SUMMARY OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS
REGENTS AGENDA
May 2016

ANN ARBOR, DEARBORN, AND FLINT CAMPUSES – Recommendations for approval


ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

2. New appointments and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks, with tenure.

(1) Bailey, Ryan C., Robert A. Gregg Professor of Chemistry, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021, and professor of chemistry, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2016.

(2) Cardinal, Vincent J., Arthur and Martha Hearron Endowed Professor of Musical Theatre, chair, Department of Musical Theatre, effective September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021, and professor of music, with tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, effective September 1, 2016.

(3) Cho, Clifford S., M.D., C. Gardner Child Professor of Surgery, effective July 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020, and professor of surgery, with tenure, Medical School, effective July 1, 2016.

(4) Desai, Gaurav G., professor of English language and literature, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2016.

(5) Friedman, Matt, associate professor of Earth and environmental sciences, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2016.

(6) Kaletha, Tasho S., associate professor of mathematics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2016.

(7) Levin, Naomi E., associate professor of Earth and environmental sciences, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and associate professor of environment, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and School of Natural Resources and Environment, effective September 1, 2016.

(8) Meyer, Michael R., professor of astronomy, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2016.

(9) Nair, Supriya M., professor of English language and literature, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2016.
ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

2. New appointments and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks, with tenure.

   (10) Passey, Benjamin H., associate professor of Earth and environmental sciences, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and associate professor of environment, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and School of Natural Resources and Environment, effective September 1, 2016.

   (11) Ritov, Ya’acov, professor of statistics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2016.

   (12) Tall, Gregory G., Ph.D., associate professor of pharmacology, with tenure, Medical School, effective May 1, 2016.

3. Reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.

   (1) Brown, Daniel G., interim dean, School of Natural Resources and Environment, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 (also professor of natural resources and environment, with tenure.)

   (2) Chung, Kevin D., M.D., Charles de Nancrède Professor of Surgery, Medical School, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021 (also assistant dean for instructional faculty, professor of surgery, with tenure, and professor of orthopaedic surgery, without tenure.)

   (3) Lin, Jiandie, Ph.D., Bradley M. Patten Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, Medical School, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021 (also associate professor of cell and developmental biology, with tenure.)

   (4) Markel, Howard, M.D., Ph.D., George E. Wantz, M.D. Professor of the History of Medicine, Medical School, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021 (also professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases, with tenure, professor of psychiatry, without tenure, Medical School, professor of history, without tenure, professor of English language and literature, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and professor of health management and policy, without tenure, School of Public Health.)

   (5) Michielssen, Eric, associate vice president for research – advanced research computing, UM Office of Research, effective August 1, 2016 through August 31, 2019 (also Louise Ganiard Johnson Professor of Engineering, and professor of electrical engineering and computer science, with tenure, College of Engineering.)
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3. Reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.

(6) Neville-Andrews, John, Claribel Baird Halstead Collegiate Professor, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, effective June 1, 2016 through August 31, 2019 (also professor of theatre and drama, with tenure.)

(7) Pasquale, John D., Donald R. Shepherd Chair in Conducting, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, effective June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2021 (also clinical assistant professor of music.)

(8) Railton, Peter A., John Stephenson Perrin Professor, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021 (also Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Gregory S. Kavka Distinguished University Professor of Philosophy, and professor of philosophy, with tenure.)

(9) Taichman, Russell S., Major M. Ash Collegiate Professor of Periodontics, School of Dentistry, effective April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2021 (also associate dean for research, and professor of dentistry, with tenure.)

(10) Taylor, Jeremy M.G., Pharmacia Research Professor of Biostatistics, School of Public Health, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021 (also professor of biostatistics, with tenure, School of Public Health, professor of radiation oncology, without tenure, and professor of computational medicine and bioinformatics, without tenure, Medical School.)

(11) Tesmer, John J. G., Ph.D., Cyrus Levinthal Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, Medical School, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021 (also professor of pharmacology, with tenure, professor of biological chemistry, without tenure, Medical School, and professor of biophysics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.)

(12) Van Gent, Elona D., associate dean for academic programs, Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019 (also professor of art, with tenure.)

(13) Wakefield, Thomas W., M.D., James C. Stanley Professor of Vascular Surgery, Medical School, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021 (also professor of surgery, with tenure.)

(14) Xu, X.Z. Shawn, Ph.D., Bernard W. Agranoff Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, Medical School, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021 (also professor of molecular and integrative physiology, with tenure.)
ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

3. Reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.

   (15) Zak, Donald R., associate dean for academic affairs, School of Natural Resources and Environment, effective August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017 (also Burton V. Barnes Collegiate Professor, professor of natural resources, with tenure, School of Natural Resources and Environment, and professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.)

4. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.

   (1) Abecasis, Gonçalo R., D.Phil., professor of computational medicine and bioinformatics, without tenure, Medical School, effective May 1, 2016 (also Felix E. Moore Collegiate Professor of Biostatistics, chair, Department of Biostatistics, and professor of biostatistics, with tenure, School of Public Health.)

   (2) Agrawal, Arun, Samuel Trask Dana Professor, School of Natural Resources and Environment, effective June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2021 (also professor of natural resources, with tenure.)

   (3) Bravender, Terrill D., M.D., David S. Rosen, M.D. Collegiate Professor of Adolescent Medicine, Medical School, effective May 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020 (also clinical professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases, and clinical professor of psychiatry.

   (4) Englesbe, Michael J., M.D., Cyrenus G. Darling, Sr. M.D. and Cyrenus G. Darling, Jr., M.D. Professor of Surgery, Medical School, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021 (also associate professor of surgery, with tenure.)

   (5) Gao, Fei, professor of materials science and engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective September 1, 2016 (also professor of nuclear engineering and radiological sciences, without tenure.)

   (6) Gold, David P., associate professor of education, without tenure, School of Education, effective September 1, 2016 (also associate professor of English language and literature, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.)

   (7) Handley, Kyle, Sanford R. Robertson Assistant Professor of Business Administration, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017 (also assistant professor of business economics.)
4. **Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.**

   (8) Hawley, Sarah T., professor of health behavior and health education, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective May 1, 2016 (also professor of internal medicine, with tenure, Medical School, and professor of health management and policy, without tenure, School of Public Health.)

   (9) Low, Lisa K., Ph.D., associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology, without tenure, Medical School, effective May 1, 2016 (also associate dean for practice and professional graduate studies, associate professor of health behavior and biological science, with tenure, School of Nursing, and associate professor of women’s studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.)

   (10) Magee, John C., M.D., Jeremiah and Claire Turcotte Professor of Transplantation, Medical School, effective May 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020 (also professor of surgery, with tenure, professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases, without tenure, and professor of internal medicine, without tenure.)

   (11) Mycek, Mary-Ann, associate dean for graduate education, College of Engineering, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020 (also professor of biomedical engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School.)

   (12) Parikh, Sagar, M.D., professor of health management and policy, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective June 1, 2016 (also John F. Greden Professor of Depression and Clinical Neurosciences, and professor of psychiatry, with tenure, Medical School.)

   (13) Sabel, Michael S., M.D., William W. Coon Collegiate Professor of Surgical Oncology, Medical School, effective May 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020 (also associate professor of surgery, with tenure.)

   (14) Saran, Rajiv, M.B.B.S., Florence E. Bingham Research Professor of Nephrology, Medical School, effective July 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020 (also professor of internal medicine, with tenure, Medical School, and professor of epidemiology, without tenure, School of Public Health.)

   (15) Schmalz, Martin C., NBD Bancorp Assistant Professor of Business Administration, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017 (also assistant professor of finance.)
ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

4. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.

(16) Walter, Nils G., professor of biological chemistry, without tenure, Medical School, effective May 1, 2016 (also professor of chemistry with tenure, and professor of biophysics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.)

(17) Wellman, Michael P., associate dean for academic affairs, College of Engineering, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021 (also Lynn A. Conway Collegiate Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, and professor of electrical engineering and computer science, with tenure.)

5. Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic and administrative and positions.

(1) Establishment of a academic administrative title as associate dean for strategic initiatives, Law School, effective June 1, 2016.

6. Other personnel transactions for regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.

(1) Berridge, Kent C., James Olds Distinguished University Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, effective September 1, 2016 (also professor of psychology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.)

(2) Camper, Sally A., Margery Shaw Distinguished University Professor of Human Genetics and Internal Medicine, effective September 1, 2016 (also professor of human genetics, with tenure, and professor of internal medicine, without tenure, Medical School.)

(3) Griess, Jr., Robert L., John Griggs Thompson Distinguished University Professor of Mathematics, effective September 1, 2016 (also professor of mathematics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.)

(4) Herbert, Sharon C., Charles K. Williams, Il Distinguished University Professor of Classical Archaeology, effective September 1, 2016 (also professor of classical archaeology and Greek, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.)
ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

6. Other personnel transactions for regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.

(5) Hero, III, Albert O., John H. Holland Distinguished University Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, effective September 1, 2016 (also R. Jamison and Betty Williams Professor of Engineering, professor of electrical engineering and computer science, with tenure, professor of biomedical engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School, and professor of statistics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.)

(6) Hopp, Wallace J., C.K. Prahalad Distinguished University Professor of Business and Engineering, effective September 1, 2016 (also associate dean for learning and design, professor of technology and operations, with tenure, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, and professor of industrial and operations engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering.)

(7) Sanford, Melanie S., Moses Gomberg Distinguished University Professor of Chemistry, effective September 1, 2016 (also Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and professor of chemistry, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.)

(8) Thomas, June Manning, Mary Frances Berry Distinguished University Professor of Urban Planning, effective September 1, 2016 (also professor of urban planning, with tenure, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning.)

(9) Traub, Valerie J., Adrienne Rich Distinguished University Professor of English and Women’s Studies, effective September 1, 2016 (also Frederick G. L. Huetwell Professor, professor of English language and literature, with tenure, and professor of women’s studies, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.)

(10) Greer, William, assistant vice president for research – animal program compliance oversight, UM Office of Research, effective June 1, 2016.

DEARBORN CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

7. Recommendations for approval of reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.

(1) Kocher, Claudia S., associate dean, College of Business, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019 (also associate professor of finance, with tenure.)
DEARBORN CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

8. Other personnel transactions for regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.

(1) DeGregorio, Scott D., transfer of tenure and title to associate professor of English literature, with tenure, College-Wide Programs, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, effective June 1, 2016 (currently associate professor of English literature, with tenure, Department of Literature, Philosophy, and the Arts, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.)

FLINT CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

9. New appointments and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks, with tenure.

(1) Simon, Mark, Hagerman Faculty Development Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2019, and professor of management, with tenure, School of Management, effective September 1, 2016.
ANN ARBOR, DEARBORN, AND FLINT CAMPUSES

Recommended promotions to the ranks
of professor and associate professor

2016 – 2017
Recommendations for approval of new appointments and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks, with tenure
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Ryan C. Bailey

TITLES: Robert A. Gregg Professor of Chemistry, and Professor of Chemistry, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2016

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the executive committees of the Department of Chemistry and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Ryan C. Bailey as the Robert A. Gregg Professor of Chemistry, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021, and as professor of chemistry, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2016.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Ryan Bailey received his Bachelor of Arts from Eastern Illinois University in 1999 and Doctorate from Northwestern University in 2004.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Following a two-year post-doctoral fellowship jointly held at the California Institute of Technology and the Institute for Systems Biology (2004-2006), Professor Bailey began his academic career as an assistant professor at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) in 2006. He was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2012 and to professor in 2015. Professor Bailey is also a member of the Steering Committee for the Mayo Clinic, University of Illinois Strategic Alliance for Technology-Based Healthcare, and UIUC Division of Biomedical Sciences (2012-present). He is an affiliate of the Department of Bioengineering (2010–present), the Micro and Nanotechnology Laboratory (2008–present), the Institute for Genomic Biology (2007–present), and the Beckman Institute (2013–present).

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Bailey is an internationally recognized leader and a pioneer in bioanalytical chemistry and label free sensing. He is one of the pioneers of the development of micro-ring resonance technology to detect and measure tiny quantities of biological materials, which is a technique that has an enormous range of possible application. By all standard metrics, Professor Bailey is hugely successful. He has published 66 papers with 2357 citations and an h-index of 25, and eight of his independent papers have been cited over 50 times. He has published frequently in the top general and specialty journals in his field. Professor Bailey also has eight patents from his Illinois work that are issued or in consideration, an excellent number in this area. His research funding is exceptional.
Last year he had ~$750,000 of direct cost expenditures as a principal investigator, including three National Institutes of Health (NIH) grants, a National Science Foundation grant, and funding from Dow. His work has been recognized with several significant awards including an NIH Director's New Innovator award, an Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship, a Dreyfus New Faculty Award, and he has been named as a Top 35 Innovator Under 35 by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Technology Review. Professor Bailey also received the American Chemical Society Findeis Award and the PittCon Achievement Award, both of which are given annually to an outstanding, early career, analytical chemist. He was also named to the Defense Science Study Group of the Institute for Defense Analysis/DARPA. This select group of scientists is chosen for their exceptional leadership in science and technology. They are encouraged to apply their talents to defense research and often end up being selected for advisory panels on emerging science for the Department of Defense. Finally, Professor Bailey is a co-founder and Scientific Advisory Board Member of Genalyte, Inc. (2007-present), where he has successfully commercialized his technology through this start-up company.

Professor Bailey has been a successful instructor in the analytical chemistry sequence at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Student evaluations of his “instructor effectiveness” score ranged from 3.80 to 4.29 on a scale of 1-5 with 5 being the best. He received similar scores for his laboratory course. His graduate course ratings were 4.3 to 4.4. These are good to excellent scores that would place him well within the norms for comparable classes at Michigan. Further evidence of his high level of teaching is that he was listed as one of the faculty “Ranked as Excellent” by their students and he received a Teaching Excellence award from the School of Chemical Sciences at UIUC. Professor Bailey’s record of mentoring is excellent. He has graduated eight Ph.D. students and is currently mentoring twelve more. His graduates have been successful in gaining employment and all have published work with him. He has also been active in engaging undergraduate students in his research, and recently had seven working in his laboratory. He lists nine former undergraduate students, many of whom are now in excellent graduate schools.

PUBLICATIONS


EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Reviewer (A)
“The core focus area of the Bailey lab surrounds the development of ultra-high sensitivity chemical analysis platforms based on optical ring resonators. These are exacting experiments that combine a very high level of sophistication in sensor design with elegant chemistry and biochemistry in target
selection and data analysis. It almost goes without saying that the work coming out of Bailey’s laboratory is of the very highest quality.”

Reviewer (B)
“...Ryan is an internationally recognized leader and pioneer in bioanalytical chemistry and label free sensing. He has the track record and all the qualities one would wish for in a colleague.”

Reviewer (C)
“Ryan’s style of research is careful and consistent work that is not always flashy, but always contains insights that ring true. ... He would make a fine addition to your Analytical Chemistry faculty.”

Reviewer (D)
“Ryan’s evolution at Illinois has been striking, and I have been particularly impressed by his ability to understand complex biomedical problems. Ryan’s publication history has a strong, nonlinear positive slope, and I expect appointment at Michigan would only serve to catalyze his continued growth.”

Reviewer (E)
“Bailey has been [a] remarkably successful independent researcher. ...[his] research funding has been exemplary. Most impressively, he received an NIH Director’s New Innovator Award. These awards are ridiculously competitive, with a success rate somewhere near 1%. He now holds R01, R33, and R21 grants from NIH, along with funding from NSF and industry. ...[he] is clearly one of the leading analytical chemists of his generation.”

Reviewer (F)
“I think...[his appointment] will strengthen [the] Chemistry Department in terms of sensor device/instrument development, surface chemistry characterization, and sensor applications. This will be a good bridge between...traditional chemistry and engineering, as well as biomedicine.”

SUMMARY

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Ryan C. Bailey as the Robert A. Gregg Professor of Chemistry, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021, and as professor of chemistry, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Andrew D. Martin, Dean
Professor of Political Science and Statistics
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Vincent J. Cardinal

TITLES: Arthur and Martha Hearron Endowed Professor of Musical Theatre, Chair, Department of Musical Theatre, and Professor of Music, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2016

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance Executive Committee, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Vincent J. Cardinal as professor of music, with tenure, effective September 1, 2016, Arthur and Martha Hearron Endowed Professor of Musical Theatre, and chair, Department of Musical Theatre, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, effective September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Vincent Cardinal received a BS in education/English (cum laude) from Kent State University, and his MFA in playwriting (with honors) from Yale School of Drama, Yale University, where he was honored with the ASCAP-Cole Porter Award for Best-Collected Work.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Professor Cardinal’s academic faculty record began as an assistant professor of theatre at SUNY College at Buffalo from 1991 through 1994. From 1994 through 1995, he held an adjunct teaching position at New York University, Tisch. In 1995, he joined the faculty at Ohio University as a tenured associate professor and held this appointment through 2001. He was recruited to the University of Miami in 2001, as a tenured professor and remained there through 2010, teaching playwriting, acting, directing, and historical courses in musical theatre. In 2010, he was appointed as a professor, with tenure, at the University of Connecticut.

Professor Cardinal’s vast academic administrative experience began as director of the School of Theatre at the Circle Repertory Company. Following this and in conjunction with his faculty appointment at Ohio University, he was program head of the MFA playwriting program, as well as the director of the School of Theatre (College of Fine Arts Executive Council). During his tenure at the University of Miami, he served as chair of the Department of Theatre Arts (College of Arts & Sciences Chairs’ Council); he also took a one-year leave from the University of Miami to serve as associate dean of performing arts at Adelphi University. The culmination of this
invaluable experience led him to the position of head of the Department of Dramatic Arts at the University of Connecticut in 2010. Professor Cardinal served as the director of Circle Repertory Company’s School of Theater and as an associate artist with the 27-year-old off-Broadway Company. He has written 23 plays and screenplays. Professor Cardinal has directed from coast to coast in both professional and educational venues. He has directed 80 productions, 30 world premieres and written numerous projects for television and film.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Cardinal demonstrated a mature capacity to lead with the type of collaborative, transparent leadership encouraged within our school. His teaching demonstrated an extremely clear methodology and an engaging style. His ability to articulate a philosophy of inclusion and his strategies for recruiting, casting, and developing diversity within the department was extraordinary. Our students were extremely enthusiastic about his vision for the future and his personal approach. Professor Cardinal is a teacher who has been defined as motivating, supportive, exciting and powerful. Since this appointment will include a teaching component in addition to academic and departmental leadership, it was critical that Professor Cardinal’s teaching be of the highest caliber; we were quite pleased with his rapport and interaction with our students and feel he will be very successful in this area.

EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Reviewer A: “There is no question that Cardinal has been a true leader wherever he has been employed. He has consistently taught and run programs at excellent schools, all of which have fine theatre programs. He has extensive administrative experience. He is obviously an accomplished producer and director as well as a playwright.”

Reviewer B: “Cardinal is an expert in the fields of theatre, performing arts, and higher education. He is a leader who not only navigates the complex and ever-changing landscape of higher education, but is a talented artist himself with a proven record of translating creativity and enthusiasm into successful institutional leadership.”

Reviewer C: “Vince’s talents shine in many genres. He has deep and broad experience in many contexts and has been recognized widely for his accomplishments. He also understands and can operate very successfully within two different and at times intersecting cultures: professional theater and academia. He has considerable artistic talent in many domains of theater, diplomatic acumen, impressive people skills, great powers of observation, impeccable integrity and good nature.”

Reviewer D: “Professor Cardinal possesses a wide range of credits and experiences in the professional and academic theatrical arenas; many entries are significant contributions and are national in scope. Clearly, he has a strong record of important contributions to three universities. He is a seasoned teacher and administrator and continues to be actively engaged in the professional world. His ability to bring the professional and academic worlds of theatre together in a harmoniously functional way is a credit to his skill and abilities.”
Reviewer E: “Professor Cardinal knows how to balance his major administrative work with his work as a stage director. There is no doubt that he has extensive administrative and producing experience in an academic setting.”

Reviewer F: “Professor Cardinal enjoys a national and international reputation as an artist, educator, professional theatre leader, and an academic administrator. Vince Cardinal is a proven academic administrator with strong leadership skills and experience in fundraising, curriculum development, building a faculty and managing large budgets. Professor Cardinal is an ideal choice to head the Music Theatre program at Michigan. He is among the most respected theatre professionals and academic administrators in the country. He is a person of great integrity and passion who will make lasting contributions to Michigan and the Music Theatre program.”

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Musical Theatre has a national and international reputation among professional agents and producers as being among the best of its kind in the nation. The outgoing chair of the department, Professor Brent Wagner, created the department over 30 years ago and has admirably developed the program into one of, if not the best, departments of musical theatre in the country; it is certainly one of our most visible and prominent departments. Professor Cardinal is only one of a handful of leaders in this field who will be able to not only continue, but expand this record of departmental excellence shepherding it through the transition of leadership seamlessly. Professor Cardinal has an exemplary track record in academic administrative work, and has valuable experience in academic based fundraising which is of paramount importance to our school and its programs. The combination of his experience with directing, writing, producing, fund raising, and academic administrative know-how make him an ideal candidate for this position.

It is with great enthusiasm that we recommend the appointment of Vincent J. Cardinal as professor of music, with tenure, effective September 1, 2016, Arthur and Martha Hearron Endowed Professor of Musical Theatre, and chair, Department of Musical Theatre, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, for a five-year term, effective September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Aaron P. Dworkin
Paul Boylan Collegiate Professor of Music
and Dean, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

May 2016
On the recommendation of Michael W. Mulholland, M.D., Ph.D., the Frederick A. Coller Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Clifford S. Cho, M.D. as the C. Gardner Child Professor of Surgery, effective July 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020, and professor of surgery, with tenure, Medical School, effective July 1, 2016.

Academic Degrees:
Dr. Cho received his M.D. degree in 1997 from Vanderbilt University.

Professional Record:
Dr. Cho completed a residency in general surgery from 1997 to 2004 at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics during which time he completed an immunology research fellowship from 1999 to 2001. Dr. Cho then completed a surgical oncology fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center from 2004 to 2006. He was appointed as an assistant professor of surgery at the University of Wisconsin in 2006 and was promoted to associate professor in 2013.

