THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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

NAME: Fernando Coronil

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Anthropology, with tenure, and Associate Professor of History, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Professor of Anthropology, with tenure, and Professor of History, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

It is recommended that Fernando Coronil, associate professor of anthropology, with tenure, and associate professor of history, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, be promoted to professor of anthropology, with tenure, and professor of history, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2008.

Academic Degrees:
Ph.D. 1987 University of Chicago
M.A. 1970 University of Chicago
B.A. 1967 Stanford University

Professional Record:
2007-2008 Visiting Presidential Professor, The Graduate Center, City University of New York
2004-2005 Fellow, David Rockefeller Center of Latin American Studies, and Visiting Associate Professor, Department of History, Harvard University
1997-present Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology and Department of History, University of Michigan
1991-1997 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology and Department of History, University of Michigan
1988-1991 Assistant Professor, Michigan Society of Fellows, University of Michigan
1987 Visiting Faculty Fellow, Helen Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame

Summary of Evaluation:
Teaching – Professor Coronil’s pedagogical work has been spread across four units: Anthropology, History, the Interdepartmental Program in Anthropology and History, and Latin American and Caribbean Studies. In each he has contributed courses that are academically
rigorous and essential to the curriculum. He is a dedicated teacher, who has a strong personal engagement with his courses, even teaching the year-long core seminar in the Interdepartmental Program in Anthropology and History while he directed the program. Professor Coronil is clearly an effective and popular teacher. As the student letters attest, his graduate students value his courses and his teaching very highly. He has the ability to inspire all of his students, regardless of level, to greater enthusiasm for the subject matter and to convey to them powerful conceptual frameworks for understanding the region and its dynamics.

Research – Professor Coronil is a major figure in post-colonial studies of modern Latin America. His path-breaking research has established his scholarly importance as an insightful analyst of Venezuelan history, politics, and economics; as a theoretician of imperialism; and as a practical and pedagogical ethicist. He is a scholar of enormous breadth, erudition, and originality—one of a kind—who embodies the interdisciplinarity that we so often preach and so seldom practice. His work brings history, anthropology, political economy, and political science into conversation with each other, in a vision that is at once empirical (as in his current book project on the failed coup against Hugo Chávez) and resolutely theoretical.

Recent and Significant Publications:


Service – Professor Coronil’s service has been concentrated in two interdisciplinary venues: the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program and the Interdepartmental Program in Anthropology and History. He has served both programs as director multiple times and made major contributions to both. He has put a great deal of time and energy into convening workshops and study groups, as well as hosting gatherings of students and faculty members. It demonstrates a thorough-going intellectual life, unbound by the time clock and the classroom and by example it encourages students to develop the curiosity and intellectual generosity that will allow them to respond to other scholars’ work, regardless of differences of specialty, theoretical disposition, or political stance. For many students, this is an absolutely crucial part of their development, spelling the difference between the merely work-a-day and the excellent.

External Reviews:

Reviewer (A)

“Fernando is certainly one of the most distinguished Latin Americanists of his generation. A thoroughly informed reader of other scholars, Fernando is also a tireless researcher and a creative interpreter. ...[he] is one of a kind today in the United States.”
Reviewer (B)
"Prof. Fernando Coronil is the kind of scholar and researcher whose work goes always through
deep levels of historical/social problems, but towards a global knowledge, so always beyond the
conventional narrow borders of the so-called specialized disciplines in the social research."

Reviewer (C)
"Without question The Magical State would appear on my list of ‘the most significant relatively
recent works’ in the field of critical development studies… I have been extremely impressed by
his work as a public intellectual in mediating and raising the quality of the checkered debate that
swirls around Hugo Chávez’s ‘21st-century socialism’ in Venezuela."

Reviewer (D)
"…it is important to emphasize the strongly interdisciplinary nature of Fernando Coronil’s work.
Trained as both an intellectual historian and a theoretical anthropologist, he has developed a
body of work in which he brings both fields to bear… along with his 1996 article “Beyond
Occidentalist,” I consider The Magical State to be a crucial contribution to the Latin American
postcolonial field."

Reviewer (E)
"Fernando Coronil is one of the finest of Latin America’s anthropologists, and he is one of the
most distinguished Latin Americanists in this country. Coronil is also one of the most
theoretically innovative anthropologists of his generation. His book on the Magical State is a
benchmark in Latin American Studies, and it has been widely influential among students of
extractive economies in places like Africa and the Middle-East, among others."

