

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

Francine Banner, associate professor of sociology, without tenure, Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, is recommended for the granting of tenure to be held with her title of associate professor of sociology, Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	2009	Arizona State University, Justice Studies, Tempe, AZ
J.D.	2000	New York University, School of Law, New York, NY
B.A.	1993	Wellesley College, English, Wellesley, MA

Professional Record:

2014 – present	Associate Professor of Sociology, Department of Behavioral Sciences, University of Michigan-Dearborn
2013 – 2014	Associate Professor, Arizona Summit Law School (formerly Phoenix School of Law), Phoenix, Arizona
2010 – 2013	Assistant Professor, Arizona Summit Law School (formerly Phoenix School of Law), Phoenix, Arizona

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Banner is rated as excellent in teaching. She has taught seven courses, including Introduction to Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice Systems and Policy, Sociology of Law, Law and Culture, Applied Criminal Justice Theory, Family Violence, and the Inside Out Prison Exchange. She has also taught in the prison program, which she directs. She consistently receives strong student evaluation ratings, with all of her courses above 4.4 on instructor rating (and two courses rated at a perfect 5.0 average). Professor Banner's courses are well structured and are geared around critical thinking problem-based assignments. She also values mentoring students both inside and outside the classroom. Based on their observations of Professor Banner's classes, the faculty concur that she is an effective and valuable instructor.

Research: Professor Banner is rated as excellent in research. Since 2010, she has published four high quality law review articles and four high quality peer-reviewed book chapters. In addition, she has several projects in the works, including a book that is under contract. Professor Banner is a socio-legal scholar whose research focuses on gender, law, and conflict across local, global, and virtual contexts. Her most recent research focuses on the diverse ways in which race, class, and gender influence the assertion of civil rights and access to the courts in U.S. criminal and civil contexts. She has been examining the ways in which everyday people discuss issues surrounding sexual assault on social media, especially how race, class, and gender inform public opinion regarding complainants and alleged perpetrators in high-profile sexual assault cases. She has also studied sexual assault and discrimination in the U.S. military and gender and violence. In one project, she is exploring women's engagement in political violence in the Russian republic of Chechnya. Her research has significant implications for how we understand gender, sexual assault, violence, media, and the law.

Recent and Significant Publications:

- Banner, Francine. Forthcoming. "Methodological Approaches to Studying Crime, Media, and Popular Culture in New Media." To appear in The Oxford Encyclopedia of Crime, Media, & Popular Culture, edited by Gray Cavender, Oxford University Press.
- Banner, Francine. (2016). "Honest Victim Scripting in the Twitterverse." *William and Mary Journal of Women & the Law*, 22: 495-548.
- Banner, Francine. (2016). "'She Was Just a Chechen': The Female Suicide Bomber as A Site of Collective Suffering in Wartime Chechen Republic." Pp. 37-60 in Critical Trauma Studies: Understanding Violence, Conflict and Memory in Everyday Life, edited by Monica Casper and Eric Wertheimer. New York University Press.
- Banner, Francine. (2014). "Narrowing the Construction of 'Innocence': Societal and Constitutional Consequences." Pp. 159-174 in Controversies in Innocence Cases in America, edited by Sarah Cooper. Ashgate.
- Banner, Francine. (2015). "Institutional Sexual Assault and the Rights/Trust Dilemma." *Cardozo Journal of Public Law, Policy & Ethics*, 13: 99-172.
- Banner, Francine. (2013). "Immoral Waiver: Judicial Review of Intra-Military Sexual Assault Claims." *Lewis & Clark Law Review*, 17: 724-787.
- Banner, Francine. (2012). "'It's Not All Flowers and Daisies': Masculinity, Heteronormativity and the Obscuring of Lesbian Identity in the Repeal of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'." *Yale Journal of Law & Feminism*, 24: 61-117.
- Banner, Francine, Marie Provine, and Kenneth J. Miller. (2011). "Foreign Law in American Jurisprudence." Pp. 45-66 in Globalizing Justice: Critical Perspectives on Transnational Law and the Cross-Border Migration of Legal Norms, edited by Michael Tolley. SUNY Press.

Service: Professor Banner's record of service is rated as excellent. She is affiliate faculty member in Women's and Gender Studies and Criminology and Criminal Justice. She is the director of the Women's Huron Valley Prison Project and has taught in the Inside-Out Prison Exchange. She has served on College of Arts, Sciences, and Letter's Curriculum Committee as a representative for college-wide programs, she is a member of the SOAR Advisory Board and served on the Executive Board of the UM-Dearborn Commission for Women. She has also been involved in service to the profession and the community by serving on an editorial board for a journal and as a journal reviewer. In sum, she is a valued colleague and makes significant contributions at all levels of the university, enhancing the metropolitan impact and the university's ties with Southeastern Michigan.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: "I would argue that Dr. Banner is a leader in her field. That Dr. Banner has been able to accumulate such an impressive body of scholarship on what many would consider a fairly heavy teaching load is quite astonishing."

Reviewer B: "Dr. Banner has demonstrated the skills and ability to make important contributions to the field of gender and legal/criminal justice studies. Her solid research accomplishment through her innovative research methods places her among the top scholars in legal and gender studies. Based on her performance, Dr. Banner has great potential for further growth, development and notable achievement in the field of gender, legal study and criminal justice."

Reviewer C: "Dr. Banner has successfully established herself in socio-legal studies with high quality and insightful legal analysis of important social issues; most notable is the work she has published on

the institutional contexts of rape, and sexual assault. The quantity of her work is consistent over time and impressively so for a campus that, like my own, is not an R1 campus.”


Reviewer D: “Dr. Banner is a productive researcher whose contributions are impressive. The totality of her work demonstrates familiarity with a variety of research methods. She is also a scholar well versed in contemporary issues and her work interrogates existing policies and offers new directions to bring about justice. She is a J.D. and Ph.D.—a rare combination that is in demand and to be treasured—who easily fulfills the University of Michigan-Dearborn’s expectations regarding research.”


Reviewer E: “The breadth and depth of her cross-discipline approach represent an important contribution to legal scholarship. And in her work on the media and cultural images, she brings a similarly integrated sense of social science that makes for a unique contribution to the literature on crime and the media.”

Reviewer F: “. . . I think it is important to highlight that the topics and issues she chooses to pursue represent the cutting edge of feminist socio-legal scholarship. While those of us who labor in this field have written much and often about such problems as victim identity, innocence construction, gender construction, and male dominance, Dr. Banner has attended to these issues with a distinctly fresh—and at times—unexpected approach. Because her work pushes the boundaries, she is an emerging leader in the field of feminist socio-legal studies.”

Summary of Recommendations:

Professor Banner has published high quality research and has shown promise for continued scholarly work. She is also an excellent teacher. She is rated highly by students and peers. She is also a valued colleague and makes significant contributions at all levels of the university. We are pleased to recommend, with strong support of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters Executive Committee, Francine Banner for the granting of tenure to be held with her title of associate professor of sociology, Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.


Martin J. Hershock, Dean
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Daniel Little, Chancellor
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