Summary of Evaluation:
Dr. Cho's research focuses on cancer-induced immune suppression, novel approaches to cancer immunotherapy, novel prognostication systems for hepatopancreatobiliary malignancies, and minimally invasive approaches to hepatopancreatobiliary surgical oncology. His scholarship in the area of T cell immunotherapy is significant and has impacted his field with real clinical implications for immunotherapy. Dr. Cho's clinical analysis of neuroendocrine tumors has led to a new international pathologic staging system, and his multi-institutional comparison of laparoscopic versus open distal pancreatectomies was a landmark publication. He is also recognized as a leader in collaborative clinical studies with other surgical groups in North America. Dr. Cho is an author on 78 peer-reviewed publications such as Annals of Surgery, PloS ONE, and Cancer and he has authored 29 book chapters. He is currently funded as the principal investigator on three grants. He has given 46 invited lectures and has participated as a visiting professor on 17 occasions.
Recent and Significant Publications


Dr. Cho is actively involved in surgical education. He has presented lectures to third-year medical students on topics such as biliary tract problems, pancreatic diseases, and the evaluation of abdominal masses. He has also given one-hour teaching conferences to residents. At the University of Wisconsin, he has served as the associate program director of the general surgery residency program and the residency rotation director on the surgical oncology service. He also served as the director of the evidence-based surgery program, for which he develop the curriculum. In 2013, Dr. Cho received the Louis Bernhardt Teaching Award in recognition of outstanding teaching efforts in the general surgery residency program. On the national level, Dr. Cho was elected to the Education Committee of the Association for Academic Surgery (AAS) in 2008 and was appointed as the chair of that committee in 2009. In 2010, he was appointed to the Leadership Committee of the AAS and participated in the organization of the Career Development Course. Dr. Cho has been asked to be an associate examiner by the American Board of Surgery and to contribute two teaching modules for the Surgical Council on Resident Education curriculum.

External Reviewers:

**Reviewer A:** "...Cliff is a collaborative colleague, both within his institution and in the broader national surgical community, as demonstrated by the numerous papers he has published with local and national colleagues. Dr. Cho is undoubtedly an accomplished surgeon scientist."

**Reviewer B:** "Dr. Cho has indeed had a significant impact in his field, both clinically and academically. He is one of the thought leaders in North America in cancer immunology and in advanced GI malignancy and HPB surgery. His ongoing work in the field of adoptive immunotherapy is on the leading edge of cancer immunology. His clinical trials and clinical research studies and collaboration make him an international leader in the fields of both gastric and pancreatic cancer."

**Reviewer C:** "It should not go unnoticed that his scholarly productivity in these last few years has been quite remarkable. He has doubled the number of papers he has published from 40 to 80 in the
past four years suggesting a publication rate of 10 papers per year. This is truly outstanding productivity.”

Reviewer D: “Dr. Cho’s scholarship in the area of Tcell immunotherapy is significant and has impacted his field. He ranks amongst the top ten surgical oncology faculty within his generation. He has been intimately involved with a wide variety of organizations, both nationally and internationally in multiple facets.”

Reviewer E: “Dr. Cho’s scholarly achievements have been excellent. His clinical analysis of neuroendocrine tumors at UW and the Memorial Sloane Kettering Cancer Center has led to a new international pathologic staging system. Also, his multi-institutional comparison of laparoscopic with open distal pancreatectomies was a landmark publication. In addition, his basic science work on immune suppression in melanoma has real clinical implications for immune therapy.”

Reviewer F: “He has a great record of mentoring students and trainees at all levels. He is an accomplished teacher and has organized numerous courses. He is invited all over the world to present his work.”

Dr. Cho has an outstanding record of service to the surgical community. He has participated in or chaired many committees for national societies, including the American College of Surgeons, American Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association, the Association for Academic Surgery, Society of Surgical Oncology, and the Society of University Surgeons. Dr. Cho is on the editorial board of multiple prestigious journals, including the Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery, Journal of Surgical Research, and the World Journal of Gastroenterology. He has been a study section participant on seven occasions, including for the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Summary of Recommendation: Dr. Cho has made significant and broad-reaching contributions in the areas of surgical education and translational surgical oncology, and has achieved national and international recognition for his academic work. I enthusiastically recommend the appointment of Clifford S. Cho, M.D. as the C. Gardner Child Professor of Surgery, effective July 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020, and professor of surgery, with tenure, Medical School, effective July 1, 2016.

Recommended by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Gaurav G. Desai

TITLE: Professor of English Language and Literature, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2016

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the executive committees of the Department of English Language and Literature and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Gaurav G. Desai as professor of English language and literature, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2016.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Guarav Desai received his Bachelor of Arts from Northwestern University in 1988 and his Doctorate from Duke University in 1996.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Professor Desai was appointed as an instructor at Duke University (1990-1994) and as an assistant professor at the State University of New York, Albany (1994-1996), before being appointed to the tenure-track at Tulane University in 1996. He was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2002 and to professor in 2013. He is a professor in the Program of African and African Diaspora Studies and was a co-director of the program (1997-2000).

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Desai is an accomplished and prolific scholar with a long history of publication and leadership in post-colonial and African literary studies. His work has been innovative, even field-defining. He is the author of two major monographs, the editor or co-editor of ten collections of essays, and has published 21 articles and book chapters. Professor Desai is the editor of the central work on pedagogy in his field, Teaching the African Novel (Modern Language Association, 2009). He is also the co-editor of one of the most important collections of essays in the last decade, Postcolonialisms: An Anthology of Cultural Theory and Criticism (Rutgers University Press, 2005). Professor Desai is currently working on two projects: he is a co-editor on an important collection of essays entitled Critical Terms for African Studies, which is under contract with the University of Chicago Press; and a co-edited volume for the flagship
Modern Language Association (MLA) pedagogy series “Approaches to Teaching the Works of Amitav Ghosh.” His forthcoming project will be a study of the relations between Atlantic and Indian Ocean cultural traffic, continuing and expanding his innovative account of translocal networks. Professor Desai has been the recipient of many of the most prestigious fellowships available to a humanist, among them a visiting fellowship at the Center for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and the Humanities at Cambridge University (2013); an American Council of Learned Societies Frederick Burkhardt fellowship (2007), a Rockefeller Foundation award for a residency at the Bellagio Center in Italy (2003); and a residential fellowship at the National Humanities Center (2001).

Professor Desai is a thoughtful, innovative, and successful teacher. By all indications, he commands his challenging material in the classroom and presents it clearly and compellingly. His teaching statement testifies to a wise awareness of possible sites of student resistance, and indicates compelling ways of dealing with this. His assignments are strategically designed to engage the students in significant conversations, among themselves, and with some of the central voices in our culture. Professor Desai has served at Tulane University with great distinction in a variety of capacities, in particular on behalf of issues related to diversity. He served as a mentor for the Posse Scholars Program and chair of the Department of English (2006-2009) at Tulane. He is an elected member of the Executive Committee of the Division of African Literatures at MLA (2001-2006, and is now serving on MLA’s delegate assembly.

PUBLICATIONS


EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Reviewer (A)

“Professor Desai’s research profile promises strong future potential and impact in African-Asian and diaspora studies. Since the appearance of his first monograph, Subject to Colonialism...he has become an influential contributor to research in African, Asian and diaspora literatures, and as an editor he takes the lead in setting topics in place for postcolonial scholars in the context of wider debates about culture and identity. His numerous edited collections...should be rated as high-impact for their original interventions in pressing scholarly debates about publics, readerships, the law, postcolonial identity, and media technologies.”

Reviewer (B)

“...[his] reputation keeps building up surely and steadily, and I would say without hesitation that Professor Desai is among the selective few scholars who have the ability to define and sustain
the nature of the scholarship to come in the following fields: postcoloniality, transnational and global cultural studies, and studies in comparative cosmopolitanism.”

Reviewer (C)
“...he is so far ahead of his cohort that he can only be compared to some of the most senior and distinguished figures in the field... Gaurav has proven to be one of the smartest and most energetic of scholars of his generation...”

Reviewer (D)
“Desai’s academic career is cresting, and he is on the verge of being taken note of as someone in the front rank of interdisciplinary scholars in the humanities. He is very organized and energetic, an excellent administrator and thoughtful colleague, and brilliant... His work across cultures is some of the most important being done today in any English department, and this explains his position as a leader within the Modern Language Association and the placement of his work in some of the most cutting-edge journals in the humanities. I note that this work is not only fascinating in its application of history and context to interpretation, but also in its grounding in theory that makes his writing helpful to those who might not share his particular expertise.”

Reviewer (E)
“Desai’s two most substantial achievements are his monographs Subject to Colonialism (Duke UP 2001) and Commerce with the Universe (Columbia UP 2013). They stand as signposts amidst a no less impressive output of peer-reviewed articles, special issues and edited volumes dealing with theatre in Africa, postcolonial theory, the profession of teaching English (particularly African literature), Asian-African writing, and more.”

Reviewer (F)
“Gaurav Desai’s scholarship is lucidly presented, carefully contextualized and theoretically informed. As his professional record indicates, he has developed a national as well as an international reputation.”

SUMMARY
We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Gaurav G. Desai as professor of English language and literature, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDED BY:  
Andrew D. Martin, Dean  
Professor of Political Science and Statistics  
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:  
Martha E. Pollack  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Matt Friedman

TITLE: Associate Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences,
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2016

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the executive committees of the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Matt Friedman as associate professor of Earth and environmental sciences, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2016.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Matt Friedman completed his Bachelor of Arts at the University of Rochester in 2002 and his Master of Philosophy at the University of Cambridge in 2003. He attended the University of Chicago where he received his Master of Science in 2005 and his Doctorate in 2009.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Professor Friedman began his instructional career as a lecturer and tutorial fellow (the British equivalent of assistant professor) at the University of Oxford in 2009 and was promoted to associate professor “until the retiring age” in 2014.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Friedman is a paleoichthyologist whose range extends from studies of the origin of jaws in some of the earliest (Paleozoic) vertebrates to evolutionary relationships and patterns of morphological change in much later (Mesozoic and Cenozoic) fishes. Fishes represent fully half of living vertebrate biodiversity, and their history extends back to the beginning of vertebrate evolution. Professor Friedman has made many contributions to the fields of paleoichthyology in particular and paleobiology in general. He was one of the first to make extensive use of new imaging modalities such as x-ray computed tomography to extract anatomical information from appropriately preserved fossil material, bringing forth new insights that have been crucial to revising our understanding of evolutionary relationships among the earliest vertebrates. Professor Friedman has been very productive, having published 55 peer-reviewed journal articles to date, with another five currently under review. An unusual number of his papers have
appeared in high-profile journals. In the earth sciences, this is a tremendous publication record for someone at this stage of his career. He has also been successful in supporting his research program through external funding. He has been a co-principal investigator on four major grants totaling almost $1,500,000 and has received smaller grants totaling more than $170,000.

Professor Friedman has a strong record of teaching and mentoring. At the University of Oxford, he taught five different courses, two of which ("Evolution" and "Vertebrate Paleobiology") stand out as especially comparable to courses in our system. Student evaluations of these courses were very strong with marks in the upper quartile. His formal lecturing has mostly been at the undergraduate level, because graduate education within the British system is mostly handled through a tutorial system. All of his courses represent a rich and impressive mix of theory, background knowledge, and methods. Professor Friedman has also taught two field courses and supervised a number of honors and independent research projects. He has an excellent record of student advising and mentoring. During his six years at Oxford, he has supervised three post-doctoral fellows and four doctoral students.

PUBLICATIONS


EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Reviewer (A)
"There is ample evidence of Dr[.] Friedman’s achievement and international standing. His output is prodigious – 8 papers published in 2013, 11 in 2014 and several in press or review. In addition to high quality specialist journals, his research appears regularly in higher impact publications such as *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*, *Nature* and *Science*. His science is rigorous and interdisciplinary. He has tackled a number of major questions..."

Reviewer (B)
"What I really like about Friedman’s work is the way he uses his deep knowledge of fish taxonomy and their geological record as a springboard to address a wide range of highly topical palaeobiological issues. ... The quality of his systematic work was recognized when he was awarded the Taylor and Francis best paper prize for 2010. ... Friedman’s track record of coming up with high quality, high impact science marks him out as a true leader and innovator..."
Reviewer (C)
"Overall I think it would be quite difficult to find anyone at this stage of their career as experienced and already well accomplished as Dr. Matt Friedman. He is already well known for the high quality of his work, his strong international collaborations, his ability as a charismatic conference presenter, and a great lecturer /speaker and mentor to students. I feel confident he will make...[a] truly exceptional name in this discipline in the future."

Reviewer (D)
"Friedman has made significant advances in our understanding of the temporal, morphological, and phylogenetic dynamics of the evolution of fishes. While trained as a morphologist, using both classical and numerical techniques, he has excelled in deploying his vast knowledge of fish diversity to a number of important evolutionary questions. ... Almost all of his work is collaborative and all of it shows a significant ‘Friedman footprint’ in that the morphological work and impact is clearly his own."

Reviewer (E)
"One of Matt Friedman’s main assets of is his ability to produce and analyse very large numbers of data, which is becoming a challenge in forthcoming research programs. His competence in metrics, be they morphometrics, statistics, or phylogenetic software, is phenomenal and may partly explain his amazing productivity."

Reviewer (F)
"...there is no researcher currently in Matt’s areas in a similar stage that compare to him in breadth or depth."

SUMMARY

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Matt Friedman as associate professor of Earth and environmental sciences, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDED BY: 

Andrew D. Martin, Dean
Professor of Political Science and Statistics
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
On the recommendation of the executive committees of the Department of Mathematics and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Tasho S. Kaletha as associate professor of mathematics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2016.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Tasho Kaletha completed his Diplom at the University of Bonn in 2005 and his Doctorate at the University of Chicago in 2010.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Professor Kaletha began his teaching career as the Veblen research instructor and was jointly appointed at Princeton University and the Institute for Advanced Study (2010-2013). He was appointed as an assistant professor at Princeton in 2013 and as the Benjamin Peirce Fellow at Harvard University in 2014.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Kaletha’s research combines several branches of mathematics, especially number theory and representation theory. He has made significant contributions to several aspects of the so-called Langlands program. This program, initiated by Robert Langlands around 1970, proposes connections between topics that at first seem very diverse, including number theory, complex analysis, and group representation theory. It has been of central importance, especially in number theory, ever since. Professor Kaletha’s work is praised for the deep theorems that he has proved but also for the clarity that he provides for some of these previously mysterious situations.
Professor Kaletha is a very strong teacher and students evaluating his courses give him high scores. He has been active in departmental and external service, including undergraduate advising, seminar organizing, and refereeing for numerous journals and grant agencies.

PUBLICATIONS


EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Reviewer (A)

“Tasho Kaletha is working on important, central problems in representation theory and number theory. He has solved some, and made impressive progress on others. All of this will open new areas of investigation for him and other mathematicians. ...[he] is among the very best mathematicians [of his cohort] working in the broad area around the Langlands program.”

Reviewer (B)

“I think that he is one of the leading people working on representations of p-adic groups today. ... I expect great things from him in the years ahead. Based on his research I can recommend him for a tenured position without any reservations.”

Reviewer (C)

“In his [cohort], he is certainly one of the best researchers in this field worldwide. In the particular area of group-theoretic aspects of the local Langlands program, I cannot think of a better person in his generation. His trajectory resembles that of the current senior leaders in the field of automorphic forms. ... If you recruit him you will be the envy of just about every department with an interest in representation theory.”

Reviewer (D)

“...he is an exceptionally good lecturer; in the space of a standard seminar talk he manages to convey the main points and the interest of his technically demanding constructions. He will be a fine addition to the Michigan faculty; I give him my highest recommendation.”

Reviewer (E)

“Tasho Kaletha is a rising star among the recent PhDs in Automorphic Forms and Representation Theory. He is original, creative and productive... It is clear that Kaletha made fundamentally important contribution to the modern theory of automorphic forms and the Langlands program. His work will be the basis for future development in the theory. His work establishes himself as a leading figure in the field internationally.”
Reviewer (F)
"Kaletha is an exceptional mathematician, who combines deep insight with unusual technical power. He has an ambitious research program that is very much his own. Less than five years after his Ph.D., he is emerging as one of the leaders in...[his] generation, and it would not be surprising if he eventually reaches the level of major figures in the field... He would be an outstanding choice for a tenured position at the University of Michigan."

Reviewer (G)
"The most striking feature of Kaletha’s work is the combination of depth, originality and breadth of expertise. This is rarely seen in mathematicians with long-established careers, let alone someone just five years past the PhD. Kaletha’s results on explicit constructions of the local Langlands correspondence, along with his results on rigid inner forms and formulation of the local Langlands correspondence for non-quasi-split groups rank among the most significant advances in the Langlands program in recent years. During a conference in June 2014, I observed Kaletha present an informative and comprehensive overview of inner forms and the local Langlands conjectures. Kaletha’s written exposition is crystal clear, impeccably organized and complete. It seems likely that this would carry over to his teaching..."

SUMMARY
We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Tasho S. Kaletha as associate professor of mathematics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDED BY:
Andrew D. Martin, Dean
Professor of Political Science and Statistics
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:
Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Naomi E. Levin

TITLES: Associate Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Associate Professor of Environment, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and School of Natural Resources and Environment

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences
Without Tenure, Program in the Environment

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2016

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the executive committees of the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Program in the Environment, School of Natural Resources and Environment, and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Naomi E. Levin as associate professor of Earth and environmental sciences, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and associate professor of environment, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and School of Natural Resources and Environment, effective September 1, 2016.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Naomi Levin attended Stanford University where she completed her Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in 2000. She received her Master of Arts from the University of Arizona in 2002 and her Doctorate from the University of Utah in 2008.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Following a one-year post-doctoral fellowship at the California Institute of Technology (2008-2009), Professor Levin was appointed as an assistant professor at Johns Hopkins University (2009-present).

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Levin is an excellent fit for the department’s authorized position in climate change and water cycling, as she has expertise in both. Broadly speaking, Professor Levin is a geologist, stratigrapher, and geochemist who uses the sedimentary record to reconstruct the history and response of terrestrial environments and ecosystems to past climate change. By its nature, her work is highly interdisciplinary and combines aspects of geology, chemistry, hydrology, climatology, and anthropology. Professor Levin is unique in that she has established herself as a leader in both the development of stable isotope techniques as well as its application. She is also highly regarded for her application of stable isotopes (both carbon and oxygen) to understand environmental conditions in Africa and its impact on hominid origins and evolution. Through a series of papers, Professor Levin and her colleagues have pieced together both the terrestrial ecosystem response and the hydrological response to climate change over the last 20 million years, providing the framework for understanding hominid and mammalian evolution. Professor Levin has been very productive having published 32 peer-reviewed journal articles and has
several manuscripts currently under review. This is a very strong publication record for someone at her career stage in the earth sciences. Professor Levin's research accomplishments have been recognized by the geological community and she has received the 2011 Subaru Outstanding Woman in Science Award and the 2013 Young Scientist Award (Donath Medal) from the Geological Society of America. Her work has been funded by a variety of external sources, including the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, National Science Foundation, American Chemical Society, and the National Geographic Research and Exploration Program.

Professor Levin has a strong record of teaching and mentoring. At Johns Hopkins, she taught several different upper-level undergraduate and graduate courses including "Sedimentary Geology," "Geobiology," "Advanced Topics in Isotope Geochemistry," and "Topics in African Climate." Her courses emphasize analytical skills and writing ability, and represent a mix of lecture, lab-based activities, data analysis, and field work. Johns Hopkins has a student teaching evaluation program similar to the University of Michigan. Professor Levin has performed very well receiving scores that are consistently above university and college averages. Professor Levin also has a commendable record of student advising and mentoring. During her tenure at Johns Hopkins, she has supervised four Ph.D. students and six undergraduate students in research projects. In addition, she serves as the director of undergraduate studies for her department.

PUBLICATIONS


EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Reviewer (A)
"Professor Levin has emerged as a leading expert in the application of stable isotopes to biosphere/hydrosphere interactions using and developing new triple oxygen isotope techniques. In addition, she has distinguished herself in the study of early hominids both as an isotope biogeochemist and paleoecologist. She has done and continues to do groundbreaking studies in these areas and is a leader in the emerging field of triple isotope biogeochemistry."

Reviewer (B)
"She is the very best of her generation of scientists working at the interface between paleontology and geochemistry. She is known for producing high impact, innovative research and for her collegial and collaborative approach to science. ...her papers are viewed by the community as go-to sources for authoritative and balanced analyses of soil carbonate stable isotope records for specific basins and from the region as a whole. She's done an exemplary job of defining her own research agenda and impact."

Reviewer (C)
"Naomi Levin is an intrepid, innovative, and productive scientist, who has already earned national recognition for her work. She is an energetic and fabulous educator, and will make a delightful colleague."
Reviewer (D)
“Dr. Levin has been very productive in her short career with an incredible 33 papers, including four in Nature and Science. Her seven first-authored papers, one second-authored paper behind her student, and many second authored papers show that she has a leadership or major role in this research. ...her papers are widely cited and two of her most widely cited papers are first authored...”

Reviewer (E)
“Naomi would be a great addition to your program, building connections among geologists, paleoclimatologists, paleobiologists, and geochemists. I'm confident her connections would reach beyond the department as well, into Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Anthropology, and Natural Resources. ...I think Naomi would thrive in the rich intellectual environment in the department and beyond.”

Reviewer (F)
“Many people are talking about her work, and it is all positive. ... She is known by scientists in a wide range of disciplines. ... Naomi seems to be a young star.”

Reviewer G
“Everything points to Naomi Levin being a good choice for the University of Michigan, and it would be very appropriate to hire her with tenure... She would certainly be offered tenure in each of the departments I’m affiliated with, in a comparable situation. I’m confident Naomi Levin will both strengthen existing programs in your department, and broaden it.”