Reviewer (F)
"He fully deserves to be promoted for his stellar and singular contributions to the discipline of
anthropology and history…"

Summary of Recommendation:
Professor Coronil is a major international figure in his field. He is also an outstanding teacher
and colleague. The Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and
I recommend that Associate Professor Fernando Coronil be promoted to the rank of professor of
anthropology, with tenure, and professor of history, with tenure, in the College of Literature,
Science, and the Arts.

Terrence J. McDonald
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor,
Professor of History, and Dean
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Thomas J. Downar

TITLE: Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, College of Engineering

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Thomas J. Downar as professor of nuclear engineering and radiological sciences, with tenure, effective September 1, 2008.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Professor Downar received his B.S. from the United States Military Academy, West Point in 1974. He received his M.S. and Ph.D. in nuclear engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1975 and 1984, respectively.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Immediately following graduation, Professor Downar joined the faculty at Purdue University as an assistant professor in the School of Nuclear Engineering. He was promoted to associate professor in 1990 and then to professor in 1998. While at Purdue, Professor Downar has also served as director for the Computational Science and Engineering Program and as co-director for the Computer Research Institute.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Downar is considered a leader in the field of fission reactor analysis and simulation. His research involves the development of advanced spatial kinetics codes for neutron fluxes, and the coupling of these to thermal-hydraulic codes, for solving coupled time-dependent neutron/fluid problems with nuclear reactor safety applications. During the past five years, Professor Downar and his students have collaborated with Argonne National Laboratory to develop the next generation neutronics/thermal-hydraulics coupled code based on the integral neutron transport code DeCART and the computational fluid dynamics code, STAR-CD. Their research to develop a Numerical Nuclear Reactor with hundreds of millions of mesh cells, has been sponsored by the Department of Energy and the Electric Power Research Institute to address a variety of operational issues that cannot be adequately understood by the current generation of coarse mesh methods.

PUBLICATIONS


**EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWS**

Reviewer A: “He has the ability to teach, mentor students, produce scholarly work, attract funding, and work well with people, all with excellence.”

Reviewer B: “...his enthusiasm for both research and teaching, as also his proven ability to inspire, motivate and lead young students and professionals, I most strongly recommend that Professor Tom Downar be offered the position of full professor with tenure...”

Reviewer C: “In my view he is a top-notch scholar and an excellent individual that has had significant impact in fission reactor neutronics.”

Reviewer D: “...I would call attention to his high level of productivity, breadth of professional contacts, and recognized teaching excellence.”

Reviewer E: “When I consider the preeminent researchers in Reactor Physics and Reactor Analysis, I would rank Professor Downar in the top 10% based on his successful research, his ability to develop students, and his success in obtaining interesting and important funded work.”

Reviewer F: “Dr. Downar’s expertise in reactor neutronic analysis methods ranks him among the top handful of reactor analysis experts at U.S. universities.”
Reviewer G: "In my view, Tom’s ability to raise money, to organize complex programs, to educate students, to do excellent research, and to recognize excellence in others all make him an excellent candidate for a position in your department."

Reviewer H: "I believe that Professor Downar ranks among a few contemporaries at the top of his field in computational neutronic modeling. This is a result of Professor Downar’s technical foresight, resourcefulness in attracting research funding, and his ability to attract the best students."

Reviewer I: "I have no doubt whatsoever that Tom is a leader in his field with great national and international reputations."

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

Thomas J. Downar has an established record of teaching and research excellence and a strong record of collegial interactions with peers. We are presented with an opportunity to hire a superb researcher, outstanding mentor, and promising educator in critical areas of current relevance to the Department of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Thomas J. Downar as professor of nuclear engineering and radiological sciences, with tenure, effective September 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY: RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Susan Dynarski

TITLE: Associate Professor of Public Policy, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and Associate Professor of Education, College of Literature, Sciences, and the Arts

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the senior governing faculty of the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy and the senior governing faculty of the School of Education, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Susan Dynarski as associate professor of public policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and associate professor of education, with tenure, School of Education, effective September 1, 2008.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Susan Dynarski received her Master of Public Policy from Harvard in 1995 and her Doctorate from MIT in 1999.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD


SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

In addition to her distinguished research record and strong teaching skills, Professor Dynarski has had an impressive impact on actual education policy for someone so early in her career. Particular strengths of her scholarship include its breadth of interest, and its creative application of careful, rigorous analysis to understanding and informing important education policy issues. She combines strong quantitative skills with an appreciation of the importance on understanding institutions. Professor Dynarski’s work has been presented to officials at the U.S. Department of Education, the College Board, and the Council on Financing on Higher Education and testified before the Senate Finance Committee. She has testified before a number of groups, including the President’s Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform, the Internal Revenue Service and various state policy makers. Her research has helped push the Department of Education, and later Congress, to change some of the relevant tax rules.
Professor Dynarski’s teaching evaluations have been quite strong and similar courses would be valuable to both Schools. She has chaired or been a member of six PhD dissertation committees, and two of those have successfully completed their degrees.

PUBLICATIONS


August 17, 2007.


EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWERS

Reviewer (A)

“Susan’s work, which makes as strong a contribution to the research literature, distinguishes itself by being more relevant for education policy makers.”

Reviewer (B)

“…[Dynarski] is a first-rate applied microeconomist with excellent empirical skills who has made significant contribution to the economics of education and the design and evaluation of higher education policies.”

Reviewer (C)

“I find her energetic and engaging. With her research record, her broadening interests, and her ability to interact with a wide range of people, I think she is a very strong candidate for a tenured position…”

Reviewer (D)

“In all, I believe that Sue Dynarski would make an excellent hire for the Ford School and the School of Education at Michigan.”

Reviewer (E)

“I strongly endorse her for this position. … I was impressed with her deep understanding of incentives and policy in higher education.”

Reviewer (F)

“… she is alert to real policy issues, determined in defending her views, but also able to grasp the need for cooperation and compromise…”

Reviewer (G)

“I believe teaming Sue and Brian (Jacob) would give Michigan a real presence in the economics of education and educational policy. I strongly support this appointment.”
Reviewer (H)
"Sue is a bright and engaged scholar. She has written some influential and well-regarded papers and I suspect that she will continue to be a significant contributor."

Reviewer (I)
"The students report that Sue is a dynamic, engaged teacher...I believe that Sue would be a marvelous appointment for the Ford School."

Reviewer (J)
'Dyarski has an impressive portfolio. Given her seriousness, intelligence, and high standards, it will only get better...This should be easy.'

SUMMARY
Professor Dynarski is an outstanding researcher as well as a dynamic teacher. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Susan Dynarski as associate professor of public policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and associate professor of education, with tenure, School of Education, effective September 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY:  

Susan M. Collins  
Dean, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and  
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Deborah Loewenber Ball  
William H. Payne Collegiate Professor and  
Dean, School of Education

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Promotion Approval

NAME: Sendil K. Ethiraj

CURRENT TITLE: Assistant Professor of Corporate Strategy and International Business, Stephen M. Ross School of Business

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Associate Professor of Strategy, with tenure, Stephen M. Ross School of Business

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

It is recommended that Sendil K. Ethiraj, assistant professor of corporate strategy and international business, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, be promoted to associate professor of corporate strategy and international business, with tenure, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, effective September 1, 2008

Academic Degrees:

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Professional Record:

2002-Present University of Michigan, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, Assistant Professor of Corporate Strategy and International Business

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Over the past six years, Professor Ethiraj has taught the fundamental strategy course to both BBA and MBA students. In addition, he has developed and taught an MBA elective course on strategy and competition, and has taught a doctoral course on the fundamentals of strategy as well. Clearly, Professor Ethiraj is a very good teacher as evidenced by his consistently high student evaluations, which have averaged 4.6 on a 5-point scale. The fact that he teaches a PhD course is an indication of the area’s high regard for Professor Ethiraj’s research credentials as PhD courses are assigned only to the best junior scholars. He brings an expertise to the area of strategy that is fundamental and important for graduate students.
Professor Ethiraj’s skill and enthusiasm for teaching and mentoring doctoral students was recognized in 2005 when he was awarded the Ross School of Business PhD Teacher of The Year.

