

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
The University of Michigan
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Martha J. Bailey, associate professor of economics, with tenure, College of Literature Science, and the Arts, is recommended for promotion to professor of economics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts [also being promoted to research professor, Institute for Social Research].

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D. 2005 Vanderbilt University
M.A. 2003 Vanderbilt University
B.A. 1997 Agnes Scott College

Professional Record:

2014 – present Research Fellow, Institute of Labor Economics (IZA)
2013 – present Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Michigan
2013 – present Research Associate Professor, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan
2013 – present Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research
2010 – 2011 Visiting Scholar, Department of Demography, University of California, Berkeley
2009 – present Research Affiliate, CESifo
2008 – 2013 Faculty Associate, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan
2007 – 2013 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Michigan
2006 – 2013 Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research
2005 – 2007 Research Associate, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan
2005 – 2007 Scholar in Health Policy Research, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, University of Michigan

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Bailey is a dedicated, award-winning teacher. Student evaluations of her courses are outstanding. Based on her commitment to teaching, including teaching at the undergraduate level, she won the 2013 Class of 1923 Memorial Teaching Award. She has mentored extensively in the undergraduate honors program and in the graduate program. Through her leadership and energy, graduate student engagement in the areas of demography, development, health, and history is thriving. Since 2013, Professor Bailey has served as an advisor on an average of five completing doctoral students per year. She has served as a chair or co-chair of the dissertation committees for nearly two-thirds of these students.

Research – Professor Bailey is a leading scholar working at the intersection of demography, labor economics, and economic history. Her research, and entrepreneurship make her a major asset to the Department of Economics and the University of Michigan. She has published path-breaking research on the impact of the availability of safe, reliable contraception on the ability of women to plan and live their lives, including the timing of child bearing, family formation, labor market participation, and human capital accumulation. Her investigation of the long-run micro-level impacts of the War on Poverty programs of the 1960s has revised the understanding of social scientists about those policy interventions. Her LIFE-M project promises to transform research using longitudinally matched micro-data with a major impact on historical social science research. Professor Bailey's

research is currently supported by the National Science Foundation with over \$2 million in funding through 2019. She has also received funding from the National Institutes of Health, Ford Foundation, and Russel Sage Foundation, among others.

Recent and Significant Publications:

“The war on poverty’s experiment in public medicine: The impact of community health centers on the mortality of older Americans,” with A. Goodman-Bacon, *American Economic Review*, March 2015, pp. 1067-1104.

“Is there a case for a ‘second demographic transition:’ Three distinctive features of the post-1960 U.S. fertility decline,” with M. and B. J. Hershbein, in Human Capital and History: The American Record, L. P. Boustan, et al. (eds.), University of Chicago Press, 2014.

“How the U.S. fought the war on poverty: The economics and politics of funding at the Office of Economic Opportunity,” with N. J. Duquette, *Journal of Economic History*, June 2014, pp. 351-388.

Legacies of the War on Poverty, with S. Danziger (ed.), Russell Sage Foundation, 2013.

Service – Professor Bailey has stepped up to provide leadership at crucial times and she has provided exceptional service to the Department of Economics, the college, and the university. She served on the departmental Executive Committee and Diversity Task Force, and on the Faculty Advisory Committee of the Population Studies Center. At the national level, Professor Bailey is the incoming director of the CeMENT Mentoring Workshop of the American Economic Association.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A)

“...Martha Bailey is a highly productive scholar doing excellent research on important topics. ... I have not the slightest hesitation in strongly and enthusiastically recommending her to you for promotion to Professor in the Economics Department and Research Professor in the Population Studies Center at the Institute of Social Research. You are extremely fortunate to have such a highly accomplished scholar on your faculty.”

Reviewer (B)

“She is a talented and productive applied micro-economist, demographer, and economic historian who has made important contributions on a range of topics... Professor Bailey has had a national scholarly reputation for some time and in recent years has developed a robust international reputation as well.”

Reviewer (C)

“Bailey’s work is interdisciplinary in the sense that she integrates insights from different areas of economics and from beyond economics. ... Bailey’s trajectory is rising – she is a real star. You should certainly promote her to full professor.”

Reviewer (D)

“She has remained on top of her game. Her energy and ability to find important subjects to explore are, quite simply, amazing.”

Reviewer (E)

“...her new project is extremely promising and is already affecting the views of economic historians on how our data sets should be created.”

Reviewer (F)

“...there are other indicators of scholarly visibility, including the article prizes and the strong publication record...and the disciplinary contributions and grant success...”

Reviewer (G)

“Martha contributes a great deal to the profession, through her research, but also through her work with junior colleagues and training of students.”

Reviewer (H)

“...Martha is a first rate scholar who has an impressive body of published work, a thick pipeline, and a very promising future trajectory. She is at the frontier in developing administrative and survey data to facilitate her high quality research. She is re-invigorating research on the Great Society using best practices from labor economics.”

Reviewer (I)

“...Bailey is a first rate economist. She is an economic historian, a labor economist, and a demographer/economic demographer, and her work bears strongly on gender studies. This is a natural combination of fields and research interests... A scholar like Martha is very important to an institution that strives for interdisciplanarity [sic]... There are unfortunately very few scholars with these attributes, and the university, as well as the department and center, are very fortunate to have her.”

Summary Recommendation:

Professor Bailey is a stellar applied microeconomist whose scholarship bridges many sub-disciplines, an award-winning teacher and advisor, and a leading department citizen. The Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and I recommended that Associate Professor Martha J. Bailey be promoted to the rank of professor of economics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.



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

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