SUMMARY

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Naomi E. Levin as associate professor of Earth and environmental sciences, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and associate professor of environment, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and School of Natural Resources and Environment, effective September 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Andrew D. Martin, Dean
Professor of Political Science and Statistics
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Daniel G. Brown
Professor and Interim Dean
School of Natural Resources and Environment

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval
NAME: Michael R. Meyer
TITLE: Professor of Astronomy, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
TENURE STATUS: With Tenure
EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2016
APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the executive committees of the Department of Astronomy and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Michael R. Meyer as professor of astronomy, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2016.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Michael Meyer received his Bachelor of Arts at Washington University, St. Louis in 1989, his Master of Science at the University of Missouri, St. Louis in 1991, and his Doctorate at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 1996.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Professor Meyer began his research career as a member of the scientific staff at the Max-Planck-Institut für Astronomie in Heidelberg (1995-1997) and as a research fellow at the Steward Observatory, University of Arizona (1997-2000). He was appointed as an assistant professor and astronomer at the University of Arizona in 2000 and promoted to associate professor in 2006. In 2009, he accepted an appointment as a professor of star and planet formation at the Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule (ETH) in Zurich.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Meyer began his career in the field of star formation but has shifted into the field of exoplanets, both observationally and by building instruments. He has a track record of organizing major projects, such as one of the Legacy Science Program on the Spitzer Observatory (one of the four great space observatories that includes the Hubble Space Telescope), which he did as an assistant professor. He is deeply involved with the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST; launch in 2018), the successor to Hubble, and is a team member on two prime instruments on JWST as well as being a science theme leader, so he has guaranteed observing time and will lead some of the key early programs that will certainly produce
breakthrough science. Professor Meyer is one of the builders of sophisticated ground-based instruments on telescopes in Chile that will image large planets around other stars. He has developed intellectual centers...which brings together those interested in exoplanets and planets across Switzerland. Professor Meyer anticipates creating a similar intellectual center within the auspices of the Michigan Institute for Research in Astronomy (MIRA) at UM, which will certainly increase the interest in this lively area, benefitting both students and faculty. Professor Meyer has a history of moving into blossoming areas, assembling top groups, and making major contributions. He has vision and anticipates the future of a field. He also provides leadership by encouraging and inspiring co-workers.

Professor Meyer is also a distinguished teacher who has taught at every level. He favors an active teaching methodology, which has been shown to be particularly effective. While at the University of Arizona, he was highly regarded for his teaching and received the 2007 Blitzer Award for Teaching. Students at all levels are excited by exoplanets and life on other worlds, and the department's current offering in that area are extremely popular, but they only offer courses at the 100-level. Professor Meyer has already developed and taught upper level undergraduate and graduate level courses in this area, so he will be able to fill a large gap in upper-level course offerings on planets (or exoplanets) at Michigan.

**PUBLICATIONS**


**EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWS**

Reviewer (A)
"Beyond a deep knowledge of his field of research, Mike would bring other equally important attributes to Michigan as a professor - namely passion and an ability to communicate. While I have not seen Mike in action in the classroom, his articulateness in team meetings and the clarity of his presentations, give me the confidence to say that he would be an enthusiastic, well prepared and engaging teacher. He would be an invaluable colleague...working with undergraduates, grad[uate] students, postdocs and faculty."

Reviewer (B)
"Michael is a world leader in his field, and his field is central to our major international facilities (notably JWST and the ELTs) and is surely going to be a major focus of astrophysics in the coming two decades."
Reviewer (C)
“Michael Meyer can see the future, and he has the ability to lead people there with him. In so many fields of science and education, Michael seems able to sense what will be important next, before almost anyone else shows interest or concern. ... his tremendous talents for team-building and leadership would make him a fantastic addition to the Michigan faculty.”

Reviewer (D)
“...Michael has achieved great things; he has shown skill, audacity, and courage in developing the studies of circumstellar disks to solve pressing problems in star and planet formation. Michael is an internationally acknowledged leader in the field. His recent advance into the field of astronomical instrumentation is clear evidence of continued innovation, creativity, and focus on strategically important questions.”

Reviewer (E)
“I have attended many of his presentations at workshops and colloquia. I consider him to be an articulate communicator who can effectively interact with theorists, observers and the public at all levels. ... Michael Meyer is a member of an elite class of intellects who have been at the forefront of recent progress in the area of star and planet formation. ... I would be delighted to have him as a colleague and to enthusiastically support a comparable appointment for him in my own department.”

Reviewer (F)
“...his deeply thought-out philosophy of teaching is coupled with a genuine thirst for inclusiveness in the workplace and the fostering of a positive work environment at all levels in an academic department. This is a powerful combination that I have rarely seen in a single individual, and I believe that in Michael’s case it is both heartfelt and so carefully considered that it is not quixotic, but rather practical.”

SUMMARY
We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Michael R. Meyer as professor of astronomy, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDED BY:
Andrew D. Martin, Dean
Professor of Political Science and Statistics
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:
Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Supriya M. Nair

TITLE: Professor of English Language and Literature, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2016

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the executive committees of the Department of English Language and Literature and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Supriya M. Nair as professor of English language and literature, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2016.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Supriya Nair received her Master of Arts from Baylor University in 1987 and her Doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin in 1992.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Professor Nair began her instructional careers as an instructor at the University of Texas at Austin (1987-1992). She was appointed as an assistant professor at Tulane University in 1992 and was promoted through the ranks to professor in 2013. Professor Nair served as the director of Women’s Studies (2005-2008), which is now known as Gender and Sexuality Studies.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Nair is a scholar of international reach and importance. She is well known for her detailed and nuanced work that enriches and complicates accepted paradigms of regional identity. She is viewed as one of the more productive scholars of her generation, and one of the more original thinkers in her field. Professor Nair has a substantial scholarly record. Her publications include two books: Caliban’s Curse: George Lamming and the Revisioning of History (University of Michigan Press, 1996), and Pathologies of Paradise: Caribbean Detours (University of Virginia Press, 2013). She is also the sole author of fifteen published articles and book chapters. Of these, six have appeared in peer-reviewed journals and the remaining nine publications are all chapters in edited collections. Professor Nair’s next main project is a book-
length study of the human ecological impact in the postcolonial world. This plan represents a major expansion of her area of study—from the Caribbean to the global, from the postcolonial to the indigenous plus postcolonial, and from an intra-human to a broadly environmental view of literature.

Professor Nair can be expected to excel in the undergraduate classroom. She is a fully engaged and innovative teacher. Her assignments are strategically designed to engage the students in significant conversations, among themselves, and with some of the central voices elements in their culture. Professor Nair will be a valuable member of doctoral thesis committees, in light of her learning and ever-broadening interests. She has edited an important volume, Teaching Anglophone Caribbean Literature, for the Modern Language Association's prestigious Teaching Series. This anthology has garnered much praise since its publication in 2012, and her work here suggests that she is at the vanguard of innovative teaching in her field.

PUBLICATIONS


EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Reviewer (A)

“…Nair’s major work in recent years is clearly the recently-published single-authored book, Pathologies of Paradise: Caribbean Detours. This, I am again happy to confirm, is the mature work of a senior figure in the field who is using her accumulated knowledge and wisdom to reflect on a series of interrelated and crucial issues for Caribbean studies: kinship, paradise, crime, carnival, fantasy.”

Reviewer (B)

“Nair’s 2013 book Pathologies of Paradise can be seen as the product of the main thrust of her critical writing for the last ten years or so. It is a mature and prize winning work of literary scholarship and a strong contribution to the New World Studies series. Along with the MLA volume Teaching Anglophone Caribbean Literature it demonstrates her thorough command of the field and its corpus.”
Reviewer (C)
"In terms of Professor Nair’s research record and standing, I can confirm that her research is of international standing in the field of Caribbean Literary Studies and that her considerable body of published work is very highly respected by her peers. Her monographs and other publications to date have demonstrated an impressive and assured breadth of knowledge."

Reviewer (D)
"Given her consistent, high-quality level of productivity since her tenure added to her prominent status in the field of Caribbean studies, I can assert unequivocally that Professor Nair would be promoted to the rank of Full Professor were she to apply at my home institution..."

Reviewer (E)
"It is a pleasure to recommend Professor Supriya Nair for this position based on the strength of her scholarship, her years of experience in the field at the graduate and undergraduate levels, and her sense of collegiality and professionalism."

Reviewer (F)
"My colleagues would find her five year research plan very compelling indeed, especially the turn she contemplates towards ecopoetics. Combining environmental concerns with cultural and historical relations, Nair’s ecopoetics intimates a vision of the future that shapes her role as a public intellectual..."

SUMMARY
We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Supriya M. Nair as professor of English language and literature, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDED BY:          RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Andrew D. Martin, Dean  Martha E. Pollack
Professor of Political Science and Statistics  Provost and Executive Vice President
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts  for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Benjamin H. Passey

TITLES: Associate Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Associate Professor of Environment, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and School of Natural Resources and Environment

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences
Without Tenure, Program in the Environment

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2016

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the executive committees of the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Program in the Environment, School of Natural Resources and Environment, and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Benjamin H. Passey as associate professor of Earth and environmental sciences, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and associate professor of environment, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and School of Natural Resources and Environment, effective September 1, 2016.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Benjamin Passey attended the University of Utah and received his Bachelor of Science in 2001, Master of Science in 2004, and Doctorate in 2007.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Following a two-year appointment as the Dreyfus Post-doctoral Scholar in Environmental Geochemistry at the California Institute of Technology (2007-2009), Professor Passey was appointed as an assistant professor at Johns Hopkins University (2009-2015). He was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2015.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Passey is an isotope geochemist who develops and applies geochemical approaches to learn about the evolution of the Earth system and the processes that have shaped it. He has made his reputation by devising novel analytical approaches to make very difficult measurements on proxy materials, mainly carbonate rocks, which result in new insights about the Earth’s past. He is best known for his work on the clumped isotope thermometer, which uses the ordering of carbon and oxygen isotopes within a carbonate crystal structure as a measure of temperature. Professor Passey’s academic record is superb. He has published a total of 54 peer-reviewed journal articles and 27 articles during his tenure at Johns Hopkins. He has very robust publication record for someone in the Earth sciences at this stage of his career. His citation metrics are phenomenal and compare very favorably with the average values for associate professors who were recently tenured in the department. Professor Passey has supported his research program while at Johns Hopkins through external funding from both the National Science Foundation (two grants) and the American Chemical Society (two grants).
Professor Passey is an accomplished instructor and mentor. At Johns Hopkins, he has taught courses at the introductory, upper-level undergraduate, and graduate level on topics ranging from Earth history to paleoclimate and isotope geochemistry. His courses emphasize basic scientific principles and build from these fundamentals, often through quantitative reasoning, to address broader issues in climate and geochemistry. He focuses on teaching problem solving skills and providing students with an understanding of the assumptions and limitations inherent in data generation. Johns Hopkins has a student teaching evaluation program similar to the University of Michigan. Professor Passey’s scores are systematically higher for small-enrollment courses than for large-enrollment courses. He is also a dedicated advisor and mentor, who has put careful consideration into how to prepare students for a postgraduate career.

PUBLICATIONS


EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Reviewer (A)

“Ben is an incredibly gifted and creative scientist who brings together a unique blend of outstanding skills in the laboratory with strong and creative quantitative and theoretical approaches to advance emerging subfields of geoscience. He is among the emerging leaders defining the future trajectory of light stable isotope geochemistry. Ben’s reputation in the community is clearly reflected in the range of collaborations and diversity of research projects he has contributed to, particularly since establishing himself as a faculty member at JHU.”

Reviewer (B)

“With regard to statistics, Passey has been quite productive, averaging about seven publications per year, and his citation numbers are outstanding. Nobody has the number of citations he has unless they are doing exceptional work to which the rest of the research community is paying attention.”

Reviewer (C)

“...Ben’s accelerating and diversifying publication record indicate he’s worked his way into the top tier of isotope geochemists in his age bracket. I think 2014 alone produced a dozen or more meaty, innovative, interesting papers in three or four different subject areas. ... In comparing Ben with his peers, I’d say he is probably the most accomplished person of his generation working in clumped isotope geochemistry, one of the best two or three people overall working in mass independent O isotope geochemistry, and remains a prominent figure in the paleo community interested in terrestrial Cenozoic records. ... In short, he is an excellent choice for this position...”

Reviewer (D)

“Overall, I am very impressed by his contributions and record. I think he is competitive for tenure and promotion at almost every institution in the US, and would love to have a case like this to present to my university.”
Reviewer (E)
“The study of isotopic ‘clump’ is now all the rage. Passey, however, is definitely not following the crowd. To me, his work stands out—most attractively, impressively, and importantly—in its fearless and stunningly clear attack on some of the most difficult questions in the field. They seem to be subtle, and have been bypassed (or probably not even recognized) by many, but Passey is showing how to deal with the complexities and he is producing results that are, literally, of foundational significance. ... He is definitely on a par with the best in our field.”

Reviewer (F)
“Honestly I’m hard-pressed to think of someone comparable to Dr. Passey. ... his publication record, intellectual capabilities and impact warrant tenure at any university. His combination of theory, technique and application mark him as unique among isotope geochemists of his generation.”

Reviewer (G)
“Ben’s contributions, whether publications or proposals, carry a characteristic signature of rigor, a high level of creativity, and an impressively in-depth development of the subject at hand. ... Dr. Passey’s accomplishments are minimally equivalent and rapidly on their way to surpassing those of many academics in geochemistry at the same phase of development in their careers.”

SUMMARY

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Benjamin H. Passey as associate professor of Earth and environmental sciences, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and associate professor of environment, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and School of Natural Resources and Environment, effective September 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Andrew D. Martin, Dean
Professor of Political Science and Statistics
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Dániel G. Brown
Professor and Interim Dean
School of Natural Resources and Environment

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

May 2016
On the recommendation of the executive committees of the Department of Statistics and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Ya’acov Ritov as professor of statistics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2016.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Ya’acov Ritov attended the Technion at the Israel Institute of Technology where he completed his Bachelor of Science in 1973 and Master of Science in 1980. He received his Doctorate at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 1983.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Professor Ritov was appointed as a visiting lecturer and the Lady Davis Post-doctoral Fellow at the University of California at Berkeley (1983-1984). He returned to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem where he was appointed as a lecturer (1984-1988), senior lecturer (1989-1990), and associate professor (1990-1992). He was promoted to professor in 1992 and was appointed as the chair of the Department of Statistics (1995-1999).

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Ritov is among the truly elite theoretical statisticians today. His interests are eclectic and have been driven by his ability and passion to tackle fundamental and challenging problems. His seminal work in a number of areas has led to significant advances and deeper understanding of the underlying theory in those areas. Few statisticians can lay claim to such accomplishments. Professor Ritov is most well-known for his work in semiparametric inference, and his contributions in this area form the cornerstone of modern semiparametric theory. His book, *Efficient and Adaptive Estimation in Semiparametric Models* (with Bickel, Klassen, and Wellner), is a tour de force and remains the ultimate reference for this rather substantial field 20 years after its publication. Another key area of Professor Ritov’s research portfolio is statistical
inference in very high dimensional spaces. Here again, Professor Ritov’s contributions are 
groundbreaking. In particular, he developed the first substantial asymptotic theory in a p >> n 
setting in a 2004 paper. Also, the notion of restricted eigenvalues that he introduced with Bickel 
and Tsybakov in 2009 has become an essential tool in high-dimensional analysis. Other 
statistical areas in which Professor Ritov’s work are influential include Bayesian inference, data 
mixing, hidden Markov models, and manifold learning to name a few. His research findings in 
these areas are usually authoritative and provide definitive solutions to important problems. 
Roughly 20% of Professor Ritov’s publications are about interdisciplinary research. They 
address problems in neuroscience, operations research, optimization, quantitative finance, 
psychology, and transportation research, among others. While interdisciplinary research is 
common for statisticians, this record is extremely impressive for someone who is so renowned 
for his theoretical work. It is a testament to his amazing creativity and energy as well as his 
ability to collaborate.

Recently, Professor Ritov has taught an introductory course to computer science undergraduate 
students and a theory sequence to advanced undergraduate and master’s students at the Hebrew 
University. The lower level course introduces topics including hypothesis testing, confidence 
intervals and linear regression; the theory sequence covers the core classical theoretical topics as 
well as modern “big data” techniques. Student responses were very positive with scores in the 
upper quartile.

PUBLICATIONS

“On asymptotically optimal confidence regions and tests for high-dimensional models,” with S. 

“Simultaneous analysis of Lasso and Dantzig selector,” with P. J. Bickel and A. Tsybakov, 

“Some theory for generalized boosting algorithms,” with P. J. Bickel and A. Zakai, Journal of 

“Persistence in high dimensional linear predictor-selection and the virtue of over­ 

EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Reviewer (A) 
“...Ritov is a world leader in statistics with high accomplishments in theory and practice.”

Reviewer (B) 
“If you succeed in attracting him to Michigan you will have recruited one of the dozen or so 
leading and innovative theoreticians in our field. This would be widely recognized as an 
outstanding acquisition for your already highly regarded department.”

Reviewer (C) 
“Ya'acov Ritov is a top leader in the field of mathematical and methodological statistics with an 
extremely broad expertise ranging from theory to applications. Ritov’s research is inter-
nationally recognized and competitive at the highest level. I recommend him with enthusiasm for the full professor position in your department.”

Reviewer (D)
“Ya’acov Ritov is one of the world’s top researchers in statistics. The spectrum of his work is wide and ranges from ground breaking theoretical work in mathematical statistics to influential interdisciplinary research on machine learning. ... There is absolutely no doubt that he is among the top five genuinely insightful and penetrating intellectuals working in statistics worldwide.”

Reviewer (E)
“...Ritov’s research interests are very broad. ...I would judge his contributions as very deep and central to the field. ... In his research he has shown himself as a central and well established international senior researcher. He is full of further research ideas and he has a high potential for further high level research.”

Reviewer (F)
“I consider him one of the masters of many difficult mathematical details concerning all of non-parametric, semiparametric, and fully parametric modeling. He has written [31] papers and coauthored an important book... That most of his... works are coauthored should be evidence of what a wonderful colleague he is.”

Reviewer (G)
“Ritov is one of the leading researchers in the world on statistical methodology. His scholarly accomplishments are at the absolute top of the field. He has published a large number of truly seminal papers. ...Ritov is one of the most creative statisticians in the world with huge influence on the field. I give him my highest recommendation.”

SUMMARY

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Ya’acov Ritov as professor of statistics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Andrew D. Martin, Dean
Professor of Political Science and Statistics
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
On the recommendation of Lori L. Isom, Ph.D., the Maurice H. Seevers Professor and Chair of the Department of Pharmacology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Gregory G. Tall, Ph.D. as associate professor of pharmacology, with tenure, Medical School, effective May 1, 2016.

**Academic Degrees:**
Dr. Tall received his Ph.D. degree in biomedical sciences from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in 2000.

**Professional Record:**
Dr. Tall completed a fellowship at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center from 2000 to 2006 and was an instructor in the Department of Pharmacology there from 2006 to 2007. In 2007, he was appointed as an assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Physiology at the University of Rochester and was promoted to associate professor in 2014.

**Summary of Evaluation:**
Dr. Tall has made a number of significant contributions to the field of G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs). His research has focused primarily on analysis of the function of Ric8 isoforms and their capacity to regulate G protein alpha subunits and the molecular characterization of adhesion GPCRs that have been identified as having significant oncogenic potential and may become important new therapeutic targets in the treatment of cancer. Dr. Tall has been consistently funded by the National Institutes of Health and has received a number of invitations to speak at national meetings.

**Recent and Significant Publications**


Dr. Tall is an excellent mentor and has trained several talented and productive graduate students and placed them in excellent laboratories for their post-doctoral training. In addition, he has taught several courses at the University of Rochester including medical pharmacology, signal transduction, and ethics and professional integrity in research. He has also had advisory and administrative roles as director of first-year graduate students entering the cellular and molecular pharmacology and physiology program.

External Reviewers:

**Reviewer A:** “Greg has established himself among the best investigators of his generation in the field of G protein signal transduction. Greg has chosen his research problems carefully, focusing on those that are conceptually innovative, and solving them in the most direct and clear manner possible. Thus, his work stands out in terms of fundamental biological importance and mechanistic rigor. Indeed, without Greg’s seminal contributions, our understanding of these mechanisms would still be muddy.”

**Reviewer B:** “I would rate Dr. Tall at the top of his field! He has essentially developed this unique niche of heterotrimeric G protein folding and non-receptor GEF activity. In addition, he appears poised to develop a new area of study with his adhesion GPCR work.”

**Reviewer C:** “I have met a number of Greg’s students at national meetings and it is obvious that Greg is an extremely dedicated mentor, as his students all come across as poised scholars who possess unusually broad knowledge of the history of research on G proteins and GPCRs.”

**Reviewer D:** “Greg’s lab was the first to reveal the mechanism of activation of the adhesion family GPCRs through an elegant series of experiments published earlier this year in PNAS. I first heard this work presented by Greg at the Molecular Pharmacology Gordon Conference in February of this year. Everyone I spoke with agreed that it was the most interesting and exciting science presented at the conference....He has successfully addressed important and challenging questions in cellular signaling. He is highly respected in the GPCR community, and
internationally recognized for his research. His new focus on adhesion GPCRs will likely continue to advance our understanding of this important family.”

Reviewer E: “His recent work on the elusive mechanism of action of the adhesion family of G protein coupled receptors, which are involved in a number of neurological conditions, opened a new way of thinking of these receptors that has important therapeutic implications.”

Dr. Tall has been an active participant on a number of committees at both the national and local levels. Notably, he is chair-elect of the Molecular Pharmacology Division of the American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET). He has been a grant referee for the Molecular and Integrative Signal Transduction Study Section at the NIH and the National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada. He has also served as an ad hoc reviewer for many top tier scientific journals including the Journal of Biological Chemistry, Biochemistry, Molecular Pharmacology and the Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. On the local level, Dr. Tall has served as the director of the Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology First Year Graduate Program, coordinator of the University of Rochester Medical Center Signal Transduction Journal Club, and a member of his departmental faculty search committees.

Summary of Recommendation:
Dr. Tall has made significant contributions to the field of molecular pharmacology and the understanding of the basic mechanisms underlying G protein coupled receptor signal transduction. He is held in high esteem by his colleagues and has made valuable contributions to the teaching of graduate students, medical students, and postdoctoral fellows in the laboratory and in the classroom. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Gregory G. Tall, Ph.D. as associate professor of pharmacology, with tenure, Medical School, effective May 1, 2016.

Recommended by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

May 2016
Recommendations for approval of reappointments

of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff
Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment

Daniel G. Brown

Interim Dean, School of Natural Resources and Environment, with tenure, School of Natural Resources and Environment

Interim Dean, School of Natural Resources and Environment

July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Daniel G. Brown as interim dean, School of Natural Resources and Environment, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Professor Brown received the B.A. degree summa cum laude in geoenvironmental studies from Shippensburg University, PA, in 1987. He received the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in geography from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1989 and 1992, respectively. He joined the Department of Geography at Michigan State University in 1992 as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 1999. In that same year, he joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor, with tenure, in the School of Natural Resources and Environment (SNRE). He was promoted to professor in 2006 and in 2010 he became a research professor in the Survey Research Center in the Institute for Social Research. Since 2000, Professor Brown has served as the director of the certificate of graduate studies in spatial analysis and the director of the environmental spatial analysis laboratory at SNRE. He also served as SNRE’s associate dean for research from 2006-2009.