Scholarship: Professor Ethiraj is fast becoming a nationally and internationally known scholar on the topic of complex organizational systems and the role of modularity in adapting complex systems to changing environments. Specifically he examines the decision tradeoffs involved in the pursuit of effective firm performance under complexity. Complexity has emerged as an important mechanism of competitive advantage creation, yet little is known about it. Professor Ethiraj’s work investigates the sources of complexity in organizations and strategies, the strengths and limitations of proposed solutions to the problem of complexity, and the role of complexity in building firm capabilities. He uses a variety of research approaches to address these problems, ranging from computational modeling to large panel data empirics. He is known for asking interesting, important, and difficult research questions, and for being theoretically and methodologically rigorous. Yet he shows a simultaneous concern with impact, and the practical implications of his work. Professor Ethiraj has published his work in an impressive range of the best “A” journals in the field including Administrative Science Quarterly, Strategic Management Journal, Management Science, and Organization Science. Specifically, since finishing his degree in 2002, Professor Ethiraj has published six papers, has two other papers forthcoming, and has a pipeline of papers under review at “A” journals.

Professor Ethiraj’s research excellence was recognized with a 2005 Ross School of Business Sanford Robertson Assistant Professorship award for “excellence in scholarly research, including an ongoing research program that promises to make significant contributions to our understanding of the field of business.”

Significant and Recent Publications:


Service:
Professor Ethiraj has contributed to various departmental service needs, especially to our PhD Program. Most notably he has worked with early stage doctoral students to develop their research and writing capabilities. He has been an active member of the strategy area recruiting process, and initiated a research brown bag series for the area that has drawn a number of faculty and students from around the university. He has been an active member of the profession, providing intellectual leadership by serving as a member of the Editorial Review Board of two of the top journals in his field (Administrative Science Quarterly and Organization Science).

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: “What is striking about his record is that he has published seven articles in top-tier refereed journals, including Organization Science, Management Science, Administrative Science Quarterly and Strategic Management Journal. This record compares favorably to that of other scholars being considered for tenure at top business schools...there is every indication that he will continue to be productive.”

Reviewer B: “I find his scholarship to be quite innovative. He has generally studied important and inherently difficult problems. To these problems he has applied both statistical studies and simulation modeling. The net result has been some important and interesting insights... My impression is that Dr. Ethiraj is already viewed as an important research voice in the community of scholars in strategic management and organization studies. I would rank him one of three or four important emerging scholars in his cohort. I believe he has potential to become one of the leading scholars in the field over the next decade.”

Reviewer C: “He has a large number of articles for his time since his PhD; they are separately important, but more importantly fit together as a package...addressing fundamental issues to advance our understanding of very practical concerns of management in technologically changing firms. This is a powerful combination.”

Reviewer D: “I have evaluated a lot of promotion and tenure cases in the past, many of them for very good scholars that had very clear records of scholarship and were employed at very good schools. I do not believe I have ever seen a stronger candidate for promotion to Associate Professor, on the face of his research record, than Dr. Ethiraj...Dr. Ethiraj’s excitement for research comes through very strongly in his work and in his statement of research. He has a solid pipeline as well. I have no doubt that we will see much more top-level research from him in the years to come.”

Reviewer E: “Dr. Ethiraj’s work focuses on the topic of complex systems and the role of modularity in adapting complex systems to changing environments. This may seem a very abstract and theoretical problem, but it is probably the fundamental problem of management...Given how aggressive the job market is at the moment, I’m sure many other leading business schools would be happy to attract and promote Dr. Ethiraj. I provide enthusiastic and unreserved support for the decision to promote and tenure Dr. Ethiraj. He is a
productive and insightful scholar who examines deep questions and provides compelling answers. He is well positioned in an influential stream of the literature which is bound to grow.”

Reviewer F: “It is rare for a scholar at his career stage to pursue and reach such a high level of sophistication and impact in the field of Strategy as has Sendil...In terms of quality and quantity, Sendil’s work is absolutely the highest caliber...In comparison with the best others in his cohort, Sendil is very much on top...All told Sendil is something of a star, with no qualification. He has a most creditable record of fine, impactful publications in top journals, a strong pipeline, and most importantly, has written high quality articles that have been materially influencing the field, and will well into the future. His contributions to teaching and to institutional service are also highly commendable. All this makes the decision to tenure Sendil an easy one.”

