• A doctorate in History, and or African American Studies, with a History or Museum Studies cognate
• Experience working in a museum or archives
• Experience in developing public programs
• Experience conducting oral histories
• Experience with Digital Humanities
• Experience developing and implementing multimedia digital humanities projects and outreach
• Teaching experience on the college/university level

Salary and Benefits: $50,000 starting salary and benefits package. Benefits include Retirement (401a) Plans, Deferred Compensation Plans (401k, 457, and Roth 401k), Health Insurance, Dental Insurance, Life Insurance, Dependent Life Insurance, Long Term Disability Insurance, and Long Term Care Insurance. Additional information on benefits can be found at http://www.cofc.edu/hr/Benefits/index.htm.

Procedure For Candidacy:
For fullest consideration, please send a professional dossier including a cover letter, curriculum vita, transcripts and three letters of recommendation to Claire Fund, Search Coordinator, at fundc@cofc.edu by December 15, 2012.

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