Professor Brown’s research interests focus on land use change and its effects on ecosystems and on human vulnerability. This work connects computer-based simulation (e.g., agent-based modeling) of land-use-change processes with GIS and remote sensing based data on historical patterns of landscape change and social surveys. His work couples these models with GIS-based data and other models to evaluate consequences of change and to understand the ways in which land-use decisions are made. He has also undertaken collaborative research to investigate the effects of spatial and social neighborhoods on the physical and social risks on human health. Although most of his earlier work has been in the U.S., he is now increasingly involved with international projects in China, Mongolia, and Africa. His research on land-cover and land-use change is funded by the NASA Land-Cover Land-Use Change Program and by programs at the National Science Foundation on Human and Social Dynamics (HSD), the Dynamics of Coupled Natural and Human Systems (CNH) and Water Sustainability and Climate (WSC), and conducted in collaboration with colleagues in SNRE, the College of Engineering, and in the Center for the Study of Complex Systems. Research on spatial aspects of public health is
conducted in collaboration with colleagues in the School of Public Health and funded by the National Institutes of Health, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Professor Brown has co-authored over 100 peer-reviewed journal articles and more than 50 peer-reviewed book chapters and proceedings papers, as well as co-editing two books. His presentations include numerous keynote addresses, conference presentation, workshops, and invited lectures on topics such as sustainable land use systems, geospatial methods for characterizing land-use and land-cover dynamics, and the role of land-change science in exploring climate change vulnerability and adaptation.

Professor Brown is an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (2009). He was the Robinson Lecturer at The Ohio State University (2010), the Anderson Lecturer at the University of Florida (2011), the Brown Lecturer at the University of Minnesota (2016), and a guest professor at Wuhan University (2010-2013). He is currently an editorial board member of *Annals of the Association of American Geographers, International Journal of Geographical Information Science, Land, Applied Spatial Analysis and Policy* and *Journal of Land Use Science*. He is a member of the National Research Council's Mapping Sciences Committee and serves on numerous advisory and steering committees such as that of the Terra Populus Project in the University of Minnesota's Minnesota Population Center. Currently a review panel member for the European Research Council, Professor Brown has served in a similar role for the National Science Foundation, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. His teaching focuses on conceptual and practical aspects of geographic information system (GIS), spatial analysis and modeling applied to ecological and environmental questions, especially landscape ecology, as well as on the role of land use in global change. He has supervised numerous post-doctoral scholars and doctoral and masters students.

I am pleased that Professor Brown has agreed to continue serving the School of Natural Resources and Environment as interim dean. He is an accomplished scholar and teacher and brings the essential characteristics of an academic – imagination, rigor, and thoughtfulness - to his work as interim dean. The school and the university have benefitted immensely from his leadership over the past year and I am confident that this will continue in the coming year. I enthusiastically recommend Professor Brown’s reappointment as interim dean, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

May 2016
The University of Michigan
Regents Communication

Action Request: Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

Name: Kevin C. Chung, M.D.

Current Titles: Charles de Nancrede Professor of Surgery, Assistant Dean for Instructional Faculty, Professor of Surgery, with tenure, and Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, without tenure, Medical School

Titles Being Renewed: Charles de Nancrede Professor of Surgery, Medical School

Effective Dates: September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021

On the recommendation of Michael W. Mulholland, M.D., Ph.D., the Frederick A. Coller Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Kevin C. Chung, M.D. as the Charles de Nancrede Professor of Surgery, Medical School, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021.

The Charles B. de Nancrede Professorship in Surgery was established in July 2011 through an endowment fund from the Charles B. de Nancrede Memorial Fund. It is intended to recognize the service of an outstanding tenured faculty member in the Department of Surgery with superior achievement in education, clinical care and research. Dr. de Nancrede graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in 1869, and came to the University of Michigan in 1889, where he established the first Department of Surgery. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Kevin C. Chung received his M.D. from Emory University School of Medicine in 1987. He completed health services training as a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar from the University of Michigan. Dr. Chung completed additional training from the University of Texas at San Antonio, plastic surgery training from the University of Michigan, and hand surgery training from the Curtis National Hand Center in Baltimore. He was appointed as a lecturer in 1997 at the University of Michigan, and rose through the ranks to professor, with tenure, in 2007. In 2013, Dr. Chung was jointly appointed as a professor of orthopaedic surgery.

Dr. Chung serves as the assistant dean for instructional faculty for the Medical School, and is an associate director for Global REACH, in which he facilitates the global health program for the Medical School. He is a hand and upper extremity surgeon who performs a wide variety of reconstructive procedures in the fields of rheumatoid arthritis, congenital hand problems, spinal cord injuries, nerve injuries and complex fractures. Dr. Chung’s research involves the structuring of evidence-based practice and research in hand surgery. He focuses on
epidemiology studies and clinical trials to derive the best evidence to guide treatment for upper extremity conditions. He developed the Michigan Hand Outcomes Questionnaire, which is the dominant tool nationally and internationally for measuring outcomes after hand surgery.

Dr. Chung has published 420 peer-reviewed articles, and has written 18 textbooks. He has multiple research projects funded by the NIH. He is the first recipient of the Weiland Medal from the American Society for Surgery of the Hand, and received the Researcher of the Year Award in 2011 from the American Association of Plastic Surgeons. Dr. Chung serves on numerous international and national committees. Institutionally, he was appointed as the chief of Hand Surgery and as the director of the University of Michigan Comprehensive Hand and Upper Limb Center. Dr. Chung was awarded the title of honorary professor at Peking Union Medical Center in 2014.

Dr. Chung continues to be highly regarded as an educator, researcher and clinician. This professorship has allowed him the latitude to mentor medical students, residents and fellows, and trainees with a wide variety of health services, outcomes and health policy projects. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the reappointment of Kevin C. Chung, M.D. as the Charles B. de Nancrede Professor of Surgery, Medical School, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021.

Recommended by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Jiandie Lin, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Bradley M. Patten Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, and Associate Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology, with tenure, Medical School

TITLES BEING RENEWED: Bradley M. Patten Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021

On the recommendation of Stephen J. Weiss, M.D., Professor and Interim Director of the Life Sciences Institute, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Jiandie Lin, Ph.D. as the Bradley M. Patten Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, Medical School, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021.

The Bradley M. Patten Collegiate Professorship in the Life Sciences was established in January 2012 to honor Bradley M. Patten, Ph.D., who was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1935-1959. He was a professor and chair of the Department of Anatomy and was known for his cinematography of the developing embryo and publication of many textbooks studying embryology, including Early Embryology of the Chick. The appointment period may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Dr. Lin is considered a leader in the field of molecular metabolism and is recognized nationally and internationally for his contributions. His laboratory studies the signaling networks that control the storage and utilization of energy in cells and organisms, and how they contribute to obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease. He continues to be prolific scholarly, with 70 peer-reviewed articles to his credit. Dr. Lin received the Dean’s Basic Science Award from the Medical School in 2012, and serves as an editorial board member of Molecular and Cellular Biology.
Dr. Lin and his laboratory have made great strides in the field of molecular metabolism and disease studies. This professorship has been instrumental in advancing their work. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the reappointment of Jiandie Lin, Ph.D. as the Bradley M. Patten Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, Medical School, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021.

Recommended by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Howard Markel, M.D., Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: George E. Wantz, M.D. Professor of the History of Medicine, Professor of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases, with tenure, Professor of Psychiatry, without tenure, Medical School, Professor of History, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, without tenure, and Professor of Health Management and Policy, without tenure, School of Public Health

TITLE BEING RENEWED: George E. Wantz, M.D. Professor of the History of Medicine, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Howard Markel, M.D., Ph.D. as the George E. Wantz, M.D. Professor of the History of Medicine, Medical School, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021.

The George E. Wantz, M.D. Professorship in the History of Medicine was established in July 2000 through a generous gift from George E. Wantz, M.D., and Diana D. Wantz. It is intended to support the activities of the director of the Historical Center for the Health Sciences at the University of Michigan Medical School. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Dr. Markel was appointed as the director of the Historical Center for the Health Sciences in 1996. His research and writings on historical trends in public health policies dealing with epidemics and quarantines have been cited by authorities in the field as significant, scholarly, and thought provoking. He has written eight books, been a guest editor of several peer-reviewed journals, and published over 100 articles. Dr. Markel is frequently invited to present his work at national and international venues.
Dr. Markel’s background as a medical historian brings a unique perspective to the University of Michigan and to the arena of academic medicine. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the reappointment of Howard Markel, M.D., Ph.D. as the George E. Wantz, M.D. Professor of the History of Medicine, Medical School, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021.

Recommended by:

[Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.]
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Andrew D. Martin, Dean
Professor of Political Science and Statistics
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

May 2016

Recommendation endorsed by:

[Martha E. Pollack]
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs
I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Eric Michielssen as associate vice president for research - advanced research computing, UM Office of Research, effective August 1, 2016 through August 31, 2019.

Professor Michielssen’s responsibilities in this position will be to continue leadership of Advanced Research Computing (ARC), including the research initiatives in the Michigan Institute for Data Science (MIDAS), the Michigan Institute for Computational Discovery and Engineering (MICDE), the center for Consulting for Statistics, Computing, and Analytics Research (CSCAR), and Advanced Research Computing – Technology Services (ARC-TS). He will also continue to work with the campus research community to ensure that UM’s advanced research computing infrastructure meets the complex and evolving needs of University researchers in a wide range of disciplines.

Professor Michielssen is a magna cum laude graduate of Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium with B.S. and M.S. degrees in Electrical Engineering, and holds a PhD in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (UIUC). He came to U-M from UIUC in 2005, having held a variety of positions there including associate director of the Center for Computational Electromagnetics. Professor Michielssen has an outstanding history of honors, including the University of Michigan College of Engineering David E. Liddle Research Excellence Award in 2011. He has authored or co-authored nearly 300 journal articles, five books with two more pending, and 11 book chapters. He has also served in numerous editorships, including currently as editor in chief of the International Journal of Numerical Modeling: Electronic Networks, Devices and Fields.

Professor Michielssen’s depth of knowledge and scholarly accomplishment in a computationally intensive field give him a great understanding of the need for advanced research computing capabilities on campus. I strongly recommend his reappointment.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Jack Hu  
Vice President for Research  

May 2016
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: John Neville-Andrews

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Theatre and Drama, with tenure, and Claribel Baird Halstead Collegiate Professor, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Claribel Baird Halstead Collegiate Professor, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

EFFECTIVE DATES: June 1, 2016 through August 31, 2019

On the recommendation of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance Executive Committee, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of John Neville-Andrews as the Claribel Baird Halstead Collegiate Professor, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, effective June 1, 2016 through August 31, 2019.

The Regents established the Claribel Baird Halstead Collegiate Professorship in September 1994 to honor Claribel Baird Halstead, an extraordinary member of the faculty in theatre from 1948 until her retirement as professor emerita in 1974.

Professor Neville-Andrews has more than 40 years of professional experience in acting, directing, and producing. He has taught at Penn State University, Yale School of Drama, the University of Maryland, the University of Rhode Island, and California Institute of the Arts. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1994. As the artistic producer of The Shakespeare Theatre in Washington, D.C., Professor Neville-Andrews garnered attention and critical acclaim for his productions of Shakespeare and the classics. He is a co-author, actor and director of the enigmatic comedy El Grande de Coca-Cola (Drama Desk Award, Best Musical, 1972). Other credits as an actor and director include numerous productions at prominent regional theatres across the country. His list of awards includes the Smithsonian Institute’s Certificate of Excellence (Playaround Shakespeare, 1987), and the 1983 American Theatre Association Award for “contribution to Theatre as an Author, Actor and Director.” For 12 years, he has been the artistic producer of the Michigan Shakespeare Festival, the official Shakespeare festival in the State of Michigan.

Professor Neville-Andrews’ exceptional commitment to stage performance exemplifies the legendary work of Professor Halstead. It is a pleasure to recommend John Neville-Andrews for reappointment as the Claribel Baird Halstead Collegiate Professor, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, effective June 1, 2016 through August 31, 2019.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Aaron P. Dworkin
Paul Boylan Collegiate Professor of Music and Dean, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: John D. Pasquale

CURRENT TITLE: Donald R. Shepherd Chair in Conducting, and Clinical Assistant Professor of Music, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Donald R. Shepherd Chair in Conducting, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2021

With the support of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of John D. Pasquale as the Donald R. Shepherd Chair in Conducting, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, for a five-year renewable term, effective June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2021.

In December 1993, the Regents established the Donald R. Shepherd Chair in Conducting in recognition of a generous gift from Mr. Shepherd (BBA 1958) to support the salary of the member of the music faculty who is designated the director of the Michigan Marching Band.

In 2008, Professor Pasquale joined the conducting faculty at the University of Michigan serving as the assistant director of bands. Professor Pasquale was promoted to the position of director of Michigan Marching and Athletic Bands in June 2013. In this position, he directs and oversees the athletic band program, conducts the University Band, guest conducts the Symphony Band, Symphony Band Chamber Winds and Concert Band, and teaches classes in rehearsal pedagogy and wind literature. In the genre of marching and pageantry arts, Professor Pasquale serves as an ensemble music consultant to the Boston Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps from Boston, Massachusetts. He held positions of associate brass caption manager of the Santa Clara Vanguard Drum and Bugle Corps from Santa Clara, California, and ensemble music instructor of the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps from Rosemont, Illinois. Through his teaching at the Cavaliers, Professor Pasquale was a contributor to the instructional DVD entitled, The Cavaliers Brass: From the Concert Hall to the Football Field, which has been met with international acclaim.
It gives me great pleasure to recommend the reappointment of John D. Pasquale as the Donald R. Shepherd Chair in Conducting, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, for a five-year renewable term, effective June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2021.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Aaron P. Dworkin
Paul Boylan Collegiate Professor of Music and Dean, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Peter A. Railton

CURRENT TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Gregory S. Kavka Distinguished University Professor of Philosophy, John Stephenson Perrin Professor, and Professor of Philosophy, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TITLE BEING RENEWED: John Stephenson Perrin Professor, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021

On the recommendation of the chair of the Department of Philosophy and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Peter A. Railton as the John Stephenson Perrin Professor, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021.

As a result of a generous gift from George Marshall Perrin, the John Stephenson Perrin Professorship was established by the Regents in July 1995 and revised in December 2000. This professorship is intended to strengthen present efforts in the area of undergraduate education by the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and will be an enduring benefit to the University of Michigan and to future generations. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Professor Railton is famous as the world’s foremost advocate of the metaethical view known as “moral realism.” This is the view that normative judgments about morality, the good, and rationality refer to natural facts about the world. In the past five years, he has continued to develop this research program in multiple directions, in close conjunction with empirical research in psychology and neuroscience—taking special advantage of recent developments in psychological research on the emotions, pleasures, and decision-making. He is unusual among philosophers in pursuing his research program in collaboration with leading psychologists, including Martin Seligman and Roy Baumeister, and publishing parts of it not only in leading philosophy journals but in journals of psychology as well. Professor Railton is the most distinguished member of the Department of Philosophy Department. A Guggenheim and American Council of Learned Society (ACLS) fellow, and member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, he has in the past five years accumulated yet more honors, including service as the president of the American Philosophical Association (Central Division), election to the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, and his appointment as the Gregory S. Kavka Distinguished University Professor. Professor Railton is in very high demand worldwide as a speaker. In the past five years, he has given dozens of presentations at leading universities and conferences in the U.S. and around the world. He was recently invited to deliver the John Locke Lectures at Oxford University, one of the most
distinguished philosophy lecture series in the world. His delivery of the Dewey Lecture at the American Philosophical Association Central Division meeting in 2015 was by far the most momentous delivered in recent years, creating an immediate sensation in the philosophy blogosphere.

Professor Railton is one of the best teachers in the Department of Philosophy, as evidenced by his Thurnau Professorship, and his nomination by students for a Golden Apple Award. Student evaluations of his courses are consistently in the high 4s (Q1-Q2). In the past five years, he has led the department in introducing technological innovations to the classroom. He recently deployed iClickers to allow students to respond to ethical scenarios and questions of moral principle with aggregate responses displayed. This has produced sustained high rates of participation in lectures. By returning to the same questions later in the term, students can see how they had changed their minds—sometimes in surprising ways—as new ethical ideas were introduced. Professor Railton is the department’s leading graduate advisor. A recipient of a John D’Arms Award for Distinguished Graduate Mentoring, he has advised an astonishing 22 philosophy dissertations since 2010.

Within the Department of Philosophy, Professor Railton has regularly served on important committees, including tenure review panels, graduate studies, and GSI training. He has also offered distinguished service as a faculty ally for diversity and inclusion in the department. At the national level, Professor Railton served on the Board of Officers of the American Philosophical Association (APA; 2010-2013), and as the president of the APA Central Division (2011-2012). This was a pivotal three years for the APA, during which the Board steered philosophy’s main professional organization to a level of functionality and solvency that it has not enjoyed in years. He has continued to serve on the APA as chair of a task force on best practices in the profession, producing a manual that will be critical to helping the profession promote diversity, inclusion, and equity—an urgent need, given that in the U.S., philosophy is by far the least diverse humanities discipline by race and gender.

With such a stellar record of continued productivity and distinction, we are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Peter A. Railton as the John Stephenson Perrin Professor, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021.

Recommended by:  
Andrew D. Martin, Dean  
Professor of Political Science and Statistics  
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts  

Recommendation endorsed by:  
Martha E. Pollack  
Provost and Executive Vice President  
for Academic Affairs  

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Russell S. Taichman

CURRENT TITLES: Major M. Ash Collegiate Professor of Periodontics, Associate Dean for Research, and Professor of Dentistry, with tenure, School of Dentistry

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Major M. Ash Collegiate Professor of Periodontics, School of Dentistry

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2021

The dean and the Executive Committee of the School of Dentistry are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Russell S. Taichman as the Major M. Ash Collegiate Professor of Periodontics, School of Dentistry, for a five-year renewable term effective April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2021.

The Major M. Ash Collegiate Professorship in Periodontics was established in January 2011. The professorship is named for Major M. Ash, a distinguished alumnus and former faculty member. In 1947, Professor Ash received a BS in chemistry from Michigan State University, a DDS in 1951 from Emory University, and in 1954 he received a MS in periodontics from the University of Michigan. During his distinguished career with the University of Michigan from 1953 to 1989, Professor Ash established a global reputation as a clinical researcher, prolific writer, mentor, and professor extraordinaire.

Professor Taichman received his BS from Villanova University in 1982. He attended the University of Pennsylvania where he completed his Doctorate of Dental Medicine in 1986 and then attended Harvard University, School of Dental Medicine where he received his Doctorate of Medical Science in 1986. Professor Taichman also received a Certificate in Periodontology from Harvard University in 1990, and from 1990-1992 Professor Taichman was a post-doctoral fellow in molecular biology at the University of Pennsylvania. In 2009, he participated in the MBA Essentials and Entrepreneurship Program at the University of Michigan, Stephen M. Ross School of Business.

Professor Taichman joined the University of Michigan, School of Dentistry in 1992 as an assistant professor. In 1998, he was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, and to professor in 2006. He holds additional appointments as staff periodontist at the Veterans Affairs
Medical Center in Ann Arbor (2001-present), and is the associate dean for research in the School of Dentistry (2014-present).

Professor Taichman brings distinction to the university and is nationally and internationally renowned as one of the most inspired and accomplished scholars and researchers in his field of expertise. He has made original and significant contributions to the study of enhancing our understanding of the role of osteoblasts in the hematopoietic environment and aspects of the hematopoietic environment that support tumor development in bone. This area of research is extremely timely where the results of these studies are critical for improving strategies for bone marrow transplants as well as therapeutics for treating skeletal metastases. Moreover, the information gained from these studies has the potential for use in gene therapy for hematopoietic disorders and the treatment of prostate cancer.

Professor Taichman has received funding, serving as the principal investigator on several NIH and NIDCR grants throughout his tenure. He has 105 peer reviewed publications and ten book chapters. He is a member of several professional societies and has been an invited research speaker at numerous professional meetings nationally and internationally. He is a superb mentor, role model and advisor for students at all levels and leads with inspiration and enthusiasm. He is a brilliant educator and his dedication and skills as a leader in dental education make him a vibrant part of the teaching mission at the School of Dentistry.

Professor Taichman has demonstrated outstanding intellectual leadership at all levels and is recognized through excellence in research, teaching and service. We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Russell S. Taichman as the Major M. Ash Collegiate Professor of Periodontics, School of Dentistry, for a five-year renewable term, effective April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2021.

Recommended by:  
Laurie K. McCauley  
Dean, School of Dentistry

Recommendation endorsed by:  
Martha E. Pollack  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Research Professorship

NAME: Jeremy M.G. Taylor

CURRENT TITLES: Pharmacia Research Professor of Biostatistics, Professor of Biostatistics, with tenure, School of Public Health. Professor of Radiation Oncology, without tenure, and Professor of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics, without tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Pharmacia Research Professor of Biostatistics, School of Public Health

TERM: Five Years. Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021

We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Jeremy M.G. Taylor as the Pharmacia Research Professor of Biostatistics, School of Public Health, for a five-year renewable term, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.

The purpose of the Pharmacia Research Professorship, established in April 1996, is to support research and instruction in the area of biostatistics in public health. It is designed to promote development and elaboration of statistical methods sensitive to the complexities of population data regarding salient health problems.

Professor Taylor received a B.A. in mathematics in 1978 from Cambridge University, England, and a Ph.D. in statistics from the University of California at Berkeley in 1983. He joined the Departments of Biostatistics and Radiation Oncology at UCLA in 1981, and held appointments as an adjunct assistant professor, assistant professor in residence, associate professor in residence, and professor in residence (1993-1998). He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1998 as a professor of biostatistics and professor of radiation oncology. Professor Taylor also serves as an associate director for biostatistics at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, and is a professor in the Center for Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics. He has held the Pharmacia Research Professor of Biostatistics since 2006.

Professor Taylor’s interests are the theory and application of statistics to biomedical problems. He believes that data-driven, robust, flexible statistical methods should be used, incorporating scientific knowledge from the substantive area of investigation. His research has focused on the application of statistics to cancer and AIDS, especially to radiation oncology. The specific areas
are modelling, survival analysis and longitudinal data. This has led to developing methods involving the use of mixture models, stochastic processes and multiple imputation. His work related to cancer has focused on modelling and evaluating biomarkers, particularly PSA in prostate cancer.

