THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION

University of Michigan-Flint
School of Education and Human Services
Department of Education

Linda K. Pickett, assistant professor of education, Department of Education, School of Education and Human Services, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of education, with tenure, Department of Education, School of Education and Human Services.

Academic Degrees
Ph.D. 2000 University of New Mexico, Multicultural Teacher Childhood Education
M. A. 1992 University of New Mexico, Language Arts and Literacy
B.A. 1988 University of New Mexico, Elementary Education

Professional Record
2004 to present Assistant Professor, Department of Education, School of Education and Human Services, University of Michigan-Flint
2000 to 2004 Assistant Professor, University of North Florida, Education Department
1999 to 2000 Assistant Professor, Department of Education, School of Education and Human Services, University of Michigan-Flint

Summary of Evaluation

Teaching – Since her arrival at the University of Michigan-Flint, Dr. Pickett has taught twenty-two sections of undergraduate courses, six sections of graduate courses, and four independent study courses. In every course she has taught, student evaluations have not fallen below the highest ranking. Student evaluators frequently comment on her student-centered approach to instruction, her positive demeanor, her knowledge of her subject and her genuine love of teaching. Faculty colleagues who have observed her classes have been impressed by her ability to engage students in the very methods they will be expected to utilize in their own classrooms. They note that she provides clear and interesting presentations, fosters constructive interaction in the classroom, and models excellent teaching techniques.

Research – Dr. Pickett’s research interests are situated throughout the field of peace education. She has six publications in print. Three of the publications in print are in refereed journals. She has made nineteen presentations at national and international conferences. Dr. Pickett is the founding chair of the Early Childhood Education Department, and has assisted with the revision of the Early Childhood Education Program and re-designing the Early Childhood Development Center.
Recent and Significant Publications and Presentations

Publications in Press:

Publications in Print:

Conference Presentations:


Pickett, L. (2001). “Playful Literacy In a Primary Classroom.” Florida Reading Association Annual Conference, Miami, Florida (October).


Service – Since her return in 2004, Dr. Pickett has served on twenty eight different committees within the University and the School of Education and Human Services, chairing six of them. She maintains formal and informal office hours every day of the week and is easily accessible to students, staff, and faculty. She has recently been named as the chair of the newly created Early Childhood Education Department.

External Reviewers

Reviewer (A):
“What is particularly noteworthy about Dr. Pickett’s numerous contributions to the Education Department and the School of Education and Human Services is that there is a rare and profound interconnectedness between her teaching, research and professional development, and service, and the themes that infuse her scholarly work skillfully draw upon philosophies of peace education on both an interpersonal and global level.”

Reviewer (B):
“In the 21st Century, we need teacher educators who can see the ‘big picture,’ and who can convey that, as well as specific teaching strategies, to future educators. I consider Dr. Pickett’s work as exceptional in general and especially in terms of working toward a culture of peace, not culture of violence, vengeance and victimhood.”

Reviewer (C):
“Dr. Pickett’s service represents her commitment to action. Her department committee work is extensive, it spans from being the Founding Chair of the Early Childhood Department to facilitating the program revision and actual development, to participating on the Leadership Committee, Policy and Assessment Committee, Program Accreditation Review Committee and numerous Chair-Lecturer Review Committees. As with other brilliant educators, Dr. Pickett’s time and energy is sought after, but Dr. Pickett is able to maintain a balance between her varied departmental service work with human service work.”
Reviewer (D):
"There are many proficient and dedicated peace educators. There are also peace educators, who, because of their commitment to the field and to students, must be considered outstanding. Dr. Linda Pickett is outstanding. Her ability to model best practices in the field is exemplary." "She is quietly expressive and unassuming, and adopts an intentional stance of a co-learner rather than teacher who is superior over those she teaches."

Reviewer (E):
"Dr. Pickett's professional development activities and accomplishments are exemplary. She has demonstrated that she has a clearly established area of expertise and that she has 'found a home base...for her theoretical journey in the context of peace education'. In addition, she seems well positioned to realize her hopes of contributing to peace education efforts that can create educational environments that are much more conducive to learning, academic success, and social change."

Reviewer (F):
"Dr. Pickett appears to be an innovative and activist scholar that would be a fine addition to any college of education, particularly an urban campus such as University of Michigan-Flint. Her work in pedagogy, early childhood, play, and peace education provides a rich repertoire of expertise to share with pre-service and in-service teachers."

Summary Recommendation

Linda Pickett has established a strong record of achievement in the areas of teaching, scholarship, and service. It is with the unanimous support of the Department of Education and the Executive Committee that we recommend that Linda K. Pickett be promoted to the rank of associate professor of education, with tenure, Department of Education, School of Education and Human Services.

Recommended by:

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Susanne Chandler, Ph.D., Dean
School of Education and Human Services

Recommendation endorsed by:

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Jack Kay, Acting Chancellor and
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

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