PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
The University of Michigan
School of Public Health
Department of Health Management and Policy

Scott L. Greer, assistant professor of health management and policy, Department of Health Management and Policy, School of Public Health, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of health management and policy, with tenure, Department of Health Management and Policy, School of Public Health.

Academic Degrees:
Ph.D. 2003 Political Science, Northwestern University, Chicago
B.A. 1996 Political Science, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Professional Record:
2005 to present Assistant Professor of Health Management and Policy, School of Public Health, University of Michigan
2004-2005 Lecturer, School of Public Policy, University College, London
2002-2004 Research Fellow, Constitution Unit, University College, London

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Greer’s core teaching is a pair of classes regarding health politics, offered in both the residential and executive master degree programs in the department. These two courses are HMP 684: The Politics of Health Services Policy, and HMP 685: The Politics of Public Health Policy. Professor Greer’s teaching scores have always been solid, and have further increased over the past five years. Professor Greer’s teaching evaluations and their trajectory demonstrate that he delivers very demanding and successful courses in the area of health politics to graduate students in public health. Professor Greer is also an active advisor and mentor to numerous master and doctoral students in health policy/health politics and to post-doctoral fellows in the Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Program at the University of Michigan.

Research: Throughout his career, Professor Greer has blended political science and health policy approaches in order to investigate the ways in which intergovernmental relations and different levels of political authority shape policy options. His theoretical interests center on the allocation of power between regional and federal governments in different decentralized or federal political systems. His empirical focus is the health policy/politics of the United Kingdom and European Union. His research is in three main streams: 1) the emerging European Union role in health policy; 2) political decentralization and health policy the United Kingdom; and 3) the comparative territorial politics of health policy. Since joining the SPH faculty, Professor Greer has been the lead researcher and author on a significant number of peer-reviewed journal articles, monographs, books, and book chapters.

Since 2003, Professor Greer has investigated the causes and consequences of the emerging European Union role in health policy, and has become a leading academic authority on this subject internationally. His research involves gathering empirical data on EU health policymaking and relating it to existing theories of European integration, policymaking, and member-state relationships. For example, a 2006 article argued that the case of health care policy was an important confirmation of a major theory of European integration—neofunctionalism—which argues that the EU institutions are capable of creating new powers for themselves regardless of whether member states or interest groups want there to be an EU power. Another article in the Journal European Union Politics (2008) won the prize for best paper that year. Professor Greer consolidated his work on European integration, EU health lobbying, and member...

In 2007, Professor Greer received a prestigious National Science Foundation grant to study the impact of EU law on health care policies. This project allowed him to go beyond testing theories of EU politics to investigate the health policy and health system effects of judicial decisions, focusing on the relationship between four EU member states (France, Germany, Spain and the UK). His broad finding is that member states and health care systems enjoy considerable latitude for noncompliance with court cases. EU law is a slow, unpredictable route to policy change, and so there is far less compliance than the legal literature might suggest.

Professor Greer has also conducted research on the politics of political decentralization and health policy in the United Kingdom. His work here has investigated how the creation of autonomous governments for Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales impacted health policy in the four different systems of the UK, and how devolved health policymaking informs us about the impact of parties, policy communities, and shared ideas on health policy. Professor Greer carried out a large qualitative study, interviewing a large stratified sample of health policymakers. The results are published in a 2004 monograph, *Territorial Politics and Health Policy*, that has been widely cited in discussions of devolution. This work argues that the policy trajectories of the four different UK systems are indeed distinct, and they are distinct because of underlying differences in the party politics and policy communities that shape policy debates and decisions.

**Recent and Significant Publications:**

**Service:** Professor Greer’s main contributions to service within the department and the School of Public Health have been strong service on the admissions/curriculum committees for the both the masters and doctoral programs and advising students working on the global health certificate. In addition, Professor Greer fills a unique and important niche in departmental advising for those students interested in health systems and health policy in Western democratic nations. Professor Greer, through his ties with the department of political science and the Ford School of Public Policy, has strengthened HMP linkages with other important units on campus. Nationally, he is very active within the American Political Science Association, especially within the British Politics Group. Nationally and internationally, he is a very active reviewer of manuscripts, monographs, books and research proposals regarding European health politics research.
External Reviewers:
Reviewer (A): “He is well regarded within [his] field... Scott would meet—and indeed exceed—the requirements [in my institution], in my view of both his publication record and his international reputation in our field.”

Reviewer (B): “…he is very highly regarded indeed in the UK health/social policy community and I cannot think of anyone of his generation who approaches his reputation in the field of comparative health policy and politics.”

Reviewer (C): “Professor Greer is a theoretically informed political scientist who makes significant contributions to the analysis of comparative health policy... he is remarkably productive... I would place him in a select group of first rate health policy scholars [of his cohort].”

Reviewer (D): “His article [on neo-functionalism in the Journal of European Public Policy, 2006] has acquired the status of a ‘classic’... Dr. Greer has an amazing academic record... he meets all the qualifications to be promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure.”

Reviewer (E): “He is an entertaining but extremely insightful speaker and is in much demand to speak at conferences and seminars... His work is insightful and original... He is extremely highly regarded by his peers.”

Reviewer (F): “Professor Greer is a rapidly rising star. On almost every dimension he stands out as perhaps the most visible and accomplished person in his cohort... I would strongly recommend promotion and tenure... I can’t think of a single untenured scholar with this kind of range and insight.”

Reviewer (G): “Greer is one of the most talented and productive researchers in the field of public policy... Greer’s work is already substantial and influential... He has the makings of a world class scholar and I recommend him as an exceptionally strong candidate for promotion to associate professor with tenure.”

Reviewer (H): “Greer’s work is worthy of the highest praise... He is among the top scholars [of his cohort] working in the fields of comparative political economy. He would certainly be granted tenure and promotion at my institution.”

Summary of Recommendation:
Scott L. Greer is a political scientist whose research on European health policy/polities is theoretically driven and has made several significant contributions to the understanding of health politics in Western democracies. He has emerged as one of the world’s leading experts on health policy-making and politics in the European Union. Professor Greer has been very productive in terms of the publication of peer-reviewed journal articles, books and edited volumes, and book chapters. He is a dedicated and skilled teacher and mentor, who is also actively engaged in service within the University and the profession. I enthusiastically recommend Scott L. Greer for promotion to associate professor of health management and policy, with tenure, Department of Health Management and Policy, School of Public Health.

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