Summary:

Sendil K. Ethiraj has established an excellent research record, publishing in top journals. In addition, he has important streams of research underway, and an impressive pipeline of work in progress and articles under review. He is already regarded as having made very significant contributions to the area of strategy by the leading scholars in the field. His teaching and course development across a broad range of important programs are very good. With the full support of the School’s Executive Committee, I am pleased to recommend that Sendil K. Ethiraj be promoted to associate professor of strategy, with tenure, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, effective September 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Robert J. Dolan, Dean
Stephen M. Ross School of Business

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Promotion Approval

NAME: Elizabeth T. Gershoff

CURRENT TITLE: Assistant Professor of Social Work, School of Social Work

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Associate Professor of Social Work, with tenure, School of Social Work

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

It is recommended that Elizabeth T. Gershoff, assistant professor of social work, School of Social Work, be promoted to associate professor of social work, with tenure, in the School of Social Work, effective September 1, 2008.

Academic Degrees
Ph.D. 1998 University of Texas, Austin
MA 1995 University of Texas, Austin
BA 1992 University of Virginia

Professional Record
2002 – present Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, University of Michigan
2006 – present Research Assistant Professor, Center for Human Growth and Development, University of Michigan
2003 – 2004 Senior Research Associate, National Center for Children in Poverty, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
2000 – 2003 Associate Research Scientist, National Center for Children in Poverty, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
1999 – 2000 Post-Doctoral Research Associate, National Center for Children in Poverty, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
1998 – 1999 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Prevention Research Center and Department of Psychology, Arizona State University

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Gershoff is an innovative, collaborative, responsive, and demanding teacher in her coursework and her student mentoring. She has brought in innovative teaching strategies to standard MSW courses. She has added her own contributions to make them rigorous, research-informed, highly interactive, and infused
with practice applications. She presents her own research in the classes where appropriate, and she has developed model assignments to increase students' professional competencies and skills. As a result, her student course evaluations are exceptional, receiving very high average ratings across all the courses and all the terms she has taught. For example, she gets high ratings for excellence of the course and excellence of the instructor, from a low of 4.07 to a high of 4.97 on a five-point scale, and near-perfect ratings on her knowledge of the subject matter. While she is sought after as a mentor by doctoral students, she also works with masters and undergraduates in small groups and special studies.

**Research** -- Professor Gershoff's work focuses on the extent and consequence of corporal punishment as a particular form of parenting behavior and its implications for policies and programs. Of particular note is that she pushes her work in this area to address the wider question of what can and should be the role of scholarship and research evidence in contributing to the climate for public discourse and policy change. Her second area of work is in advancing our understanding on how poverty and economic disadvantage affect child and family well-being, with an emphasis on both the theory and the practical application of theory. In addition, she has examined the effects of trauma and violence exposure broadly conceived on children, and here again, understanding who is particularly at risk for mental health problems, how context and in particular, interventions at the school, community, and/or family level can promote well being and resilience in childhood. She has supported her research with funding from the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Institute for Mental Health – exceptionally competitive funding sources. Her work is characterized by the highest caliber of collaboration and clarity in writing. Additionally, she is very conscious of the policy implications of her work, and makes every effort to translate her research into practice by working with the media and policy bodies.

**Recent and Significant Publications:**


**Service** – Professor Gershoff has brought her hard working attitude, her refreshing energy, and innovative style to her contributions to service at all levels. She not only serves on demanding School committees, but has taken initiative and leadership in proposing changes as needed in the School and the University. Her involvement in the national academic and policy community attests to wide recognition of her strong reputation and her inspired sense of citizenship as a public scholar. She is active in reviewing manuscripts for top-tier journals, reviews proposals for federal agencies (e.g. National Research Council and Institute of Medicine), and is asked regularly to comment for media.

**External Reviewers:**

Reviewer A
“I expect to see Dr. Gershoff’s work used as a centerpiece of many research and policy discussion in the years to come. She is bound to be a prominent scholar, and will likely be sought after by other major universities.”

Reviewer B
“She has made important contributions in two of her areas of interest already. Perhaps most importantly, she seems poised to produce a wealth of important scholarship in the future based on conceptual foundations she has helped develop and well-supported longitudinal studies in which she is involved going forward.”

Reviewer C
“Dr. Gershoff’s work is of the highest quality, and it is published in the most influential journals in her field. There is no one at her career stage who is contributing so significantly to the literatures of corporal punishment and poverty.”

