PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
The University of Michigan-Dearborn
College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters
Department of Behavioral Sciences

Paul J. Draus, assistant professor of sociology, Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of sociology, with tenure, Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.

Academic Degrees:
Ph.D. 2001 Loyola University, Chicago
M.A. 1992 University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming
B.A. 1990 Loyola University, Chicago

Professional Record:
2005 – Present Assistant Professor, Sociology Discipline; Department of Behavioral Sciences, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Dearborn
2004 – 2005 Regional Epidemiologist, Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring Network, Columbus, Ohio
2002 – 2005 Research Scientist/Project Ethnographer, Center for Interventions, Treatment, and Addictions Research, Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio
2000 – 2002 Assistant Professor, Departments of Sociology and American Studies, Grinnell, Iowa
1999 – 2000 Lecturer, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Loyola University, Chicago
1993 – 2000 Epidemiologist, Tuberculosis Control Program, Cook County Hospital, Chicago

Summary of Evaluation:
Teaching: Professor Draus’ teaching is rated excellent. During his first four years on campus, he developed a repertoire of seven different courses in different areas of his discipline. He regularly teaches a medical sociology course, which is a required course for Health Policy Studies majors. For this program he also teaches the HPS Senior Seminar and the internship course. Professor Draus also teaches deviant behavior which serves the criminal justice program and has recently taught the Inside-Out Prison Exchange course at a prison in Detroit. The quality of Professor Draus’ courses is very high as judged by his colleagues and students. His fellow sociologists find his teaching intellectually stimulating and student-oriented based on multiple classroom visits. Students’ course evaluations showed that Professor Draus was rated highly overall and in particular on various dimensions of teaching performance. He was given a score of 4.6 or higher on a 5-point scale measuring dimensions like organization, willingness to help, and setting high standards for the class. His ability to bring intellectual excitement to his classroom is the sign of a true teacher-scholar, and he has in a few years become an invaluable part of his discipline, department, and college.
Research: Professor Draus’ research is rated excellent as evidenced by the consistency and quality of his publications. He has published a book, *Consumed In The City*, eight journal articles, and two book chapters. His book is an ethnographic study of tuberculosis in the inner city and is seen by his reviewers as a significant contribution to medical sociology both methodologically and substantively. Most of his journal articles deal with illicit drug use in rural small towns and one reviewer concludes that Professor Draus is “one of the leading new drug investigators.” In recent work he has turned his attention to Detroit and a federally funded study of heroin users in Detroit shows clear promise of continued scholarship.

Recent and Significant Publications


Service: Professor Draus’ service is rated as significantly capable. He has contributed substantially on several levels of campus governance. In the sociology discipline his expertise has been invaluable in a two-year search for a race and ethnicity position. He also has served as the library liaison for the discipline since arriving on campus. On the college level he has served on the CASL Arts Committee and the Masters in Public Policy Review Committee, while on the campus level he has served on the Campus Grants Committee and the Chancellor's Metropolitan Research Center Committee. Professor Draus has been active in three of his professional organizations as a session organizer, discussant, reviewer, local arranger, and tour guide. Finally, his research and teaching interests have dovetailed nicely with a number of community service activities in the areas of health and corrections. Professor Draus has proven to be a thoughtful contributor to his university, profession, and community and has thereby earned the respect of his colleagues.

External Reviewers:
Reviewer A: “Draus’s [sic] writing is of the highest quality. In my own forthcoming book on narrative analysis, I discuss *Consumed in the City* as one of the exemplars of how to analyze narratives...I believe the book is one of the finest studies of poverty and health.”

Reviewer B: “I consider *Consumed in the City* to be outstanding...In short, his writings are of high quality and have important impacts on the fields of tuberculosis and illicit drug use by rural residents...[His] future research agenda promises to produce more path breaking research.”

Reviewer C: “In the integrity of his work, continuity of thought, and depth of analysis, Paul Draus shows himself to be an excellent [of his generation] scholar...with clear evidence of promise for continuing development.”
Reviewer D: “This is a substantial record of scholarly activity for someone just 8 years post-Ph.D....It is however the quality of his work that is most impressive...[He] has generated truly original theoretical work.”

Reviewer E: “In my experience, the quantity and quality of Dr. Draus’ scholarship are exceptional, accomplishments that are particularly notable with the context of the teacher-scholar model.”

Reviewer F: “Dr. Draus...an exceptional young professor with exceptional research and academic skills. I would rank Dr. Draus as one of the leading new drug investigators in our field.”

Summary of Recommendation:
Professor Draus is a respected member of the sociology discipline at the University of Michigan-Dearborn who has demonstrated excellence in teaching and research, and has been significantly capable in service. We are very pleased to recommend, with the strong support of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters Executive Committee, Paul J. Draus for promotion to associate professor of sociology, with tenure, Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.

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