THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION

University of Michigan-Flint
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice

Judy V. Rosenthal, associate professor of anthropology, with tenure, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice, College of Arts and Sciences, is recommended for promotion to professor of anthropology, with tenure, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice, College of Arts and Sciences.

Academic Degrees:
Ph.D. 1993 Cornell University
M.A. 1980 Cornell University

Professional Record:
1999 to present Associate Professor of Anthropology and Gender Studies, with tenure, University of Michigan-Flint
1993 to 1999 Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Women’s Studies, University of Michigan-Flint
1993 Instructor, Cornell University
1987 to 1989 Teaching Assistant, Cornell University
1985 to 1986 English Teacher, U.S. Cultural Center, Lomé, Togo (W. Africa)
1984 to 1985 Maître de Conférence, École Nationale d'Administration, Paris, France
1976 to 1985 English Teacher, Institut National de la Statistique et de l'Administration Economique Paris, France

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Dr. Rosenthal is an excellent teacher, having developed twelve courses in thirteen years, been an innovator in online learning, and served as a caring and conscientious adviser of students. She has been active in program development in anthropology, women’s and gender studies and in our Masters in Social Sciences degree. Both peer and student evaluations of her courses are strongly favorable.

Research – Dr. Rosenthal is an exciting, innovative cultural anthropologist with an international reputation. Since 1993 she has presented papers or organized sessions at twenty-nine scholarly conferences. Since her first promotion she has published five significant articles and a major review. Her 1998 book has reached a wide, international audience and gained significant praise. Additional work is in progress.
Recent and Significant Publications:

Book:

Book Chapters:

Refereed Journal Article:

Encyclopedia Entry:

Service – Dr. Rosenthal has extensive service at the University of Michigan-Flint. She has chaired numerous search committees, chaired her department, directed the Women’s and Gender Studies Program, advocated for the establishment of a Women’s Center, and lectured on campus and in the community. In her profession she has organized conference sections, lectured in international forums, and served as a manuscript reader for presses and scholarly journals.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A)
“As her career trajectory illustrates, Rosenthal is extraordinary in every sense of the term. On publication grounds alone, her record of chapters and articles, together with the progress on her second book, … clearly merit promotion to full professor in both history and anthropology.”

Reviewer (B)
“The quality of her work remains high at the ethnographic level and she has sustained an active research agenda and publication record based on this research. Moreover, she has made significant advances at the theoretical level.”
Reviewer (C)
"In sum, then, and in direct comparison with others who have been successful for promotion in major departments of anthropology, Dr. Rosenthal was already an accomplished scholar at the time of tenure and she has maintained a level of productivity comparable to similarly promoted peers. Moreover, her scholarship continues to develop in new directions of consequence to the discipline as a whole."

Reviewer (D)
"Her many articles and book(s) have made a substantial contribution to the profession. Were all anthropologists as diligent, empathetic, and as gifted with words as is the case with Dr. Rosenthal, then perhaps the violence in the world, which so legitimately worries her, would dissipate somewhat."

Reviewer (E)
"I think her book on Ewe spirit possession is exceptional, a veritable classic. It is the product of a unique mind and a tenaciously clever analysis."

Reviewer (F)
[Dr. Rosenthal's] "... works collectively make a substantial contribution to the field of anthropology."

Summary of Recommendation:
Judy Rosenthal has a wonderful reputation as a teacher and scholar. Her work seems only to gain in quality as she matures. Her service to the institution has been valuable, particularly in its focus on recognition for the un-recognized, and desire for compassionate treatment of those who might otherwise be ignored. Her work for the University of Michigan-Flint is of exceptionally high quality on all fronts, and has earned her promotion to the rank of professor of anthropology. We therefore enthusiastically recommend that Judy V. Rosenthal be promoted to the rank of professor of anthropology, with tenure, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice, College of Arts and Sciences.

Recommended by:

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Christine Waters, Acting Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

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