Reviewer D
“Professor Gershoff’s article ‘Corporal punishment by parents and associated child behaviors and experiences: A meta-analytic and theoretical review’ is exhaustive, meticulously executed, authoritative, and arguably a landmark paper in our understanding
of the relationship between corporal punishment and associated child behaviors. I would even venture to say it may even be viewed six years after publication as a ‘classic’ in the field, given how very widely it has already been cited (and continues to be cited) in the scientific community.”

Reviewer E
“Indeed she has attained national prominence, both as a substantive researcher and as a scientist using sophisticated and rigorous developmental methodology.”

Reviewer F
“She clearly recognizes what advances are needed to further explore this topic, and I have no doubts that she will continue developing high caliber work that explores how material hardships affect child development.”

Reviewer G
“Her research in income, material hardship, and child development is among the very best of its kind in examining multiple mediating processes that account for family income’s associations with children’s cognitive and socio-emotional development.”

Summary of Recommendation:
Professor Gershoff is a scholar of immense accomplishment and even greater potential. She is not only methodologically fluent, but theoretically grounded. Her work has already made a significant impact on the community of child development and violence scholars. Most importantly, she goes beyond that important substantive work to ask policy related questions about the place of social science in social policy formulation, specifically focusing on how much science is needed to “move” social policy in a particular direction. Her teaching is exemplary, and is highly sought after by masters and doctoral students alike. Her service is equally impressive. Accordingly, it is with the unanimous support of the Tenure Committee and the Executive Committee of the School of Social Work that I recommend Elizabeth T. Gershoff be promoted to associate professor of social work, with tenure, School of Social Work, effective September 1, 2008.

Recommended by:

Paula Allen Meares
Dean, School of Social Work

July 2008

Recommendation endorsed by:

Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and
Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs
On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Ian A. Hiskens as professor of electrical engineering and computer science, with tenure, effective September 1, 2008.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Professor Hiskens received his B.E. in electrical engineering from Capricornia Institute of Advanced Education, Australia in 1980. He continued on to receive his B.A.S. in mathematics in 1983. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Newcastle, Australia in 1991.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

From 1986 to 1992, Professor Hiskens served as planning engineer for the Queensland Electricity Commission. In 1992, Professor Hiskens joined the faculty at the University of New Castle as a senior lecturer, receiving tenure in 1996. In 1992 he held the position of visiting associate professor at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Professor Hiskens joined the University of Wisconsin as an associate professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering in 2002 and was promoted to professor in 2005.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Hiskens has made a number of fundamental contributions to the study of power system dynamics. His early work established both theoretical insights as well as practical techniques to predict the phenomenon of voltage collapse. His subsequent work on nonlinear load modeling is now the benchmark. Professor Hiskens also developed trajectory sensitivity analysis techniques for hybrid dynamical systems. Although the goal of this work was improved fidelity of simulations in power systems, it had impact on other areas of hybrid systems, such as robotics. This development also holds importance for power systems since major decisions in industry are made on the basis of simulations, and improvements to these allow for less conservative decisions that ultimately add to the cost of electricity. Recently, Professor Hiskens has moved into topics relevant to alternative power generation and distribution. This includes development of model predictive control algorithms that will be needed for distributed control of alternative power sources as these are brought into play. Professor Hiskens also studies alternative technologies, including wind turbines and solid oxide fuel cells, and issues that arise when they are connected to a microgrid. Current thinking in the power industry is based on having
relatively few, but very large, power generation sources, and many questions remain unresolved about power sources that do not have the inherent stabilizing properties of a large rotating inertia.

PUBLICATIONS


EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Reviewer A: “He has a very analytical and stringent mathematical approach in his research, and the results he has published have been very well received by the research society and the industry.”

Reviewer B: “… he has a very strong record of support from the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy, and the Power Systems Engineering Research Consortium, among other funding agencies.”

Reviewer C: “Dr. Hiskens has demonstrated a variety and excellence in teaching, with more than adequate level of graduate advising. Some of his former PhD students are well respected researchers in their own right…”

Reviewer D: “Professor Hiskens is already a distinguished leader in the field but I am confident that, with his leadership and energy, he will be able to establish a major program at Michigan and make Michigan a leader in his technical fields.”
Reviewer E: “Ian has an excellent research track record as can be evidenced through a range of indicators. He has a strong record of journal publications in the top journals in the field...and has received several hundred ISI citations to his work.”