Recognition of Professor Taylor's accomplishments by the scientific community is evident in his having received prestigious awards, including the Mortimer Spiegelman Award from APHA, the Michael Fry Award from the Radiation Research Society, and the School of Public Health Excellence in Research Award. He is a fellow of the American Statistical Association and has extensive editorial experience, including associate editorships for the Journal of the American Statistical Association and for Lifetime Data Analysis.

We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Jeremy M.G. Taylor as the Pharmacology Research Professor of Biostatistics, School of Public Health, for a five-year renewable term, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.

RECOMMENDED BY:

[Signature]
Martin A. Philbert, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Public Health

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

[Signature]
Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

May 2016
Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

John J. G. Tesmer, Ph.D.

Cyrus Levinthal Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, Professor of Pharmacology, with tenure, Professor of Biological Chemistry, without tenure, Medical School, and Professor of Biophysics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science and the Arts

Cyrus Levinthal Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, Medical School

September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021

On the recommendation of Stephen J. Weiss, M.D., Professor of Internal Medicine, and the Interim Director of the Life Sciences Institute, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of John J. G. Tesmer, Ph.D. as the Cyrus Levinthal Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, Medical School, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021.

The Cyrus Levinthal Collegiate Professorship in the Life Sciences was established in December 2011 to honor Cyrus Levinthal, Ph.D., who was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1950-1957. He made several important discoveries in molecular genetics and is credited with having pioneered the application of three-dimensional computer graphics in the study of proteins. The appointment period may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Dr. Tesmer is nationally and internationally recognized as a structural biologist with expertise in signal transduction and receptor mechanisms, who has made seminal contributions to understanding the structure of G-protein coupled signaling at the molecular level. He has emerged as a leader in the field and is recognized for his talents in biochemistry, biophysics, molecular biology and crystallography. He continues to be an exemplary colleague, teacher, and mentor, contributing to the research and teaching enterprise in Pharmacology and Biological Chemistry, as well as in the Life Sciences Institute and Biophysics.
Dr. Tesmer has made impressive progress during his first tenure in this professorship, and will continue in future projects. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the reappointment of John J.G. Tessmer, Ph.D. as the Cyrus Levinthal Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, Medical School, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021.

Recommended by:

[Signature]
Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

[Signature]
Andrew D. Martin, Dean
Professor of Political Science and Statistics
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Recommendation endorsed by:

[Signature]
Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

**ACTION REQUEST:** Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment

**NAME:** Elona D. Van Gent

**CURRENT TITLES:** Associate Dean for Academic Programs, and Professor of Art, with tenure, Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design

**TITLE BEING RENEWED:** Associate Dean for Academic Programs, Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design

**TERM:** Three Years

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019

I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Elona D. Van Gent as associate dean for academic programs, Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design, for a three-year term, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

Professor Van Gent received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hope College in 1984 and Master of Fine Arts degree from the Tyler School of Art at Temple University in 1989. She joined the Stamps School faculty in 2004 as a visiting associate professor, was granted tenure at the rank of associate professor in 2005, and was promoted to professor in 2012. In 2013, she was appointed as the associate dean for academic programs.

As associate dean, Professor Van Gent has provided critical leadership and oversight as the Stamps School has worked to refine and stabilize instructional programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Major accomplishments during her first term include a re-envisioning of graduate education in the school, including the launch the new Master of Design program; developing and implementing a range of curricular initiatives at the undergraduate level to ensure courses across the curricula meet core educational objectives; restructuring and expanding advising and student life initiatives; and, ensuring that our curricula meet NASAD accreditation standards. In addition, she has served a larger role as a member of the school’s senior leadership and management teams, providing critical oversight of school-wide strategic and operational initiatives. During her second term, Professor Van Gent will continue to build on these successes and play a crucial leadership role in the school as we further develop our academic programs, address instructional-related space needs, and refine structures to support student success.

Approved by the Regents
May 19, 2016
Professor Van Gent is a dedicated and insightful colleague, a highly-capable administrator, and a gifted communicator. The school will greatly benefit from her continued service in this critical leadership role. I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Elona D. Van Gent as associate dean for academic programs, Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design, for a three-year term, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Gunalan Nadarajan
Dean and Professor, Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Thomas W. Wakefield, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: James C. Stanley Professor of Vascular Surgery, and Professor of Surgery, with tenure, Medical School

TITLES BEING RENEWED: James C. Stanley Professor of Vascular Surgery, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021

On the recommendation of Michael W. Mulholland, M.D., Ph.D., the Frederick A. Coller Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Thomas W. Wakefield, M.D. as the James C. Stanley Professor of Vascular Surgery, Medical School, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021.

The James C. Stanley Professorship in Vascular Surgery was established in December 2011 to honor Dr. Stanley and his valuable contributions to the Department of Surgery at the University of Michigan. He served as head of Vascular Surgery from 1976-2004 and is currently a professor here. The appointment period may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Dr. Wakefield is a successful investigator whose research focuses on inflammatory processes associated with venous thrombosis. In his first tenure of this professorship, he published 43 peer-reviewed articles, 27 book chapters and co-edited one textbook. During this time, he has been invited to present his research on more than 100 occasions regionally, nationally and internationally. Dr. Wakefield’s trainees received the Servier Traveling Research Award on two occasions, and he continues to receive funding for his research through the NIH. He received the Venous Disease Award and the Coeur’d’or Award for Excellence from the American Heart Association.

Dr. Wakefield has utilized this professorship to support his research and mentoring, and has maintained his clinical and administrative duties. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the reappointment of Thomas W. Wakefield, M.D. as the James C. Stanley Professor of Vascular Surgery, Medical School, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021.

Recommended by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: X.Z. Shawn Xu, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Bernard W. Agranoff Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, and Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, with tenure, Medical School

TITLES BEING RENEWED: Bernard W. Agranoff Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021

On the recommendation of Stephen J. Weiss, M.D., Professor of Internal Medicine, and the Interim Director of the Life Sciences Institute, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of X.Z. Shawn Xu, Ph.D. as the Bernard W. Agranoff Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, Medical School, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021.

The Bernard W. Agranoff Collegiate Professorship in the Life Sciences was established in February 2012 to honor Bernard W. Agranoff, M.D., who was a professor of biochemistry at the University of Michigan from 1960-2003. Dr. Agranoff co-authored the book Basic Neurochemistry, which is considered to be the authoritative treatise on neurochemistry. The appointment period may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Dr. Xu is a nationally and internationally recognized expert in neuroscience and physiology. He has emerged as a leader in the field and is recognized for his multidisciplinary approach combining functional imaging, molecular genetics, behavior analysis and electrophysiology. He works with the model organism *C. elegans* due to its simplicity and amenability to genetic manipulation. Dr. Xu’s research is funded by multiple NIH grants, and he has published 43 peer-reviewed articles. He received the Basic Science Research Award from the Medical School in 2011, and has developed *C. elegans* as a new model in several studies that were published in high-profile journals.

Dr. Xu continues to be an outstanding investigator, and educator. His mentees have progressed to faculty positions and received numerous awards. This professorship enables him to contribute greatly to the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, the Medical School and the
university. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the reappointment of X.Z. Shawn, Xu, Ph.D. as the Bernard W. Agranoff Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, Medical School, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021.

Recommended by:  

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:  

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment

NAME: Donald R. Zak

CURRENT TITLES: Burton V. Barnes Collegiate Professor, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Professor of Natural Resources, with tenure, School of Natural Resources and Environment, and Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Natural Resources and Environment

EFFECTIVE DATES: August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017

On the recommendation of the dean and Executive Committee of the School of Natural Resources and Environment, we are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Donald R. Zak as associate dean for academic affairs, School of Natural Resources and Environment, effective August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017.

Donald R. Zak received his Bachelor of Science degree from The Ohio State University in 1981. He attended the University of Idaho where he completed his Master of Science degree in 1983. In 1987, he earned his Doctorate from Michigan State University. He joined the University of Michigan as an assistant professor in 1988 and was promoted through the ranks to professor in 2000.

Professor Zak is one of the nation’s foremost forest ecologists, and a world leader in the study of forest soil microbial communities. He essentially developed a new branch of ecology and environmental science by bridging and unifying the fields of microbial ecology and biogeochemistry. This work revolutionized the understanding of how forests acquire and recycle nutrients, which in turn controls the rate of forest growth and their resistance to environmental change. Professor Zak has contributed to nearly all of the most important forest ecology questions of our time. He has explored how forest soils and their microbial communities are influenced by factors such as enhanced nitrogen deposition, global warming, CO2 and O3 enhancement, forest succession, and biodiversity. He has a rare talent for designing and implementing field experiments that span multiple years and large spatial scales. At the same time, he is at the forefront of bringing new techniques of molecular biology to the study of soil microbes in a laboratory setting. His more than 180 publications have been cited nearly 20,000 times. In recognition of his pioneering work and influence, the Soil Science Society of America awarded Professor Zak its highest honor, the Francis Clark Distinguished Lectureship, in 2009.
Professor Zak’s teaching builds an understanding of the processes controlling the flow of energy and nutrients within terrestrial ecosystems and how these dynamics are altered by human activity. He complements formal lectures with informal teaching in field and laboratory settings, an approach he and his students have found useful for putting concepts and theory into action. His students speak frequently of his high standards, accessibility, and quality mentorship. An exceptional mentor, Professor Zak has supervised 12 post-doctoral scholars and has chaired 14 Ph.D. committees (two of these as co-chair), 20 master’s theses, and six undergraduate Honors theses.

Professor Zak has many years of service to the School of Natural Resources and Environment, the university, and to his profession. He is an established faculty member who helps to set expectations against which new hires, junior or senior, can measure themselves and who has earned the respect of his peers. He is frequently asked to serve on important committees at both the school and the university level, such as Promotion and Tenure, faculty search committees, review committees, and the President’s Biosciences Advisory Panel.

Professor Zak is an exemplary researcher, an excellent teacher, and a dedicated member of the university community. He has the right skills and background to lead the school’s efforts to ensure an innovative and exciting curriculum and co-curricular environment. We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Donald R. Zak as associate dean for academic affairs, School of Natural Resources and Environment, effective August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Daniel G. Brown
Interim Dean and Professor
School of Natural Resources and Environment

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Andrew D. Martin, Dean
Professor of Political Science and Statistics
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

May 2016
Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Gonçalo R. Abecasis, D.Phil.

CURRENT TITLES: Felix E. Moore Collegiate Professor of Biostatistics, Chair, Department of Biostatistics, and Professor of Biostatistics, with tenure, School of Public Health

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics, without tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2016

On the recommendation of Brian D. Athey, Ph.D., Michael A. Savageau Collegiate Professor and Chair of the Department of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Gonçalo R. Abecasis, D.Phil. as professor of computational medicine and bioinformatics, without tenure, Medical School, effective May 1, 2016.

Dr. Abecasis received his D.Phil. degree from the University of Oxford in 2001. He subsequently was appointed as an assistant research scientist in the Department of Biostatistics in the School of Public Health. In 2002, he was appointed as an assistant professor of biostatistics and was ultimately promoted to professor in 2009. In 2014, Dr. Abecasis was appointed as the chair of the Department of Biostatistics.

Dr. Abecasis is an internationally recognized leader in biostatistics and bioinformatics. His research focuses on the design of methods for analysis of high throughput genetic data pertaining to human disease. Dr. Abecasis currently has research collaborations with faculty in the Department of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics (DCMB) and has mentored several of the department’s graduate students. As a result of this proposed appointment, he will engage in developing the bioinformatics curriculum, teaching, developing and supporting relevant courses ranging from statistical genetics and statistical computing, to the new Computational Biology Bootcamp, a joint offering between DCMB and the Department of Biostatistics.
Dr. Abecasis is a highly accomplished senior investigator who bridges basic and genetic science. We are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Gonçalo R. Abecasis, D.Phil. as professor of computational medicine and bioinformatics, without tenure, Medical School, effective May 1, 2016.

Recommended by:

Marschall S. Runge
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Arun Agrawal

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Natural Resources, with tenure, School of Natural Resources and Environment

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Samuel Trask Dana Professor, School of Natural Resources and Environment

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2021

On the recommendation of the dean and faculty of the School of Natural Resources and Environment, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Arun Agrawal as the Samuel Trask Dana Professor, School of Natural Resources and Environment, for a five-year renewable term, effective June 1, 2016 through May 30, 2021.

The Samuel Trask Dana Professorship was established in 1968 through the cooperative efforts of Laurance Rockefeller based on his high regard and admiration for Sam Dana, the Regents of the University of Michigan, and gifts from alumni and friends. The intentions of the professorship included recognizing teaching and research, an articulate leader with a modern approach to management and policy, and someone with a keen awareness of urban needs who uses science to solve real problems. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Arun Agrawal received a B.A. in 1983 from Delhi University in India, followed by an M.B.A. specializing in development administration and public policy from the Indian Institute of Management in Ahmadabad, India in 1985 and an M.A. in political science from Duke University in 1988. In 1992, he earned a Ph.D. in political science from Duke University. He joined the University of Florida as an assistant professor in 1993, moving to Yale University in 1997. He was promoted to associate professor in 2000 and, in 2002, moved to McGill University. Professor Agrawal joined the University of Michigan as an associate professor in the School of Natural Resources and Environment (SNRE) in 2003, and was promoted to professor in 2008. He served SNRE as the associate dean for research from 2009-11.

Professor Agrawal is a nationally and internationally renowned political scientist and one of the leading figures in social science on the environment. His primary scholarly contribution has been in environmental governance; in fact, his research was critical to establishing environmental governance as a field within political science. Professor Agrawal is also an accomplished multidisciplinarian, as evidenced by his contributions to sociology, anthropology, history, environmental studies, and Asian studies. A prolific scholar, Professor Agrawal is...
widely published in top journals, including *Nature*, *Science*, and *PNAS*. The variety of journals in which his work has appeared are evidence of the enormous breadth of his scholarship, his detailed fieldwork, and his creativity. His research has thus far resulted in nearly 70 refereed articles, two books, six edited collections, and 21 book chapters in refereed volumes – many of them authored with students and mentees. Metrics attest to the impact of Professor Agrawal’s work: an h-index of 28 (Web of Science) and 54 (Google Scholar), multiple articles with over 1000 citations, and a total of over 20,000 citations on Google Scholar.

Professor Agrawal couples his extraordinary publication record with an equally outstanding record of grantsmanship. As a PI, he has raised more than $8M in support of his research and programmatic initiatives from such funders as the National Science Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, NASA, and the Carnegie Foundation, among many others. In 2011, he was named a Guggenheim Fellow.

As evidenced by his recent $1M award from the university’s Third Century Initiative Transformation program, Professor Agrawal is dedicated to ensuring that SNRE remains on the leading edge of environmental education. His innovative approach will use digital multimedia materials to develop a case-based curriculum for sustainability education for use in classrooms across the campus and in university curriculums around the world.

Professor Agrawal has an impressive record of service, spanning the school, the university and his discipline. He is currently a co-chair of the Provost’s Environment and Sustainability Program Committee, coordinates the Forest Resources and Institutions (IFRI) program, and is in his second term of service on the SNRE Executive Committee. He is also the editor-in-chief of the journal *World Development*. Professor Agrawal previously served as SNRE’s associate dean for research, and was lead author of the chapter on Livelihoods and Poverty for the Intergovernmental Council on Climate Change Fifth Assessment Report. He is active in numerous professional organizations.

In recognition of his many accomplishments we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Arun Agrawal as the Samuel Trask Dana Professor, School of Natural Resources and Environment, for a five-year renewable term, effective June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2021.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Daniel G. Brown
Professor and Interim Dean
School of Natural Resources and Environment

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Terrill D. Bravender, Jr., M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Clinical Professor of Child Behavior Health, and Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: David S. Rosen, M.D. Collegiate Professor of Adolescent Medicine, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: May 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020

On the recommendation of Valerie P. Opipari, M.D., the Ravitz Foundation Professor and Chair of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Terrill D. Bravender, Jr., M.D. as the David S. Rosen, M.D. Collegiate Professor of Adolescent Medicine, Medical School, effective May 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020.

The David S. Rosen, M.D. Collegiate Professorship in Adolescent Medicine was established in April 2016 through a generous gift from the Dr. David Rosen Trust. This professorship is intended to honor Dr. David S. Rosen, and to support the director of the Division of Adolescent Medicine. The appointment period may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Terrill Bravender received his M.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1992, and completed a residency in pediatrics at Duke University. He completed a fellowship in adolescent medicine at Harvard University, as was appointed as an instructor there. Dr. Bravender was appointed as a faculty member at Duke University from 1999-2008, and was the founder of the Duke Eating Disorders Program and the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Eating Disorders Program. He was appointed as a clinical associate professor at The Ohio State University in 2008, and was promoted to a clinical professor in 2012. Dr. Bravender joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2014 as a clinical professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases and of psychiatry.

Dr. Bravender’s research focuses on quality improvement activities in pediatrics, and eating disorder treatment and outcomes in adolescents. He has published extensively in this field, with 34 peer-reviewed articles and numerous invited presentations on the local, national and international level. He makes outstanding contributions to his field through his service, as founding editor of the International Journal of Adolescent Medicine and as a member of the editorial board of Pediatrics. Dr. Bravender is chair of two committees for Adolescent Medicine for the American Board of Pediatrics. Institutionally, he is the division director of Adolescent
Medicine and the director of Quality Improvement for the Department of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases.

Dr. Bravender has a commitment to scientific research, patient care and education. He is a fitting candidate for this professorship. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the appointment of Terill D. Bravender, Jr., M.D. as the David S. Rosen, M.D. Collegiate Professor of Adolescent Medicine, Medical School, effective May 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020.

Recommended by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Michael J. Englesbe, M.D.

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Surgery, with tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Cyrenus G. Darling, Sr., M.D. and Cyrenus G. Darling, Jr., M.D. Professor of Surgery, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021

On the recommendation of Michael W. Mulholland, M.D., Ph.D., the Frederick A. Coller Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Michael J. Englesbe, M.D. as the Cyrenus G. Darling, Sr., M.D. and Cyrenus G. Darling, Jr., M.D. Professor of Surgery, Medical School, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021.

The Cyrenus G. Darling, Sr., M.D. and Cyrenus G. Darling, Jr., M.D. Professorship in Surgery was established in June 2010 through a generous gift and pledge from Mr. David P. Darling in recognition of his grandfather, Dr. Cyrenus G. Darling, Sr., who was renowned as a skilled teacher and clinician, and his father, Dr. Cyrenus G. Darling, Jr., who received his medical degree from the University of Michigan and was the chief of surgery at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, Michigan. This professorship is intended to support the activities of a tenured faculty member in the Department of Surgery who has demonstrated teaching and clinical excellence. The appointment period may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Michael J. Englesbe received his M.D. degree in 1997 from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He completed his residency in general surgery at the University of Michigan, and a surgical research fellowship at the University of Washington. Dr. Englesbe also completed a fellowship in multi organ transplantation at the University of Michigan. He was appointed as a lecturer of surgery here in 2004, and rose through the ranks to associate professor in 2011. Dr. Englesbe is the associate director of the Michigan Surgical Quality Collaborative, a co-director of the Pre-Operative Clinic, the director of the Academic Surgeon Development Program and the director of the medical school curriculum for third and fourth year students in surgery.

Dr. Englesbe’s research and policy interests include peri-operative optimization of patients for major surgery. He has received funding from the Department of Health and Human Services, the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation, and through institutional grants. Dr. Englesbe has published more than 140 peer-reviewed articles, and has co-authored four books. He is a mentor in the
Academic Surgery Interest Group and supports undergraduate student research in surgery clinics through clinical trials.

Dr. Englesbe is an accomplished clinician and clinical researcher who has contributed greatly to education in transplantation surgery. He is a successful researcher and exemplifies the intent of this professorship. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the appointment of Michael J. Englesbe, M.D. as the Cyrenus G. Darling, Sr., M.D. and Cyrenus G. Darling, Jr., M.D. Professor of Surgery, Medical School, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021.

Recommended by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

May 2016
On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering, I am pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Fei Gao as professor of materials science and engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective September 1, 2016.

Professor Gao received his B.Sc. in physics and his M.Sc. in condensed matter physics from the Lanzhou University, China in 1983 and 1987, respectively. He received his Ph.D. in materials science and engineering from the University of Liverpool, UK in 1995. Professor Gao remained at the University of Liverpool to serve as a research associate until 1997 and then as a senior research fellow until 1999. In 2000, he was appointed as a research scientist with the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Washington. He was promoted to senior research scientist III in 2001, senior research scientist IV in 2004 and to chief scientist in 2008. In addition to his appointment as chief scientist, Professor Gao held an appointment as an adjunct professor at Washington State University. Professor Gao joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as a professor of nuclear engineering and radiological sciences in September 2014.

Professor Gao’s research experience covers a range of topics in theoretical materials physics and materials science. Some of these topics include materials performance and microstructural evolution of ferritic steels in a fusion reactor environment – multi-scale computer simulation; life extension of nuclear plants and materials behavior under irradiation in fission reactors; multi-scale computer simulations of nanoscale defect processes, ion-solid interaction, electron-solid interaction, mechanical and electronic properties of nanostructures in ceramics (highlighted by the Office of Science-Decades of Discovery, DoE, as one of the top 101 discoveries during the previous 25 years). Professor Gao has also developed various simulation methods including fitting interatomic potentials, parallel molecular dynamics method, kinetic Monte Carlo method, phase field model of microstructure evolution, ab initio calculations of defect properties and electronic structures of nanostructures in metals, semiconductors and ceramics.
With this additional appointment, Professor Gao is ideally suited to assist the Department of Materials Science and Engineering by his active involvement with research and students. I am pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Fei Gao as professor of materials science and engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective September 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDED BY:

David C. Munson, Jr.
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: David P. Gold

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of English Language and Literature, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Professor of Education, without tenure, School of Education

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2016

With the approval of the Executive Committee of the School of Education, and with the endorsement of the Department of English Language and Literature and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of David P. Gold, associate professor of education, without tenure, School of Education, effective September 1, 2016.

Professor Gold received his Bachelor of Arts from Florida International University in 1994. He attended the University of Texas at Austin where he completed his Masters of Arts in 1999 and Doctorate in 2003.

