THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION

University of Michigan-Flint
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Economics

Adam Lutzker, assistant professor of economics, Department of Economics, College of Arts and Sciences, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of economics, with tenure, Department of Economics, College of Arts and Sciences.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D. 1999 University of Michigan
M.A. 1988 University of Michigan
B.A. 1985 University of Maryland

Professional Record:

1999 to Present Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Michigan-Flint
1995 to 1999 Visiting Instructor, Department of Economics, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY
1990 to 1995 Visiting Instructor, Department of Economics and Management, Albion College, Albion, MI

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Dr. Lutzker’s students are very positive about his teaching style and enthusiastically comment on the quality of the courses they have taken from him. Students praise his upbeat personality and especially appreciate his great attitude toward teaching, and his respect for the subject matter that he truly enjoys sharing with his students. They consider him an outstanding person and usually end their glowing remarks by simply commenting that he is “just an amazing teacher.” Peer evaluations confirm student observations. Though still a junior faculty member, Dr. Lutzker is well on his way to becoming a master teacher.

Recent and Significant Publications:
Lutzker, A. “International Productivity Convergence in the New Economy: More or Less Likely?”  

Current Projects:
Lutzker, A. “Sleight of Hand: Myths, Metaphors, and the Making of Markets,” (book manuscript  
submitted to Routledge).
Lutzker, A. “The Rise and Fall of Formalism In Postwar Philosophy, Sociology, and Economics,”  
(revise and resubmit to *History of Political Economy*).
Lutzker, A. “Violence In the Global Economy,” (invited chapter for *Violence and Globalization*,  
edited by Jessie Klein and Milagros Ricourt).

Service – Dr. Lutzker has a wealth of impressive service to his credit. As a member of the  
International and Global Studies (IGS) Subcommittee on Curriculum, he was involved in  
planning a proposal for IGS majors. He served as a member of the 2004 Search Committee for a  
director of the Women’s Educational Center (WEC) and currently is serving as a member of the  
WEC Advisory Board, and on the search committee for a faculty member in Women’s and  
Gender Studies Program. Dr Lutzker has also made a great impression as a member of the  
Master of Arts in Social Studies Planning Committee (2003-2005), where he was personally  
responsible for devising the core curriculum. Other service activities include membership on the  
Academic Standards Committee (2001-2004), Library Resources (2001-2004) and search  
committees for urban sociology (2004) and School of Management (2001).

External Reviewers:
Reviewer (A):
“... I judge the convergence chapter and the book manuscript to be of very high quality, and  
making recognizable contributions to the field. I also see extraordinary promise of future  
productivity in the completion and publication of the book manuscript.”

Reviewer (B):
“There is no question in my mind that Dr. Lutzker’s research is of high quality. It demonstrates a  
quite wide command of different literatures and pursues an interdisciplinary synthesis that is fairly  
rare among individuals in his field.”

Reviewer (C):
“... Professor Lutzker is an engaged scholar, and is beginning to find avenues for scholarly  
production. The fact that he has a “revise and resubmit” decision from the leading history of  
economics journal (*History of Political Economy*) is a good sign, as are the several book chapters  
either completed or in production.”

Reviewer (D):
“The essay (“International Productivity Convergence in the New Economy: More or Less Likely”)  
is historically grounded and theoretically sophisticated and it pushes economists to go beyond  
confining formal models and consider the institutional features of the technology diffusion process.”
Reviewer (E):
"... the book manuscript I found to be very interesting and very promising. I expect that it will have no problem finding a decent publisher, and that it will be of interest to a broad array of scholars."

Summary of Recommendation:
Dr. Lutzker is an outstanding teacher, a promising scholar and a practiced and thoughtful server on numerous College and university committees. Though a junior colleague, he is a voice of reason—a thoughtful presence in all areas where he serves. The College recommends his tenure and promotion without reservation. We therefore enthusiastically recommend Adam Lutzker to the title of associate professor of economics, with tenure, Department of Economics, College of Arts and Sciences.

D. J. Trelo, Ph.D., Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

Recommendation endorsed by:

Jack Kay, Ph.D., Provost and
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Juan E. Mestas, Ph.D., Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

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