Reviewer F: “You can look to him for many years of research and teaching contributions, and leadership in the area of power systems, as he defines worthwhile problems and develops principled solution approaches and tools. His interest in your department presents you with a unique opportunity, and I strongly recommend that you embrace it.”

Reviewer G: “Ian is a person of unique talent and will bring prominence to the University of Michigan. His quality of work and his ability to work effectively with his peers make Ian a highly sought after person.”

Reviewer H: “...I believe Ian Hiskens would be an excellent choice to lead a new program in power engineering in a first rate university. He has the respect from both academic and industry communities in power engineering for his contributions and experience.”

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

Ian A. Hiskens has an established record of teaching and research excellence and a strong record of collegial interactions with peers. We are presented with an opportunity to hire a superb researcher, outstanding mentor, and promising educator in critical areas of current relevance to the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Ian A. Hiskens as professor of electrical engineering and computer science, with tenure, effective September 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY: 

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY: 

Teresa A. Sullivan  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Promotion Approval

NAME: Trachette L. Jackson

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

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Professor of Mathematics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

It is recommended that Trachette L. Jackson, associate professor of mathematics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, be promoted to professor of mathematics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2008.

Academic Degrees:
1998 Ph.D. University of Washington
1996 M.S. University of Washington
1994 B.S. Arizona State University

Professional Record:
2003 – present Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, University of Michigan
2000 – 2003 Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, University of Michigan
1999 – 2000 John Hope Franklin Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Mathematics, Duke University
1999 – 2000 Visiting Scientist, National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory, Environmental Protection Agency
1998 – 1999 Postdoctoral Associate, Institute for Mathematics and its Applications, University of Minnesota

Summary of Evaluation:
Teaching – Because of substantial grant support since her promotion to associate professor, Professor Jackson’s teaching record is relatively light. Despite this, she has shown a strong commitment to both the undergraduate and graduate teaching programs. She has been a leader in an extensive restructuring of the mathematical biology program and led the Mathematical Biology Research Group in organizing frequent seminars and lectures. She made major revisions to several courses and strongly influenced the current mathematical biology curriculum. By the end of the current academic year, she will have supervised four doctoral dissertations—a very good rate for someone only eight years beyond her own doctorate degree.
Research – Professor Jackson’s work in modeling processes surrounding the development of cancer cells is widely recognized as being on the leading edge of current research in this active area. Her work is strongly grounded in experiment and practice, and her models always take account of current knowledge about biological reality. Some of her work bears directly on treatment protocols, while other parts are more directed at long-term understanding of the underlying mechanisms. She is a truly interdisciplinary mathematical biologist. Since promotion, Professor Jackson has published seventeen papers spanning a variety of topics. These papers appear in a wide variety of journals, from *Nature* to the *Bulletin of Mathematical Biology* and the *Biophysics Journal*. Her range is remarkable.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Service – Professor Jackson has served on the departmental Executive and Personnel Committees in addition to College service (Dean’s Committee for Diversity in Graduate Admissions and the Dean’s Advisory Committee on Gender in the Natural Sciences) and University service (Senate Assembly, the Director’s Advisory Committee for Bioinformatics BS-MS Program, and the Senior Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs Advisory Committee for Mathematics and Science Partnerships). Additionally, she has served on committees in the mathematical biology community. This extraordinary list of service contributions shows her strong commitment to citizenship in all of the communities of which she is a member.

External Reviews:
Reviewer (A)
“I was particularly impressed at the interdisciplinarity of the work and the excellent modelling and analysis... It is to Prof. Jackson’s great credit that in addition to publishing in the leading mathematical biology journals and modelling [sic] journals, she has also been able to publish some of her recent work in experimental journals. I think this is a testimony to the high quality of her research.”

Reviewer (B)
“...Tracy is an authentic mathematical biologist. Her papers published in both biological and mathematical journals, include serious mathematical modeling of biological processes... ...Tracy is a strong researcher who deserved [sic] to be promoted to full professor...”