Professor Gold began his teaching career as an assistant professor at the University of Michigan, Dearborn in 2004 and at California State University (2004-2008), before being appointed at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 2008. He was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2011. He was appointed in September 2012 as an associate professor of English language and literature in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Professor Gold is an accomplished and productive scholar who is contributing to the transformation of historiography in the field of rhetoric and composition. He is the author of one prize-winning book, co-author of another book and author of fourteen articles. Many of his articles are published in the most important journals of the field. Professor Gold has received a number of awards for his work, including the 2010 Outstanding Book Award from the Conference on College Composition and Communication, which is typically reserved for established scholars, and two awards from the Spencer Foundation, which are analogous to National Endowment for the Humanities awards.

Professor Gold has been an active supporter of students in the Joint Program in English and Education (JPEE). He has served on two completed dissertation committees and is currently serving on several others in progress. He has also been a reader for three first-year exams and two second-year exams. He has also served on the admissions committee for JPEE each year, and he has played an important role in recruiting students into the program.
Professor Gold’s intellectual interests identify him as a colleague who will fit well in the School of Education. Recipient of two Spencer fellowships, he writes about issues in education. His award-winning book, *Rhetoric at the Margins: Revising the History of Writing Instruction in American Colleges, 1873-1947*, offers a compelling alternative to the dominant narrative of the Harvard-focused development of writing instruction by investigating the teaching and learning of writing among African American and working class students. Similarly, Professor Gold’s article, “Educating the New Southern Woman,” shows how writing instruction provided women opportunities to enter professional worlds like that of business. His “Students Writing Race at Southern Women’s Colleges 1884-1945,” which was published in the *History of Education Quarterly*, also challenges received explanations of women’s education by showing how female students were able to address issues of race in their writing. Although his work focuses on history, Professor Gold’s concerns about issues of diversity are very much placed in the present, as evidenced by the fact that he participated in the Diversity Institute this spring. Professor Gold’s continuing interests in literacy education as well as questions of diversity identify him as a scholar who can contribute to the school’s agenda in multiple ways.

Overall, Professor Gold’s sustained efforts on behalf of JPEE and its students as well as his scholarly interests in educational questions make it clear that he would bring a number of strengths to the School of Education.

We respectfully recommend the joint appointment of David P. Gold as associate professor of education, without tenure, School of Education, effective September 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Deborah Loewenberg Ball
William H. Payne Collegiate Professor, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and Dean
School of Education

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Andrew D. Martin, Dean
Professor of Political Science and Statistics
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Kyle Handley

CURRENT TITLE: Assistant Professor of Business Economics, Stephen M. Ross School of Business

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Sanford R. Robertson Assistant Professor of Business Administration, Stephen M. Ross School of Business

TERM: One Year, Non-Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017

On the recommendation of the dean and Executive Committee of the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Kyle Handley as the Sanford R. Robertson Assistant Professor of Business Administration, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, for a one-year non-renewable term, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017.

The Sanford R. Robertson Assistant Professorship in Business Administration was established in July 1992 by the Regents and was renamed the Sanford R. Robertson Assistant or Associate Professorship in August 1994. The purpose of the professorship is to encourage the most promising non-tenured teachers/scholars to pursue worthwhile projects and to evolve into truly distinguished senior members of the faculty. Appointments to the professorship are for one year.

Professor Handley completed his Ph.D. at the University of Maryland in 2011. He was a postdoctoral fellow at the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research from 2011-2012 and then joined the Ross School as an assistant professor in fall 2012. Professor Handley was also affiliated with the U.S. Bureau of the Census from 2007-2011.

Professor Handley’s research focus is at the intersection of corporate finance, globalization and managerial performance. He pursues research questions that combine theoretical innovations with detailed analysis of disaggregated product and firm-level data. This type of research takes a long time to reach fruition, but holds the potential for very high impact. Indeed, he has already been highly successful in publishing in the very top general-interest journals in economics, and he has a remarkable record of obtaining extramural funding, with a total of nearly $400,000 in external support. Given the long-term nature of his research stream, it should not be too surprising that his pipeline is arguably even stronger than his output to date.

Professor Handley has 285 citations on Google Scholar. This is very impressive for someone in his fourth year at the Ross school. He has received several prestigious awards and recognitions.
in the fields of trade and entrepreneurship. In 2011, he won the World Trade Organization Young Trade Economist Award. In 2015, he was awarded a Kauffman Junior Faculty Fellowship in Entrepreneurship Research, as well as an Early Career Grant from the Upjohn Institute for Employment Research. In 2016, he was elected to membership in the Conference on Research in Income and Wealth (CRIW), which brings together academics, executives, and policy makers to discuss and advance research on the measurement of economic activity. Professor Handley ranks 15th overall in the Top 100 Young Economists from the last five years, out of the 6556 junior economists in the RePEc citation and impact factor database. His work is already cited in several handbook chapters summarizing new frontiers of research across economics and political science, including The Handbook of International Trade, The Handbook of Commercial Policy (2 chapters), The Handbook of Computable General Equilibrium Modeling, and The Oxford Handbook of Economic and Institutional Transparency.

Professor Handley is a talented junior scholar with an outstanding record. Therefore, we are pleased to honor him and to support his growth and development by appointing him as the Sanford R. Robertson Assistant Professor of Business Administration, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, for a one-year non-renewable term, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Alison Davis-Blake
Edward J. Frey Dean of Business
Stephen M. Ross School of Business

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Sarah T. Hawley

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Medical School, and Professor of Health Management and Policy, without tenure, School of Public Health

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Health Behavior and Health Education, without tenure, School of Public Health

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2016

On the recommendation of the dean and Executive Committee of the School of Public Health, and with the endorsement of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Sarah T. Hawley as professor of health behavior and health education, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective May 1, 2016.

Professor Hawley received her M.P.H. in 1992 from Yale University and her Ph.D. in 1998 from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. From 1998-99, she did a post-doctoral fellowship in cancer prevention and control at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as a research assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine in 2004, was promoted to an associate professor in 2009, and to professor in 2015. Professor Hawley has an appointment as a professor in the Department of Health Management and Policy, School of Public Health and she also serves as a research scientist at the Ann Arbor VA Center for Clinical Management Research.

Professor Hawley is a nationally-recognized expert in the field of cancer health services research and cancer-related decision aids. She is well published and also has an impressive track record in terms of NIH funding. Her primary research is in decision making related to cancer prevention and control, particularly among racial/ethnic minority and underserved populations. She has a specific focus on understanding the role of patient preferences and patient-physician communication in use of screening and treatment services and in reducing health disparities. Professor Hawley’s current research projects focus on understanding breast cancer treatment decision making among racial/ethnic minority women, and in evaluating the impact of a preference-tailored decision aid for increasing colon cancer screening in diverse primary care patients. She is a long-standing collaborator with several faculty members in the Department of Health Behavior and Health Education, including Drs. Nancy Janz, John Pieue and Ken Resnicow. Professor Hawley co-leads the grant writing boot camp at MICHIR and is willing to offer a grant writing workshop for our doctoral students.
This additional appointment will strengthen our collaborations in chronic disease management and build capacity in terms of M.P.H. and doctoral training. We are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Sarah T. Hawley as professor of health behavior and health education, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective May 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Martin A. Philbert, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Public Health

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
The University of Michigan Regents Communication

Action Request: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

Name: Lisa K. Low, Ph.D.

Current Titles: Associate Dean for Practice and Professional Graduate Studies, Associate Professor of Health Behavior and Biological Science, with tenure, School of Nursing, and Associate Professor of Women's Studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Additional Title: Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, without tenure, Medical School

Effective Date: May 1, 2016

On the recommendation of Timothy R.B. Johnson, M.D., the Bates Professor of Diseases of Women and Children and Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Lisa K. Low, Ph.D. as associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology, without tenure, Medical School, effective May 1, 2016.

Dr. Low received her bachelor of science in nursing in 1984 from the University of Michigan and her master of science, nurse midwifery from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1987. Returning to the University of Michigan in 1996, Dr. Low completed a graduate certificate in Women's Studies in 1999 and a Ph.D. from the School of Nursing in 2001. She subsequently completed a fellowship from 2001 to 2003 at the University of Michigan Institute for Research on Women and Gender. She is currently a tenured associate professor in the Department of Health Behavior and Biological Science in the School of Nursing, she has a joint appointment in Women's Studies in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and an adjunct appointment as a lecturer in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the Medical School. In 2015, she was appointed as the associate dean for practice and professional graduate studies in the School of Nursing.

Dr. Low's research interests include evidence based labor care practices during childbirth. She is well known nationally for expertise as a practicing midwife, an educator, and scientist. She serves on numerous peer review panels for research journals and two editorial boards. She has made over 140 national and international presentations, published over 47 manuscripts and additional book chapters, many with faculty members in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She is president-elect of the American College of Nurse Midwives and will assume office as president in May 2016. Dr. Low is active clinically as a member of the Certified Nurse Midwifery Service within the Women's Birth Center in the Von Voigtlander Women's Hospital.
This appointment will recognize Dr. Low’s ongoing research collaborations with members of the faculty of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. We are, therefore, pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Lisa K. Low, Ph.D. as associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology, without tenure, Medical School, effective May 1, 2016.

Recommended by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Kathleen Potempa
Dean, School of Nursing

Andrew D. Martin, Dean
Professor of Political Science and Statistics
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Recommendation endorsed by:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: John C. Magee, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Surgery, with tenure, Professor of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases, without tenure, and Professor of Internal Medicine, without tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Jeremiah and Claire Turcotte Professor of Transplantation, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: May 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020

On the recommendation of Michael W. Mulholland, M.D., Ph.D., the Frederick A. Coller Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of John C. Magee, M.D. as the Jeremiah and Claire Turcotte Professor of Transplantation Surgery, Medical School, effective May 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020.

The Jeremiah and Claire Turcotte Professorship of Transplantation Surgery was established in March 2006 to recognize Dr. Jeremiah Turcotte’s many outstanding personal achievements. It is intended to support the research and clinical efforts of the director of the Organ Transplantation Program in the Department of Surgery. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

John C. Magee received his M.D. degree in 1988 from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He completed a residency in surgery and post-doctoral research training at the University of Michigan. Dr. Magee also completed a fellowship in surgery at Duke University. He returned to the University of Michigan to complete an additional residency in surgery and a fellowship in transplant surgery. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1996 as a lecturer, and rose through the ranks to professor in 2010. Dr. Magee is the surgical director of Pediatric Kidney Transplantation, Pediatric Liver Transplantation, is the section head of Transplantation, and is the director of the Transplant Center.

Dr. Magee’s clinical interests include the care of adults and children requiring kidney, pancreas and liver transplantation, as well as management of immunosuppressive therapy and its complications. He directs several clinical research studies related to immunosuppressive therapy in adult and pediatric transplant recipients. Dr. Magee’s research focuses on the study of endothelial cell biology in inflammation, gene therapy in transplantation, and xenotransplantation. He has served on several NIH special emphasis review panels, is the chair of the Registry Committee for the Studies of Pediatric Liver Transplantation Consortium through
the NIDDK. He is a member of the HRSA Donor Management Research Consensus Conference Committee and the Data Safety Monitoring Board committee. Dr. Magee has published 127 peer-reviewed articles, and has been invited to present his research nationally and internationally on 114 occasions.

Dr. Magee is a nationally and internationally recognized transplant surgeon who provides strong leadership through the worldwide network of transplantation surgeons who collaborate on essential clinical and research issues. He is an appropriate candidate for this professorship. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the appointment of John C. Magee, M.D. as the Jeremiah and Claire Turcotte Professor of Transplantation Surgery, Medical School, effective May 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020.

Recommended by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Mary-Ann Mycek as associate dean for graduate education, College of Engineering, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020.

Professor Mycek received her B.S. in physics (highest honors) from the Rochester Institute of Technology in 1989. She received her M.A. and Ph.D. in physics from the University of California at Berkeley in 1991 and 1995, respectively. Immediately following graduation, she held a post-doctoral research fellowship in dermatology at the Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital. She was appointed an assistant professor at Dartmouth College in 1998. Professor Mycek joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as an associate professor in 2003, and was awarded tenure in 2006. She was promoted to professor in 2012.

Professor Mycek’s translational (“bench to bedside”) research program involves developing and applying methods of optical science and engineering to quantitatively probe living cells and tissues, with the long-term goal of impacting patient care via the development of non- and minimally-invasive biomedical optical diagnostic technologies. The research strategy employed includes optical molecular imaging, clinical optical diagnostics, and computational modeling for quantitative tissue diagnostics, with diverse applications including early cancer detection, tissue engineering, and regenerative medicine. The scope and significance of her contributions to science and engineering are evidenced by her peer-reviewed publications (over 150 journal articles, book chapters, and conference proceedings), scientific presentations (over 155 invited and contributed talks and posters), and intellectual property (five issued U.S. patents; two pending patents).

Professor Mycek’s research program and technical contributions to research and education in the sciences and engineering have been recognized throughout her faculty career. As an assistant professor at Dartmouth College, she was awarded a Career Enhancement Fellowship from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, a Mentor Recognition Award from the Women in Science Program, and she was named the Edward and Joan Foley Faculty Fellow. For five years, she was a course faculty member in the Analytical & Quantitative Light Microscopy workshop held...
at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA. For four years, she served as a Microscopic Imaging & Spectroscopy Study Section Member for the Center for Scientific Review at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. She has served as an associate editor for the Journal of Biomedical Optics for 10 years.

At Michigan, Professor Mycek was honored to receive the Award for Outstanding Accomplishment from the Biomedical Engineering (BME) Department and to be elected by her faculty peers to the executive board of the Rackham Graduate School. She has served as an associate chair of BME, as director of the BME Graduate Programs and currently as the associate chair for Translational Research. In 2014, she was honored to be nominated by her peers and elected to membership in two societies: Sigma Xi – The Scientific Research Society and the College of Fellows of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE), a group of outstanding bioengineers representing the top 2% of the medical and biological engineering community in academia, industry and government.

Professor Mycek has demonstrated that she possesses the experience, ability, and commitment to fulfill the important responsibilities of an associate dean in the College of Engineering. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Mary-Ann Mycek as associate dean for graduate education, College of Engineering, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020.

RECOMMENDED BY:

David C. Munson, Jr.
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack, Provost
and Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Sagar Parikh, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: John F. Greden Professor of Depression and Clinical Neurosciences, and Professor of Psychiatry, with tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Health Management and Policy, without tenure, School of Public Health

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 2016

On the recommendation of the dean and Executive Committee of the School of Public Health, and with the endorsement of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Sagar Parikh, M.D. as professor of health management and policy, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective June 1, 2016.

Dr. Parikh earned his B.S. bioengineering degree from Columbia University in 1980 and his M.D. degree from McGill University Faculty of Medicine in 1984. He trained in psychiatry at the University of Michigan and at the University of Toronto, and subsequently completed a two-year research and clinical fellowship at the University of Toronto. Dr. Parikh joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2015 where he also serves as an associate director of the Michigan Comprehensive Depression Center. He has an adjunct appointment as a professor of psychiatry at the University of Toronto, where he was on staff full-time from 1994-2015. Previously, he was the head of the bipolar clinic and the director of CME at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto.

Dr. Parikh is the author/editor of two books and over 130 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, and co-author of CANMAT Treatment Guidelines for Depression and for Bipolar Disorder, the world’s most cited mood disorder guidelines. He holds research grants from multiple funding agencies, covering studies in clinical treatments in mood disorders, health services research, genetics, epidemiology, and educational research. He has conducted clinical trials looking at the combination of medication and psychotherapy for bipolar disorder and for depression, as well as pharmacotherapy trials in mood disorders. As medical director of Mensante, he helped create a novel internet system for recognition and management of mental disorders that is commercially marketed. Dr. Parikh will participate in the mental health course in the Department of Health Management and Policy and will be an active collaborator with faculty and students in areas of mutual activity and interest.
This additional appointment will strengthen our long-standing ties with the Department of Psychiatry. We are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Sagar Parikh, M.D. as professor of health management and policy, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective June 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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Martin A. Philbert
Dean, School of Public Health

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Michael S. Sabel, M.D.

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Surgery, with tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: William W. Coon Collegiate Professor of Surgical Oncology, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: May 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020

On the recommendation of Michael W. Mulholland, M.D., Ph.D., the Frederick A. Collier Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Michael S. Sabel, M.D. as the William W. Coon Collegiate Professor of Surgical Oncology, Medical School, effective May 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020.

The William W. Coon Collegiate Professorship in Surgical Oncology was established in October 2014 through a generous gift from Mrs. Jane Coon, and through gifts from friends and colleagues of Dr. Coon. Dr. Coon was the chair of the Medical School Institutional Review Board for 25 years, and was a faculty member at the University of Michigan for over 40 years. The appointment period may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Michael S. Sabel received his M.D. degree from Temple University in 1992. He completed a surgical residency at Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke’s Medical Center in Chicago. Dr. Sabel completed an NIH fellowship at Roswell Park Cancer Institute and was appointed as an instructor at the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1999. He was appointed as an assistant professor of surgery at the University of Michigan in 2001, and was promoted to associate professor in 2007. In 2014, he was appointed as the chief of the division of surgical oncology.

Dr. Sabel’s research focuses on surgical oncology, with special expertise in breast cancer and melanoma. His expertise lies in cryoablation of breast cancer and the use of immunotherapy in the treatment of breast cancer and melanoma. Dr. Sabel is the director of the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center Breast Cancer Clinical Outcomes Project and is the principal investigator on several clinical trials. He also focuses on the identification of unique biomarkers in breast cancer and melanoma to help guide surgical and adjuvant therapy and researching the generation of systemic immune responses from local therapies. He has 115 peer-reviewed publications, and three books to his credit. Throughout his career, Dr. Sabel has received continuous funding from the NIH.
Dr. Sabel is a major contributor to surgical oncology. He is an accomplished clinician, researcher and educator and a fitting candidate for this professorship. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the appointment of Michael S. Sabel, M.D. as the William W. Coon Collegiate Medical School, effective May 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020.

Recommended by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Rajiv Saran, M.B.B.S.

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Medical School, and Professor of Epidemiology, without tenure, School of Public Health

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Florence E. Bingham Research Professor of Nephrology, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020

On the recommendation of John M. Carethers, M.D., the John G. Searle Professor and Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Rajiv Saran, M.B.B.S. as the Florence E. Bingham Research Professor of Nephrology, Medical School, effective July 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020.

The Florence E. Bingham Research Professorship in Nephrology was established in October 2007 through a gift in 1994 from the estate of the Reverend Parley C. Bingham, and his wife, Florence Elizabeth Bingham. The gift from the Bingham estate established two funds to foster research by the Medical School in the areas of heart, respiratory and kidney health. The appointment period may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Rajiv Saran received his M.B.B.S. from the Jawahar Lal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research at Madras University in Pondicherry, India in 1984. He completed several years of training in India and the United Kingdom before arriving in the United States. Dr. Saran joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1999 as an assistant professor in internal medicine. He rose through the ranks to professor in 2012, and received a joint appointment in epidemiology in 2014.

Dr. Saran’s research focuses on chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease, specifically on early detection, improving quality of care, slowing disease progression, as well as investigating the link between cardiovascular disease and kidney disease. He has been the director of the United States Renal Data System Coordinating Center since 2014 that is based at the University of Michigan. This is the largest kidney disease registry in the world. Dr. Saran is the co-principal director of the national CDC Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Surveillance System, and the director for the Veterans Affairs Renal Information System. He is a co-investigator of a Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute project for enhancing the cardiovascular safety of hemodialysis care.
Dr. Saran is a clinical expert in CKD and provides comprehensive medical management to his patients. He is an active member of several national and international societies, has served on the editorial board of *Advances in Chronic Kidney Disease* and is a member of the editorial board for the *International Journal of Non-communicable Diseases*. Dr. Saran has published 112 peer-reviewed articles, and has co-authored two books.

Dr. Saran is a dedicated educator, who has helped develop the field of CKD surveillance for use by clinical researchers, epidemiologists and government health care officials. He is a fitting candidate for this professorship. I am, pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Rajiv Saran, M.B.B.S. as the Florence E. Bingham Research Professor of Nephrology, Medical School, effective May 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020.

Recommended by:  

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.  
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs  
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:  

Martha E. Pollack  
Provost and Executive Vice President  
for Academic Affairs

May 2016
On the recommendation of the dean and Executive Committee of the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Martin C. Schmalz as the NBD Bancorp Assistant Professor of Business Administration, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, for a one-year non-renewable term, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017.

In January 2008, the Regents approved changing the title of the Bank One Corporation Assistant or Associate Professorship in Business Administration back to the NBD Bancorp Assistant or Associate Professorship in Business Administration. The change was requested by the donor to reflect the recent acquisition of Bank One by J.P. Morgan-Chase. The professorship was first established in March 1995 as the NBD Bancorp Assistant or Associate Professorship in Business Administration. It was renamed in July 1997 to the First Chicago NBD Corporation Assistant or Associate Professorship in Business Administration and then renamed again in February 2000 as the Bank One Corporation Assistant or Associate Professorship in Business Administration. Appointments to the professorship are for one year.

Professor Schmalz joined the Ross school faculty in 2012 after completing his Ph.D. at Princeton University.

Professor Schmalz’s research interests are very broad, spanning corporate finance and asset pricing on the one hand and theoretical and empirical work on the other. A particular agenda of his on the competition implications of the common ownership of firm stocks has the potential to be path-breaking.

Since September 2015, Professor Schmalz has had three papers accepted to top-tier finance journals. As of now, four other papers are at the revise-and-resubmit stage at top-tier journals. An additional paper has been presented at top-tier conferences in the field (acceptance rates at
top-tier conferences in finance are generally lower than 10%). For someone at Professor Schmalz’s career stage, the sheer volume of high-quality work is overwhelming.

Professor Schmalz has been an exemplary junior faculty member. He brings a lot of energy and vibrancy to intellectual discussions with colleagues and within the area. He has served on a few PhD committees. He has taught the undergraduate core finance class, the evening MBA core finance class, and now a popular MBA elective (FIN 615, Valuation), and obtained high teaching ratings in all of them. Finally, and unusually for a junior faculty member, his research has been mentioned in several high-profile media outlets.

On the basis of his excellent research record, we are pleased to honor Professor Schmalz and to support his growth and development by appointing him as the NBD Bancorp Assistant Professor of Business Administration, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, for a one-year non-renewable term, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Alison Davis-Blake
Edward J. Frey Dean of Business
Stephen M. Ross School of Business

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Nils G. Walter, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Chemistry, with tenure, and Professor of Biophysics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Biological Chemistry, without tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2016

On the recommendation of Dan Goldman, Ph.D., Professor and Interim Chair of the Department of Biological Chemistry, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Nils G. Walter, Ph.D. as professor of biological chemistry, without tenure, Medical School, effective May 1, 2016.

