

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

John M. Chenoweth, assistant professor of anthropology, Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of anthropology, with tenure, Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	2011	University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
M.A.	2006	University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
B.A.	2001	New York University, New York, NY

Professional Record:

2013 – present	Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Department of Behavioral Sciences, University of Michigan-Dearborn
2011 – 2013	Teaching Fellow, Introduction to Humanities Program, Stanford University

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Chenoweth is rated excellent in teaching. He has taught six courses, including Introduction to Anthropology, Introduction to Archaeology, Prehistoric Archaeology, Cultural Ecology and Evolution, Who Owns the Past?, and Archaeological Field School. Three of these courses were brought to the university by Professor Chenoweth. In addition, three were adapted into online or hybrid courses. Professor Chenoweth consistently receives very solid student evaluation ratings, with his courses averaging 4.28 on the instructor rating. His courses are well-structured and are geared around critical thinking assignments. He is a highly engaged teacher who challenges students in the classroom. Based on their observations of Professor Chenoweth's classes, the faculty concur that he is an effective and valuable instructor.

Research: Professor Chenoweth is rated excellent in research. During his four years at UM- Dearborn, he has published one monograph, a co-edited volume, has another edited volume under contract with an expected 2019 publication, and has also edited a three-volume handbook. He has also published four articles (two of which are in the flagship journal *American Anthropologist*), and five book chapters. Professor Chenoweth's research focuses on how religious groups work through material culture. He examines how communities are created through practice and the material culture involved in those identifications. Most of his work has been on the Religious Society of Friends—known as “Quakers”—and how the Quaker community dealt with conflicting influences and priorities while maintaining a global sense of self. He has also studied sites in the Caribbean, initially focusing on Quakerism in the British Virgin Islands where the group's ideals directly conflicted with racial identifications and an economic system centered on race-based slavery. His research has significant implications for how we understand religious practice and identity.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Chenoweth, John M., 2017. Simplicity, Equality, and Slavery: An Archaeology of Quakerism in the British Virgin Islands, 1740-1780. University of Florida Press. 244 pages.

Chenoweth, John M., ed., 2016. The Historical Archaeology Laboratory Handbook. Society for Historical Archaeology, Germantown, MD. 3 volumes. 1,160 pages.

Bates, Lynsey, Chenoweth, John M., and Delle, James, eds. 2016. Archaeologies of Slavery and Freedom in the Caribbean: Exploring the Spaces in Between. University Press of Florida. 358 pages.

Chenoweth, John M., 2017. Natural Graffiti and Cultural Plantings: A Contemporary Archaeology of Yosemite and Detroit. *American Anthropologist* 119(3): 464-477.

Chenoweth, John M. and Farahani, Alan. 2015. Color in historical ceramic typologies: A test case in statistical analysis of replicable measurements. *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*. 4: 310-319.

Chenoweth, John M., 2014. Practicing and Preaching: Creating a Religion of Peace on a Slavery- Era Plantation. *American Anthropologist* 116(1): 94-109.

Service: Professor Chenoweth is rated excellent in his service. He has spent significant time working on the development of the anthropology discipline, including creating an archaeology curriculum and establishing facilities and resources for that program. Professor Chenoweth was heavily involved in the Anthropology Internal Review and External Review in 2017. He has served on two search committees for tenure-track anthropology faculty. These contributions are vitally important in the basic running of the small discipline. He has served on the Department Executive Committee and College Curriculum Committee. He has been the chair of the Development Committee for the Society for Historical Archaeology and was elected by its membership to the Nominations and Elections committee. In summary, he is a valued colleague and makes significant contributions both inside and outside the university.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: "I believe that Prof[essor] John Chenoweth has outstanding potential and that he is on track to make a significant contribution to the field of historical archaeology. Certainly, he has been active in the discipline and has published in the right places and has exceed expectations regarding quantity."

Reviewer B: "Dr. Chenoweth's scholarship and publications demonstrate that combination of methodological rigor, topical significance, and innovation that characterizes the best of American historical archaeology today. He is among the first of his cohort to stand for promotion and tenure in an academic institution, and promises to be a leader in the field."

Reviewer C: "Chenoweth's quantity and placement of publications are impressive. Few archaeologists have an American Anthropologist article by the time they go up for tenure, much

less two.”


Reviewer D: “Dr. Chenoweth has produced an excellent scholarly record that includes some very distinctive research contributions as well as more broadly relevant methodologically driven work. He has demonstrated a sound development of his Caribbean research over the period he has been a faculty member at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, and he has demonstrated evidence of new work focused primarily on contemporary archaeology. His work is securing visibility in historical archaeology and there is no reason to believe that he will not continue to grow as a scholar.”

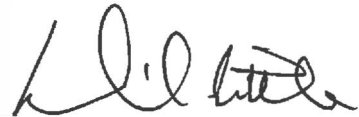
Reviewer E: “Dr. Chenoweth is producing both a quantity and quality of scholarship that at a minimum holds its own with his peers and realistically has out produced most of his peers. I really do not see any cause for concern with his scholarship. I think he has clearly distinguished himself in the field of historical archaeology and is someone who I consider to be a rising star in the field.”

Reviewer F: “Dr. Chenoweth’s scholarship has developed new categories of inquiry while making substantive contributions to long-standing questions in the field. He balances theoretically sophisticated work with practical application and traces threads of religious practice and identity across time and space, ensuring relevance as he breaks new and important scholarly ground.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Chenoweth has published high quality research and has shown promise for continued scholarly work. He is also an excellent teacher and is rated highly by students and peers. He is a valued colleague and makes significant contributions to the university. We are pleased to recommend, with strong support of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters Executive Committee, John M. Chenoweth for promotion to associate professor of anthropology, with tenure, Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.


Martin J. Herшков, Dean
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Daniel Little, Chancellor
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