PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION

The University of Michigan-Dearborn
College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters
Department of Social Sciences

Bruce A. Pietrykowski, associate professor of economics, with tenure, Department of Social Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters is recommended for promotion to professor of economics, with tenure, Department of Social Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.

Academic Degrees:
B.A. 1981 Rutgers University (Paul Robeson Scholar)
M.A. 1983 Graduate Faculty, New School for Social Research
Ph.D. 1990 Graduate Faculty, New School for Social Research

Professional Record:
2000 to present Director, Center for the Study of Automotive Heritage, University of Michigan-Dearborn
1996 to present Associate Professor of Economics, with tenure, Department of Social Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters
1996 to 2001 Director, UAW-Ford University Project
1998 to 2001 Associate Dean, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters
1990 to 1996 Assistant Professor of Economics, without tenure, Department of Social Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters
1988 to 1990 Lecturer in Economics, Department of Social Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

Summary of Evaluation:
Teaching: Professor Pietrykowski is rated an excellent teacher who has made exceptional contributions to our curriculum. He has taught thirteen courses, seven new to the campus, and two in programs outside his discipline. He has taught quantitative and qualitative courses, and has earned high student praise in all. Most recently he developed a well-received course for the CASL First Year Seminars Program and participates in the “Contested Cities” learning community.

Research: Professor Pietrykowski is rated a significantly capable researcher. He has developed national and international reputations as a major contributor in the general area of heterodox economics and in Fordist production in particular. His research is impressive both in terms of depth and range. He has pushed the frontiers of economic methodology, labor economics, and consumption theory, and has also published important papers on adult education and instructional technology. His future research agenda will no doubt be productive.

Recent and Significant Publications:


Service: Professor Pietrykowski’s service is rated significantly capable. Most notably he has directed the UAW-Ford University Program (our initial distance learning program) and the Center for the Study of Automotive Heritage. He also served as associate dean for the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters and chaired the University Scholarship Committee. Professor Pietrykowski has also served on a wide array of program advisory boards and committees at all levels of the university. He has made significant contributions to the economics profession through his service on three journal editorial boards and his prolific refereeing activities.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A)
“...I am quite impressed with Pietrykowski’s work, which takes up a range of interesting and important topics and handles them with seriousness, rigor, and ingenuity. In the articles sent to me, Pietrykowski demonstrates that he is an active and high-quality scholar who has made a number of significant and valuable contributions.”

Reviewer (B)
“His scholarship is intellectually mature, rigorous, and thoughtful. Without a doubt, Bruce Pietrykowski is one of the foremost writers on Fordism in the United States. His work is well known, highly regarded, and cited by colleagues.”

Reviewer (C)
“I would describe Professor Pietrykowski as one of the few economists in the world able to effectively combine labor economics and postmodern epistemology. His work is highly respected by heterodox economists and does great credit to the University of Michigan-Dearborn.”
Reviewer (D)
"In this light [teaching and administrative loads], Professor Pietrykowski has an impressive quantity of publications. Overall Professor Pietrykowski is making a scholarly impact which will grow in the future as he has more time to do research and publish his findings."

Reviewer (E)
"The primer on political economy, the entry on radical political economy, the jointly authored article on genre difference and the review essay on feminist economics show the profession's recognition of Prof. P's reputation as a methodologist, his ability to borrow from outside economics to illuminate problems inside, and the breadth of his reading in economic heterodoxy."

Reviewer (F)
"He is clearly one of the major contributors and interpreters of his approach to economics and is widely respected by others with a like approach and still by others who, while not of like mind, respect the quality of his efforts. The quality of his work is first rate."

Summary of Recommendation:
Professor Pietrykowski is a prime example of the teacher-scholar model in which University of Michigan-Dearborn takes pride. His scholarship has gained him, and the campus, a national, indeed, an international reputation in heterodox economics. The intelligence, clarity and creativity of his writing have drawn outstanding, positive reviews. The reviewers comment upon the coherence and direction of his work, predicting continued significant contributions to the field. His teaching, from introductory courses in economics to Honors classes on consumerism and modern western intellectual history and culture, receive rave reviews from students and from his colleagues as well. We are very pleased to recommend, with the strong support of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters Executive Committee, Bruce A. Pietrykowski for promotion to professor of economics, with tenure.

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