Dr. Walter received his Ph.D. degree in biophysical chemistry from the Max Planck Institute in 1995. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1999 as an assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry. In 2005, he was promoted to associate professor and then to professor in 2009. In 2014, he was given an additional appointment as professor of biophysics.

Dr. Walter’s research focuses on the enzymology of RNA and RNA-protein complexes, measured largely at the single molecule level. In recent years, his research interests have evolved increasingly to the biomedical arena, as evident by the recent award of a Fast Forward Medical Innovation Kickstart grant from the Medical School, aiming to develop a novel single molecule based RNA detection platform for biomarkers of human disease. Dr. Walter’s appointment in the Department of Biological Chemistry would allow his laboratory to have broader access to graduate students who are interested in RNA and RNA-Protein Complexes. With this appointment, Dr. Walter will be involved in both teaching in Biological Chemistry and departmental committees.
Dr. Walter is an accomplished and respected member of the scientific community at the University of Michigan who has maintained successful research collaborations across campus. His work coincides well with the research efforts in the Department of Biological Chemistry. We are, therefore, pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Nils G. Walter, Ph.D. as professor of biological chemistry, without tenure, Medical School, effective May 1, 2016.

Recommended by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

Andrew D. Martin, Dean
Professor of Political Science and Statistics
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

May 2016
I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Michael P. Wellman as associate dean for academic affairs, College of Engineering, for a five-year renewable term, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.

Professor Wellman received his S.B. and S.M. in computer science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1983 and 1985, respectively. He remained at MIT to earn his Ph.D. in artificial intelligence in 1988. Following graduation, Professor Wellman served as a research scientist for the USAF Wright Laboratory. During this time, he also served as an adjunct assistant professor for the Air Force Institute of Technology. Professor Wellman joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as an assistant professor in 1992. He was promoted to associate professor in 1996 and to professor in 2001. From 1998 to 2000, he was also the chief market technologist for TradingDynamics, Inc. Professor Wellman was appointed as the Lynn A. Conway Collegiate Professor of Computer Science and Engineering in 2015. He also served as the director of the Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (2001-2005), as associate chair for the Computer Science and Engineering Division (2007-2009) and as a member of the College of Engineering Executive Committee (2013-2016).

Professor Wellman’s research has focused on computational market mechanisms and game-theoretic reasoning methods, with applications in electronic commerce, finance, and cybersecurity. As chief market technologist for TradingDynamics, Inc., he designed configurable auction technology for dynamic business-to-business commerce.

Professor Wellman has served the research community in various leadership roles, including program and/or conference chair of major conferences, and executive editor of the Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research. He previously served as the chair of the ACM Special Interest Group on Electronic Commerce (SIGecom), and has served on numerous boards and advisory
committees. He is a fellow of the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence, as well as the Association for Computing Machinery.

Professor Wellman has demonstrated that he possesses the experience, ability, and commitment to fulfill the important responsibilities of an associate dean in the College of Engineering. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Michael P. Wellman as associate dean for academic affairs, College of Engineering, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.

RECOMMENDED BY:

David C. Munson, Jr.
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack, Provost
and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic and administrative positions.
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a New Academic Administrative Position

POSITION TITLE: Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives, Law School

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 2016

We are pleased to recommend the establishment of a new academic administrative position as associate dean for strategic initiatives, Law School, effective June 1, 2016.

The new associate dean for strategic initiatives will have responsibility for these duties, but are not limited to, developing new academic programs and related courses that will engage partners from across the university in the interdisciplinary education of law students. The new associate dean for strategic initiatives will work under the direct supervision of the dean of the Law School.

We therefore request the establishment of this new academic position.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Mark D. West
Dean, Law School
Nippon Life Professor of Law

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
Recommendations for approval of other personnel transactions

for regular instructional staff and selected

academic and administrative staff
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship

NAME: Kent C. Berridge

CURRENT TITLES: James Olds Collegiate Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, and Professor of Psychology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: James Olds Distinguished University Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience

TERM: Period of Active Service

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2016

We are pleased to recommend to the Board of Regents the appointment of Kent C. Berridge as the James Olds Distinguished University Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, effective September 1, 2016.

The first Distinguished University Professorships were created in 1947 by the Board of Regents to recognize members of the faculty for exceptional achievement and reputation in their appointive fields of scholarly interest and for their superior teaching skills. Each professorship is named in honor of an eminent individual—preferably one associated with the university—in the scholar’s same general field of interest. Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship continues to be one of the most prestigious honors conferred by the university upon a member of its faculty.

Kent Berridge received his B.S. degree from the University of California at Davis in 1979, and his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1983. He joined the University of Michigan as an assistant professor of psychology in 1985. In 1995, he was promoted to professor and was appointed as the James Olds Collegiate Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience in 2009.

Professor Berridge is one of the most significant and influential biopsychologists and behavioral neuroscientists at work today. His paradigm-breaking empirical research and theories have had extraordinary impact and fundamentally changed the psychology of emotion, motivation, and addiction. His contributions to basic psychological science have translated into improved understanding of disorders including addiction, eating disorders, depression and schizophrenia. Professor Berridge’s best-known contributions are the development of a theoretical framework of reward motivation, and his empirical demonstrations that brain mechanisms for wanting a reward are separable from mechanisms for liking the same reward. He investigates questions such as: How is pleasure generated in the brain? How does motivation work? Does fear share anything with desire? What causes addiction? Professor Berridge has published more than 180 book chapters and articles in leading journals and is one of the most frequently-cited neuroscientists in the United States. He has been elected as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and in 2016 received the Distinguished Scientific Contributions Award from the American Psychological Association, among the highest honors for scientific achievement by psychologists. He has received many other academic honors including selection as a master lecturer by the American Psychological Association, and as a Guggenheim Fellow by the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. His work has had extraordinary international impact. He was a Fulbright Senior...
Scholar at the University of Burgundy and has been a visiting professor at the University of Birmingham, the University of Liverpool, the University of Cambridge, and University College, London.

Professor Berridge is an outstanding teacher. He teaches the required Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience course, conveying the excitement of research and learning to undergraduates, as well as advanced courses in Affective Neuroscience. He has twice won the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts’ Excellence in Education teaching award, and has received the Master Lecturer Award for Teaching from the Michigan Psychological Association.

As he assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Berridge wishes to be named the James Olds Distinguished University Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience.

James Olds was one of the most important psychologists of the twentieth century and one of the founders of neuroscience. He identified “reward systems” in the brain, through his discovery that rodents would work to electrically stimulate particular brain sites, which was fundamental to understanding the biological basis of motivation and mechanisms of addiction. He pioneered the study of neural substrates of learning and memory. He was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1957 to 1969, when he moved to the California Institute of Technology.

The appointment of Kent C. Berridge as the James Olds Distinguished University Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience recognizes his extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, his commitment to excellence in education for his students, and his extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Carol A. Fierke
Dean, Horace H. Rackham Graduate School,
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
and Chair, Advisory Committee on
Distinguished University Professorships

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship

NAME: Sally A. Camper

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Human Genetics, with tenure, and Professor of Internal Medicine, without tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Margery Shaw Distinguished University Professor of Human Genetics and Internal Medicine

TERM: Period of Active Service

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2016

We are pleased to recommend to the Board of Regents the appointment of Sally A. Camper as the Margery Shaw Distinguished University Professor of Human Genetics and Internal Medicine, effective September 1, 2016.

The first Distinguished University Professorships were created in 1947 by the Board of Regents to recognize members of the faculty for exceptional achievement and reputation in their appointment fields of scholarly interest and for their superior teaching skills. Each professorship is named in honor of an eminent individual—preferably one associated with the university—in the scholar’s same general field of interest. Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship continues to be one of the most prestigious honors conferred by the university upon a member of its faculty.

Professor Camper received her B.A. in Chemistry from the University of Delaware, and earned her Ph.D. in Biochemistry at Michigan State University in 1983. After completing post-doctoral fellowships at the Institute for Cancer Research in Philadelphia and Princeton University in New Jersey, she joined the University of Michigan’s Department of Human Genetics in 1988 as an assistant professor. In 2005, she was appointed the James V. Neel Professor of Human Genetics and Internal Medicine and chair of the Department of Human Genetics. She served as the chair through December 2015.

Professor Camper is internationally recognized as a leading researcher in the field of inherited birth defects. She was among the pioneers in the use of transgenic mouse models to study developmentally regulated gene-expression that result in human genetic disorders. Her research in the genetics that provide the basis for neuroendocrine disorders, skeletal defects and deafness has appeared in more than 150 publications. Her studies with human patients and genetically-modified mice have revealed genetic causes of disease, pathophysiological mechanisms, and potential therapeutics. Her path-breaking accomplishments led to a ten year Merit Award from the National Institutes of Health. She founded and directed the Medical School’s Transgenic Animal Model Core, enabling many investigators to work at the cutting edge of research on human disease mechanism and development of in vivo therapies. She has held leadership positions in the Genetics Society of America, the American Society of Human Genetics, and other leading academic societies. She is a member of the Board of Scientific Counselors for the National Human Genome Research Institute, NIH, and the Board of Directors of the American Society for Human Genetics. In 2007, she received the Roy O. Greep Award for Outstanding Research from the...
Endocrine Society, and she has been elected as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Professor Camper’s devotion to educating biomedical science researchers was recognized with her selection in 2011 as a recipient of the Rackham Graduate School’s Distinguished Graduate Mentoring Award. She was a founder and associate director of the graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences, a common gateway for Ph.D. studies in 14 disciplines. She has advised 17 doctoral students, seven of whom received both Ph.D. and M.D. degrees. She has also served as an inspiring mentor to many more undergraduates and post-doctoral fellows, and has an accomplished record of training and mentoring women scientists at all levels. As chair of the Department of Human Genetics, she has recruited outstanding new faculty and increased the visibility of graduate education within the Medical School.

As she assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Camper wishes to be named the Margery Shaw Distinguished University Professor of Human Genetics and Internal Medicine.

Margery Shaw received her M.D. degree at the University of Michigan, and was the first woman member of the Department of Human Genetics. She became a leader in human cytogenetics, and made many contributions to identifying the basis for human genetic diseases. She also was a leader in the introduction of bioethics into genetics research. After moving to the University of Texas, she earned her J.D. and became one of the nation’s most prolific and respected commentators on legal and policy issues in human genetics, publishing many papers on topics such as legal liability in genetic counseling, the legal standards for determining paternity, the recombinant DNA controversy, the legal status of the fetus, and in vitro fertilization.

The appointment of Sally A. Camper as the Margery Shaw Distinguished University Professor of Human Genetics and Internal Medicine recognizes her extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, her commitment to excellence in education for his students, and her extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Carol A. Fierke
Dean, Horace H. Rackham Graduate School, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Chair, Advisory Committee on Distinguished University Professorships

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
We are pleased to recommend to the Board of Regents the appointment of Robert L. Griess, Jr. as the John Griggs Thompson Distinguished University Professor of Mathematics, effective September 1, 2016.

The first Distinguished University Professorships were created in 1947 by the Board of Regents to recognize members of the faculty for exceptional achievement and reputation in their appointive fields of scholarly interest and for their superior teaching skills. Each professorship is named in honor of an eminent individual—preferably one associated with the university—in the scholar's same general field of interest. Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship continues to be one of the most prestigious honors conferred by the university upon a member of its faculty.

Robert L. Griess, Jr. completed his undergraduate studies and received a doctorate in mathematics at the University of Chicago, where he wrote a thesis on central extensions of simple groups. He was appointed as a T.H. Hildebrandt Research Instructor in the Department of Mathematics in 1971, and in 1973 he was appointed as an assistant professor. He achieved the rank of professor in 1981, and was appointed as the Richard D. Bauer Collegiate Professor of Mathematics in 2011.

Professor Griess has been hailed as one of the best mathematicians working on finite simple groups and vertex algebra theory. His research interests are finite groups, finite aspects of Lie theory, vertex algebras, and rational lattices. A group is a mathematical object characterized by a number of elements and an operation (like addition) that lets one move from one element to another. Deceptively simple, groups offer a powerful way to explore many problems, especially those in physics and chemistry that involve symmetry. Professor Griess’ discovery and construction of the largest sporadic simple group, which has a 54-digit number of elements and is called the Monster, has been hailed as a tour de force with far-reaching connections within many areas of mathematics and theoretical physics. His construction of this group, accomplished without the aid of computers, constitutes one of the most famous achievements in mathematics. His work has had a transformational impact on group theory and representation theory and offered a foundation for new and deep theories involving finite simple groups, number theory, arithmetic geometry and mathematical physics.

Professor Griess has won many honors and accolades. He was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship and presented an invited address to the International Congress of Mathematicians. In 2010, he received the
American Mathematical Society Leroy P. Steele Prize for Seminal Research, awarded for a paper that has proved to be of fundamental or lasting importance in its field, or a model of important research. He has been elected as a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has held visiting appointments at the Institute for Advanced Study, Yale University, École Normale Supérieure (Paris), the University of California Santa Cruz, National Cheng Kung University (Taiwan), and Zhejiang University (China).

Throughout his career, Professor Griess has been exceptionally attentive to education. He is a meticulous and careful instructor who expects a great deal from his students and who puts great effort into his teaching. He co-developed his department’s guidelines for graduate students, and made pivotal contributions in introducing computers into classroom instruction. He has been a strong advocate for diversity and the inclusion of under-represented students. He led the Department of Mathematics effort in the King/Chavez/Parks College Day visitation program, and is committed to having more under-represented students pursue the study of mathematics-based disciplines. In 2003, he received the university’s Harold Johnson Diversity Service Award in recognition of his commitment to the development of a more diverse campus community.

As he assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Griess wishes to be named the John Griggs Thompson Distinguished University Professor of Mathematics.

John Griggs Thompson is a highly distinguished mathematician noted for his work in the field of finite groups. In his doctoral thesis and subsequent work, Professor Thompson made critical breakthroughs in finite group theory and the classification of finite simple groups, which was one of the great achievements of twentieth century mathematics. Professor Thompson was awarded the Fields Medal (1970) and the Abel Prize (2008), the two top awards in mathematics, as well as many other significant academic honors.

The appointment of Robert L. Griess as the John Griggs Thompson Distinguished University Professor of Mathematics recognizes his extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, his commitment to excellence in education for his students, and his extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Carol A. Fierke
Dean, Horace H. Rackham Graduate School,
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
and Chair, Advisory Committee on
Distinguished University Professorships

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

May 2016
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship

NAME: Sharon C. Herbert

CURRENT TITLES: John G. Pedley Collegiate Professor of Classical Archaeology, and Professor of Classical Archaeology and Greek, with tenure, Department of Classical Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Charles K. Williams, II Distinguished University Professor of Classical Archaeology

TERM: Period of Active Service

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2016

We are pleased to recommend to the Board of Regents the appointment of Sharon C. Herbert as the Charles K. Williams II Distinguished University Professor of Classical Archaeology, effective September 1, 2016.

The first Distinguished University Professorships were created in 1947 by the Board of Regents to recognize members of the faculty for exceptional achievement and reputation in their appointive fields of scholarly interest and for their superior teaching skills. Each professorship is named in honor of an eminent individual—preferably one associated with the university—in the scholar’s same general field of interest. Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship continues to be one of the most prestigious honors conferred by the university upon a member of its faculty.

Professor Herbert earned her bachelor’s degree, majoring in classics, at Stanford University. She continued on to her doctorate at Stanford, joining the excavation team at the ancient city of Corinth and studying at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, while completing her degree in 1972. In 1973, she joined the University of Michigan as an assistant professor of Greek and classical studies. She was promoted to professor in 1990 and in 2008 was appointed as the John G. Pedley Collegiate Professor of Classical Archaeology. From 1979 to 1993, she was an associate curator, then curator, of the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, and was appointed as the director in 1997, serving in that position until 2013. She also has served as the chair of the Department of Classical Studies and the director of the Interdepartmental Program in Classical Art and Archaeology.

Professor Herbert is a pioneering archaeologist who uses the study of everyday pottery to determine not only dates and chronology, but to derive insights into the social and economic practices of the Hellenistic world that fused Greek culture with that of the Middle East and Egypt. She has directed major excavations at Tel Anafa and Tel Kedesh in northern Israel, and at Coptos in Egypt, sites of ethnically diverse towns that lay at the borderlands of culture zones and astride trade routes of the ancient world. Her current research identifies the continuing traces of Phoenician culture in the material record of the Hellenistic era and centers on the hinterland of the ancient Phoenician city of Tyre. Her work has had profound implications for classical archaeology, refocusing it from famous cities to rural areas where diverse cultures met and mixed. She has won many professional awards and accolades. She is the vice
president of the American Schools of Oriental Research and the president of the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem and has been the Norton lecturer for the Archaeological Institute of America, one of the highest honors the Institute can bestow.

Professor Herbert has been an innovator in graduate education. She played a key role in the development of the Interdepartmental Program in Classical Art and Archaeology, which is among the very top programs of its kind in the United States. She has chaired or co-chaired 20 doctoral dissertations and mentored many other graduate students. In 2000, she was recognized by the Rackham Graduate School with the John H. D’Arms Award for Distinguished Graduate Mentoring.

As she assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Herbert wishes to be named the Charles K. Williams, II Distinguished University Professor of Classical Archaeology.

Charles K. Williams, II (b. 1930) is a director emeritus of the Corinth Excavations of The American School of Classical Studies at Athens. He received his B.A. and M.F.A. from Princeton University and his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. He is one of the most distinguished American classical archaeologists and has worked in Sicily, Turkey and Greece, where he was appointed as the director of the Corinth Excavations in 1966, a position which he maintained until his retirement in 1997.

The appointment of Charles K. Williams, II Distinguished University Professor of Classical Archaeology recognizes her extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, her commitment to excellence in education for his students, and her extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:  

Carol A. Fierke  
Dean, Horace H. Rackham Graduate School,  
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs  
and Chair, Advisory Committee on  
Distinguished University Professorships

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:  

Martha E. Pollack  
Provost and Executive Vice President  
for Academic Affairs

May 2016
The University of Michigan
Regents Communication

Action Request: Faculty Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship

Name: Alfred O. Hero, III

Current Titles: R. Jamison and Betty Williams Professor of Engineering, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with tenure, Professor of Biomedical Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School, and Professor of Statistics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Additional Title: John H. Holland Distinguished University Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Term: Period of Active Service

Effective Date: September 1, 2016

We are pleased to recommend to the Board of Regents the appointment of Alfred O. Hero, III as the John H. Holland Distinguished University Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, effective September 1, 2016.

The first Distinguished University Professorships were created in 1947 by the Board of Regents to recognize members of the faculty for exceptional achievement and reputation in their appointive fields of scholarly interest and for their superior teaching skills. Each professorship is named in honor of an eminent individual—preferably one associated with the university—in the scholar’s same general field of interest. Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship continues to be one of the most prestigious honors conferred by the university upon a member of its faculty.

Professor Hero earned his B.S. in engineering, summa cum laude, from Boston University, and earned his Ph.D. in electrical engineering and computer science from Princeton University in 1984. That same year, he joined the University of Michigan’s Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science as an assistant professor. In 1996, he was promoted to professor of electrical engineering and computer science and biomedical engineering. In 2009, he was appointed as the R. Jamison and Betty Williams Professor of Engineering, and is a founding co-director of the Michigan Institute for Data Science (MIDAS).

Professor Hero is a leader with very few equals in the theory and practice of signal and image processing. His many fundamental contributions have significantly advanced many practical application areas. He has developed methods that have had major impacts on technologies for image processing; communication links and networks; nuclear medicine imaging; intelligent vehicle positioning systems; and bioinformatics and biomedical data processing. Many researchers devote careers to just one of these areas; Professor Hero has published significant papers and has graduated doctoral students who are leaders in each of these areas. He achieves this by asking fundamental questions that address a family of problems, an approach that has resulted in many truly seminal contributions to the theory of statistical signal processing. His papers are among the most widely cited in his field, and have stimulated the development of a wide range of new technologies. He is widely recognized, as just one example, for his fundamental contributions to the field of medical imaging which apply tools from statistical estimation.

Approved by the Regents
May 19, 2016
theory and information theory to imaging problems. This work has resulted not only in significant advances for medical imaging but also for applications in many other areas.

He has received many accolades and honors and has held offices in professional organizations, including serving as president of the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) Signal Processing Society and serving on the IEEE board of Directors as Director of Signals and Applications. He is a fellow of the IEEE. He won the Technical Achievement Award and the Society Award, which is the highest award bestowed by the leading professional organization in signal processing (IEEE Signal Processing Society). He has received nine best paper awards, including one from the journal Cytometry for his work on bioinformatics and flow cytometry. He has been a visiting professor and a scientist at a number of other universities in the United States and France, where he was recently honored as the Digiteo Chaire d’Excellence at the École Supérieure d’Électricité.

Professor Hero is also an outstanding teacher and mentor of graduate students. He has graduated over 50 doctoral students, and teaches classes at both the undergraduate and graduate level in electrical engineering systems and signal processing, including adaptive signal processing, probability and probabilistic models, signal detection, estimation and filtering, and signal processing laboratory.

As he assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Hero wishes to be named the John H. Holland Distinguished University Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

John H. Holland received the first Ph.D. in computer science awarded by University of Michigan, where he went on to become an internationally eminent professor of Psychology and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. He was a seminal thinker and founder of the interdisciplinary field of complex systems who applied fundamental ideas from biology to help define the nascent field of adaptive computation.

The appointment of Alfred O. Hero, III as the John H. Holland Distinguished University Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science recognizes his extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, his commitment to excellence in education for his students, and his extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Carol A. Fierke
Dean, Horace H. Rackham Graduate School,
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
and Chair, Advisory Committee on
Distinguished University Professorships

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

May 2016
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship

NAME: Wallace J. Hopp

CURRENT TITLES: Herrick Professor of Business, Associate Dean for Learning and Design, Professor of Technology and Operations, with tenure, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, and Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

ADDITIONAL TITLE: C.K. Prahalad Distinguished University Professor of Business and Engineering

TERM: Period of Active Service

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2016

We are pleased to recommend to the Board of Regents the appointment of Wallace J. Hopp as the C.K. Prahalad Distinguished University Professor of Business and Engineering, effective September 1, 2016.

The first Distinguished University Professorships were created in 1947 by the Board of Regents to recognize members of the faculty for exceptional achievement and reputation in their appointive fields of scholarly interest and for their superior teaching skills. Each professorship is named in honor of an eminent individual—preferably one associated with the university—in the scholar's same general field of interest. Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship continues to be one of the most prestigious honors conferred by the university upon a member of its faculty.

Professor Hopp earned his B.S. from Michigan State University in 1978, with a major in physics, and his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1984 in industrial and operations engineering. He was hired as an assistant professor of industrial engineering and management science at Northwestern University, where he was promoted to professor, and in 1993 he was appointed as a professor in the Department of Managerial Economics and Decision Sciences. In 2007, he joined the University of Michigan as the Herrick Professor of Manufacturing in the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, and was appointed as a professor of industrial and operations engineering in the College of Engineering.

Professor Hopp fundamentally changed the discipline of operations management through the development of factory physics. He is also one of the most distinguished and internationally recognized scholars in the fields of manufacturing, healthcare operations and workforce management, in which his work has influenced both research and practice. His early writings on behavioral issues in operations systems helped to define an entirely new subfield of behavioral operations. His recent collaboration with University of Michigan medical faculty examining the operations of hospitals has won wide acclaim. He has served as editor-in-chief of Management Science, the top scholarly journal in his field. It is rare that a scholar is regarded so highly in the fields of both business and engineering. The impact of his work has been recognized by election as a fellow by top societies in business and engineering, including the IIE (Institute of Industrial Engineers), SME (Society of Mechanical Engineers), INFORMS (Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences), POMS (Production and Operations Management Society), and MSOM (Manufacturing and Services Operations Management). His seminal contributions
were recognized by his election to the National Academy of Engineering, of which fewer than 1% of its members are faculty in business schools.

Professor Hopp has mentored highly successful doctoral students in industrial engineering and operations management who have gone on to professorships in top business and engineering schools around the country and the world. He has won teaching awards in both business and engineering, an exceptional accomplishment. He continues to be an innovator in the classroom, recently developing digital modules to free up class sessions for engaged learning experiences and launching the Ross Learning Design Initiative.

As he assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Hopp wishes to be named the C.K. Prahalad Distinguished University Professor of Business and Engineering.

C.K. Prahalad was the Paul and Ruth McCracken Distinguished University Professor of Corporate Strategy at the Stephen M. Ross School of Business from 1977-2010. Widely recognized as a highly creative scholar and an influential business thinker, he revolutionized thinking about business by introducing the core competency model of corporate strategy, originating the “bottom of the pyramid” perspective on poverty eradication by for-profit ventures, and other highly original ideas. His books stimulated research that continues today.

The appointment of Wallace J. Hopp as C.K. Prahalad Distinguished University Professor of Business and Engineering recognizes his extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, his commitment to excellence in education for his students, and his extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Carol A. Fierke  
Dean, Horace H. Rackham Graduate School,  
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs  
and Chair, Advisory Committee on  
Distinguished University Professorships

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack  
Provost and Executive Vice President  
for Academic Affairs

May 2016
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship

NAME: Melanie S. Sanford

CURRENT TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Moses Gomberg Collegiate Professor of Chemistry, and Professor of Chemistry, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Moses Gomberg Distinguished University Professor of Chemistry, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and Professor of Chemistry, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Period of Active Service

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2016

We are pleased to recommend to the Board of Regents the appointment of Melanie S. Sanford as the Moses Gomberg Distinguished University Professor of Chemistry, effective September 1, 2016.

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Melanie S. Sanford received her B.S. and M.S. degrees at Yale University in 1996 and earned her Ph.D. at the California Institute of Technology. Following post-doctoral work at Princeton University, she joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2003 as an assistant professor of chemistry. She was promoted to associate professor in 2007 and to professor in 2010. In 2011, she was appointed as an Arthur F. Thurnau Professor and the following year she was appointed as the Moses Gomberg Collegiate Professor of Chemistry.

Professor Sanford is one of the most recognized and influential chemists in the world. She is pre-eminent in the study of the use of transition metals to catalyze a variety of important reactions in organic synthesis, and area of central importance to chemistry. She is an innovative researcher who has pioneered the detailed mechanistic study of catalytic reactions and the use of mechanistic analysis as a driver for the development of new chemistries. Much of her research focuses on converting simple and readily available starting materials (for example carbon dioxide or carbon-hydrogen bonds) into much more complex products through the use of transition metal catalysis. Her path-breaking research develops new chemical reactions to enable the production of pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, and fuels in a more efficient and environmentally-friendly manner. She has published more than 130 papers in the areas of catalytic C-H functionalization, catalytic fluorination, organometallic chemistry, mechanistic analysis of organic reactions, carbon dioxide and methane conversion chemistry, and battery materials design. She is an associate editor for the Journal of the American Chemical Society, the top journal in chemistry. She has won numerous top academic honors, including the American Chemical Society Award in Pure
Chemistry, the Raymond and Beverly Sackler International Prize for junior chemists who have made outstanding and fundamental contributions to their field, and a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship. She is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the National Academy of Sciences.

Professor Sanford is an outstanding teacher, recognized with a Thurnau Professorship, a John Dewey Award for Undergraduate Education, and an LSA Excellence in Teaching Award. Her passion, energy, unsurpassed command of her subject, and commitment to her students make learning infectious. She has chaired 37 doctoral committees and mentored even more post-doctoral fellows and undergraduates. She is a strong and effective mentor for students who are under-represented in the sciences. Close to 60% of the Ph.D. recipients she has mentored have been women, and she has mentored a significant number of under-represented minorities and first-generation college students.

As she assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Sanford wishes to be named the Moses Gomberg Distinguished University Professor of Chemistry.

Moses Gomberg received his B.S. and Ph.D. (1894) from the University of Michigan, where he worked for his entire academic career. Professor Gomberg made seminal contributions to the field of physical organic chemistry, notably the landmark discovery of the triphenylmethyl radical, the first example of a persistent free radical involving trivalent carbon. This discovery sparked the rich field of carbon-based radical chemistry. The University of Michigan’s Department of Chemistry is recognized as a National Historic Chemical Landmark on the basis of this discovery. Professor Gomberg’s work is particularly salient to Professor Sanford, as many of her major contributions have been in the area of physical organic chemistry, including reactions involving carbon radicals.

The appointment of Melanie S. Sanford as the Moses Gomberg Distinguished University Professor of Chemistry, effective September 1, 2016, recognizes her extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, her commitment to excellence in education for his students, and her extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Carol A. Fierke
Dean, Horace H. Rackham Graduate School, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Chair, Advisory Committee on Distinguished University Professorships

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
We are pleased to recommend to the Board of Regents the appointment of June Manning Thomas as the Mary Frances Berry Distinguished University Professor of Urban Planning, effective September 1, 2016.

The first Distinguished University Professorships were created in 1947 by the Board of Regents to recognize members of the faculty for exceptional achievement and reputation in their appointive fields of scholarly interest and for their superior teaching skills. Each professorship is named in honor of an eminent individual—preferably one associated with the university—in the scholar’s same general field of interest. Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship continues to be one of the most prestigious honors conferred by the university upon a member of its faculty.

Professor Thomas earned her B.A. from Michigan State University in 1970, with a major in sociology. Awarded Danforth, National Science Foundation, and Woodrow Wilson Fellowships, she entered the doctoral program in the urban and regional planning program at the University of Michigan, earning her Ph.D. in 1977 with a dissertation studying the loss of land ownership among African-Americans in South Carolina. Professor Thomas taught at Michigan State University before accepting a position in 2007 as the Centennial Professor in the Urban and Regional Planning Program of the A. Alfred Taubman College Architecture and Urban Planning.

Professor Thomas is a pre-eminent scholar of how racial inequality and disunity have affected the planning, evolution, and redevelopment of cities and their neighborhoods. Her work focuses on economically distressed central cities, addressing issues of planning theory and social justice. Her co-edited book, Urban Planning and the African American Community: In the Shadows, is a path-breaking exploration of key connections between racial injustice and urban planning. Redevelopment and Race: Planning a Finer City in Postwar Detroit won the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning’s Paul Davidoff Award for urban planning books published in in the area of social justice. She has written or co-edited three additional books related to race and poverty in Detroit and in other depopulated cities in the Midwest as well as dozens of book chapters and articles in scholarly journals. She also has written policy reports for the city of Detroit and the state of Michigan. Her recent research explores community development in Detroit and the 1960s civil rights movement in Orangeburg, South Carolina, where she helped integrate the local high school. Professor Thomas’ research has been widely recognized by numerous academic awards including her election as a fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners. She is a prominent and highly effective national advocate for diversity and inclusion of under-represented faculty and students in urban planning academic...
programs. In 2013, she was appointed as president of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, where she encouraged greater racial diversity in the nation’s urban planning schools.

Professor Thomas is an outstanding and inspirational teacher. She was a founding instructor for the Residential College’s Semester in Detroit program, teaching at the U-M Detroit Center from 2011 to 2015. Her graduate course in planning theory is a defining experience for many graduate students, emphasizing ethics and challenging students to consider how the planning process interacts with and affects disadvantaged communities without access to decision-makers. In recognition of her many contributions in the classroom and of her wider service on behalf of a more inclusive university, in 2014, Professor Thomas was awarded the Harold R. Johnson Diversity Service Award.

As she assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Thomas wishes to be named the Mary Frances Berry Distinguished University Professor of Urban and Regional Planning.

Mary Frances Berry earned her Ph.D. in history and a law degree from the University of Michigan. She has had a distinguished career as an academic and in public service. She is a former provost of the University of Maryland, former chancellor of the University of Colorado at Boulder, and former president of the Organization of American Historians. She was the U.S. assistant secretary for education (1977-1980), and a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (1980-2004), serving eleven years as chair. She is a scholar who has explored racial injustice, women’s rights, and U.S. law, in numerous books and articles. In 1984, she co-founded the Free South Africa Movement to fight apartheid in South Africa. Recipient of many academic awards, she currently is the Geraldine R. Segal Professor of American Social Thought and professor of history at the University of Pennsylvania.

The appointment of June Manning Thomas as the Mary Frances Berry Distinguished University Professor of Urban Planning recognizes her extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, her commitment to excellence in education for his students, and her extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Carol A. Fierke
Dean, Horace H. Rackham Graduate School, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Chair, Advisory Committee on Distinguished University Professorships

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
We are pleased to recommend to the Board of Regents the appointment of Valerie J. Traub as the Adrienne Rich Distinguished University Professor of English and Women’s Studies, effective September 1, 2016.

The first Distinguished University Professorships were created in 1947 by the Board of Regents to recognize members of the faculty for exceptional achievement and reputation in their appointive fields of scholarly interest and for their superior teaching skills. Each professorship is named in honor of an eminent individual—preferably one associated with the university—in the scholar’s same general field of interest. Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship continues to be one of the most prestigious honors conferred by the university upon a member of its faculty.

Professor Traub received her B.A. from the University of California at Santa Cruz with a dual degree in American studies and women’s studies. She received a M.A. and earned her Ph.D. in English literature from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Before moving to Michigan, she taught at Swarthmore College and Vanderbilt University, where she received tenure in 1994. In 1996, she joined the University of Michigan, and was promoted to professor in 2001. In 2011, she was appointed as the Frederick G.L. Huetwell Professor.

Professor Traub’s research and writing have been animated by persistent questions concerning what scholars know and can know about bodies in history, and how such knowledge-claims are made. The effects of her explorations into these deceptively simple questions have transformed her field of research over the last twenty-five years, as her work has become increasingly interdisciplinary and addressed many different kinds of texts—from stage plays and poems, to legal and medical treatises, maps and anatomical illustrations. Her monographs, Desire and Anxiety: Circulations of Sexuality in Shakespearean Drama and The Renaissance of Lesbianism in Early Modern England, were formative contributions to the study of Shakespearean drama, early modern theater practice, the history of sexuality, and theories of the subject. This work—and her subsequent monographs, field-defining edited collections, book chapters, journal articles and scholarly addresses—are developed from her unique mastery of an extraordinarily broad set of primary and secondary sources, a wholly original archive from which she has developed original and far-reaching arguments about the changing representations of female desire. Her scholarship engages more general questions of historical method and epistemology and has had an exceptional impact.
on scholarly research on early modern constructions of gender and sexuality. Her contributions have reshaped early modern studies. Professor Traub has received many academic honors. Her work has been honored with a fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, and she has won fellowship and research support from the American Council of Learned Societies, the Huntington Library, the Newberry Library, and the Folger Library. She has sat on the editorial boards of several leading journals in the humanities, including PMLA, and the journal of the Modern Language Association. She has twice won the Modern Language Association Lesbian and Gay Caucus Crompton-Noll Award for best essay.

Professor Traub is an outstanding teacher who is creative in generating dialog across disciplines. She is a generous mentor of graduate students who has chaired 19 doctoral dissertations and received the John H. D'Arms Faculty Award for Distinguished Graduate Mentoring in the Humanities. She has served as a graduate director in the English Department and chair of the Women's Studies Department.

As she assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Traub wishes to be named the Adrienne Rich Distinguished University Professor of English and Women's Studies.

Adrienne Rich was a feminist poet, essayist, teacher and activist, notable for her fierce intelligence, aesthetic exactitude, prodigious creative output, political courage, and uncompromising integrity. Her first collection of poetry, A Change of World, was selected as the first Yale Series of Younger Poets Award. Snapshots of a Daughter-in-Law (1963) brought to the fore tensions she experienced as a wife and mother, anticipating the feminism that came to define her work. Her commitment to women on political, affective, and sexual levels became a potent source of creative thought and energy, reflected in her essays and many subsequent poetry collections. Rich won many awards, including the National Book Award and a MacArthur fellowship, but declined the National Medal of Arts in protest against the defunding of the National Endowment of the Arts. Rich’s work exemplifies the ways that the feminist slogan “the personal is political” can provide the basis for a profound scrutiny of self, of others, and the ethical quandaries that connect and separate us.

The appointment of Valerie J. Traub as the Adrienne Rich Distinguished University Professor of English and Women's Studies recognizes her extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, her commitment to excellence in education for his students, and her extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Carol A. Fierke
Dean, Horace H. Rackham Graduate School, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Chair, Advisory Committee on Distinguished University Professorships

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Martha E. Pollack
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2016
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Administrative Appointment

NAME: William Greer

CURRENT TITLE: Director, Animal Care and Use Office

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Assistant Vice President for Research – Animal Program Compliance Oversight, UM Office of Research

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 2016

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of William Greer as assistant vice president for research – animal program compliance oversight, UM Office of Research, effective June 1, 2016.

Mr. Greer received his B.S. degree (1986) in microbiology and earned select credits towards his M.S. degree in adult education from the Pennsylvania State University. He has extensive experience in animal care and use programs as well as biosafety and radiation research compliance programs. Mr. Greer is currently the associate director in the Office of Research Protection at Penn State University. He is an active ad hoc consultant to the Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Science (AAALAC) International Council and currently serves as the chair of the Board of Directors and the president of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Administrators Association. He is the co-author of a book titled The IACUC Administrator’s Guide to Animal Program Management.

As assistant vice president, Mr. Greer will be responsible for the leadership and management of the university-wide compliance oversight for animals used in research and education at the university. In partnership with the Attending Veterinarian and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, Mr. Greer will lead the Animal Care and Use Office (ACUO) in fostering an environment of engagement, support and service to the research community. He will work with the IACUC to ensure that animal research is conducted and reviewed in accordance with appropriate international, federal or state regulations and guidance, with funding agency specific guidelines, with institutional policies, and with appropriate accreditation standards.

Mr. Greer’s experience, expertise and national visibility are well suited to this position. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of William Greer as assistant vice president for research – animal program compliance oversight, UM Office of Research, effective June 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Jack Hu
Vice President for Research

May 2016
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - DEARBORN

Recommendations for approval of reappointments
of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment

NAME: Claudia S. Kocher

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Dean, and Associate Professor of Finance, with tenure, College of Business

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Associate Dean, College of Business

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019

On the recommendation of the dean of the College of Business, and the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Claudia S. Kocher as associate dean, College of Business, for a three-year term, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

Professor Kocher received her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1978, a Master of Business Administration (finance) from Marquette University in 1985, and a Ph.D. in statistics and accounting from Michigan State University in 1993. Professor Kocher joined the faculty of the College of Business, University of Michigan-Dearborn, in 1993.

Professor Kocher has been active in school and campus service activities related to curriculum development, assessment and governance. She has previously served as the undergraduate program director and assessment coordinator for the College of Business. She has published in refereed journals such as Journal of Applied Business Research, Financial Practice and Education, Journal of Financial Education, and Health Care Management Review and has been an effective leader during her current term as associate dean.

I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Claudia S. Kocher as associate dean, College of Business, for a three-year term, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

RECOMMENDED BY:

[Signature]
Daniel Little, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

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ACTION REQUEST: Transfer of Title and Tenure of a Faculty Member

NAME: Scott D. DeGregorio

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of English Literature, with tenure, Department of Literature, Philosophy, and the Arts, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Associate Professor of English Literature, with tenure, College-Wide Programs, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 2016

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, and the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, I am pleased to recommend a transfer of title and tenure for Scott D. DeGregorio from associate professor of English literature, with tenure, Department of Literature, Philosophy, and the Arts, to associate professor of English literature, with tenure, College-Wide Programs, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, effective June 1, 2016.

Scott D. DeGregorio earned a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Massachusetts in 1993. He attended the University of St. Andrews, Scotland where he received the Master of Literature in Mediaeval English in 1995. He received a Ph.D. in English from the University of Toronto in 1999. He began his teaching career as an instructor at the University of Toronto. In 2001, he was appointed as a visiting assistant professor of English in the Department of Humanities at University of Michigan-Dearborn and in 2002, he was appointed as assistant professor of English, without tenure. He was promoted to associate professor of English, with tenure, in 2002, in the Department of Literature, Philosophy and the Arts. Professor DeGregorio received the “Best Edition/Translation published in Anglo-Saxon Studies, 2005-2007” award from the International Society of Anglo-Saxonists.

I am very pleased to recommend a transfer of title and tenure for Scott D. DeGregorio from associate professor of English literature, with tenure, Department of Literature, Philosophy, and the Arts to associate professor of English literature, with tenure, College-Wide Programs, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, effective June 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDED BY:

University of Michigan-Dearborn
Daniel Little, Chancellor

May 2016
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Recommendations for approval of new appointments and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks, with tenure
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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Mark Simon

TITLES: Hagerman Faculty Development Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, and Professor of Management, School of Management

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2016

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the School of Management, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Mark Simon as the Hagerman Faculty Development Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, for a three-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2016 through August 30, 2019, and as professor of management, with tenure, School of Management, effective September 1, 2016.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Professor Simon received his B.S. degree from Babson College in 1980, and his M.S. degree and Ph.D. from Georgia State University in 1990 and 1996, respectively.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD:

Professor Simon began his academic career as an assistant professor of management at Oakland University from 1996, was promoted to associate professor in 2002, and to professor in 2011. During his tenure at Oakland, he served as the director of the Entrepreneurship Institute from 2000 to 2006 and the director of Ideas 2 Business (i2B) since 2014 which is a multifaceted business program that assists students, staff, and faculty members at Oakland in developing their entrepreneurial ideas.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION:

As a distinguished expert in the field of entrepreneurship, at the professorial level he served as a coordinator of the undergraduate entrepreneurship minor, graduate entrepreneurship concentration, and developed new courses such as Undergraduate Finding a Venture Idea course and other innovative entrepreneurship courses. Professor Simon’s scholarship substantiates his expertise in entrepreneurship which includes his book, The Balanced Entrepreneur: Finding and Perfecting
Ideas to Generate Finance, Freedom, Fun, and Fortune. Clarkston MI: Entrepreneurial Lifestyle Publications 2011 as well as many peer-reviewed articles.

Professor Simon is the recipient of the prestigious 2014 Michigan Distinguished Professor Award from the Michigan Association of State Universities (formerly Presidents Council), Oakland’s representative as the U.S. Professor of the Year, finalist of the Careers Division Best Symposium, Sam M. Walton Fellow, and others too numerous to list. He serves on the Review Board of several publications such as Entrepreneurship: Theory and Practice, Academy of Management Journal, and the Journal of Business Venturing, to name a few.

PUBLICATIONS


EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWERS

Reviewer (A)
“...he has been so successful with his scholarship appearing in top level journals. Because of the quality of Dr. Simon’s research, he has been able to make significant contributions in multiple outlets ... His work is indeed having a significant impact on the field of entrepreneurship. The scope of his contributions at both at the theoretical and empirical levels is substantial. He is indeed a highly talented scholar and an outstanding member of the profession. His research contributions and his integrity as an individual have earned him the highest respect of his colleagues across the country.”

Reviewer (B)
“Of his 21 peer reviewed journal publications (in addition to other substantial research activity), eight publications can be considered premier journals publications (the Academy of Management Journal, the Journal of Business Venturing and Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice). The remaining articles are also published in highly respectable journals that have a wide audience ... Overall, I believe that Dr. Mark Simon’s research makes an excellent contribution to the entrepreneurship literature. His papers are extremely well cited (his most cited paper has over 800 citations on Google Scholar).”

Reviewer (C)
“Dr. Mark Simon is an accomplished scholar in the field of entrepreneurship. He has published extensively in the top journals (AMJ, JBV, ET&P). His work has also been well received.
Specifically, his work on cognition, risk perception, and overconfidence has been very influential in the field generating hundreds of citations."

Reviewer (D)
"Mark’s publication record is very strong. He has 24 publications of which 12 (50%) are in very strong journals and the remainder are in good journals. He has four publications in Entrepreneurship Theory & Practice and four in Journal of Business Venturing – both are considered A journals in entrepreneurship. Some of these have very strong citation counts. Through google scholar I counted over 1,400 citations, which I consider strong."

Reviewer (E)
"Mark is a thought-leading researcher who has written classic articles that have influenced the course of intellectual conversation in the entrepreneurship area. Examples include his 2003 Academy of Management Journal article with Susan Houghton and his 2012 Journal of Business Venturing article with Rod Shrader. Both of these articles are on the topic of entrepreneurial overconfidence ... In short, all evidence suggests that Mark is a truly talented teacher. The fact that he was a Michigan Distinguished Professor Award winner in 2014 is a fitting testament to Mark’s effectiveness as a college-level teacher."

SUMMARY
We enthusiastically recommend the appointment of Mark Simon as the Hagerman Faculty Development Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation for a three-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2016 through August 30, 2019, and as professor of management, with tenure, School of Management, effective September 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Scott D. Johnson, Dean
School of Management

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Douglas G. Knerr, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Susan E. Borrego, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

May 2016