Reviewer (C)
“Trachette is an internationally known researcher in the modeling of angiogenesis. She has a large number of publications, including many papers in top journals.”
Reviewer (D)
“As a cell and developmental biologist I was astonished at the high level of mathematical models represented at the UCLA workshop. The model by Jackson and colleagues, however, stood out immediately. Other mathematicians had elegant models, but, to my mind, none were as well grounded in biological reality.”

Reviewer (E)
“Tracy has a talent for successfully interacting and collaborating with researchers across a number of different disciplines in the biological and mathematical sciences. In my opinion, this, together with the high-level of interdisciplinary research she produces, makes her a highly desirable and sought-after faculty member in a mathematics department.”

Reviewer (F)
“Many of Professor Jackson’s papers are substantial and published in top international journals. I find her research statement very exciting indeed. The work on angiogenesis is right at the forefront of the area. ... She has already made important discoveries with the very real promise of more to follow.”

Reviewer (G)
“...I can not [sic] think of a mathematical biologist [of her generation] who is better than she is. She is really, really good. ... She also has a very impressive research record and an excellent research program on one of the crucial biological problems of our time.”

Reviewer (H)
“...she has excellent abilities as a mentor, teacher and role model, and the ability to work productively and cooperatively with colleagues. She has already assumed significant service responsibilities at the national level. Her ability and potential have been extensively recognized in terms of grants and awards. ...I highly recommend her...”

Summary of Recommendation:
Professor Jackson’s research has attracted worldwide attention. She is an excellent teacher and a model citizen. The Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and I recommend that Associate Professor Trachette L. Jackson be promoted to the rank of professor of mathematics, with tenure, in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2008.

Recommended by: 

[Signature]
Terrence J. McDonald
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, 
Professor of History, and Dean
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Recommendation endorsed by:

[Signature]
Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and 
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Promotion Approval

NAME: Michael Jensen

CURRENT TITLE: Assistant Professor of Corporate Strategy and International Business, Stephen M. Ross School of Business

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Associate Professor of Strategy, with tenure, Stephen M. Ross School of Business

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

It is recommended that Michael Jensen, assistant professor of corporate strategy and international business, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, be promoted to associate professor of strategy, with tenure, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, effective September 1, 2008.

Academic Degrees:

PhD 2001 Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management, Management and Organizations, Evanston, IL
MA 1995 University of Aarhus, Philosophy and Management, Denmark
BA 1993 University of Aarhus, Philosophy, Denmark

Professional Record:

2001-Present Assistant Professor of Corporate Strategy and International Business, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, University of Michigan

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Jensen is a superb teacher in our core strategy classes and electives. He began his teaching career teaching the core strategy class to our undergraduate business students. More recently his primary teaching responsibilities have been in the MBA degree program, teaching an MBA elective on strategic alliances which has been heavily subscribed; and he also has been teaching in our signature MAP program, supervising and advising student teams. He has developed important new teaching materials, for example developing a series of teaching cases, which are now being used at other universities. He developed two new courses for PhD students and has worked closely with doctoral students on research projects that have resulted in “A” journal publications. He truly is an extraordinary teacher. Since joining the Ross School in 2001, his teaching ratings across all courses have ranged from 4.5 to 5.00 with a mean of 4.84.
Professor Jensen’s outstanding teaching was recognized in 2003 when he was awarded the BBA Teaching Excellence Award.

Scholarship: Professor Jensen’s scholarship is focused on how social structures affect corporate strategy and market competition. He has developed an impressive stream of research that has made strong and distinctive contributions to both organization theory and economic sociology, particularly in the interrelated literatures on organizational status, networks and market identity. His research shows how social status and social capital increase firms’ access to customers in different market environments that require different capabilities, thus providing especially strong evidence for the importance of status and network ties to competitive advantage. He is known for his original and innovative theoretical models, for the unique contexts in which he tests his ideas, and for rigorous and sophisticated empirical tests. Professor Jensen has published in the most prestigious journals in his field including Administrative Science Quarterly, Strategic Management Journal, and the Academy of Management Journal. Professor Jensen also has a pipeline of papers under review at “A” journals.

One of his most well-known papers published in the Administrative Science Quarterly provides a model suggesting how commercial banks’ status within the banking industry and their ties to other banks affect their abilities to gain access to investment banking customers. The study was the first to examine the transferability of organizational status and social capital from network ties across markets. The findings provide especially strong evidence for the importance of social status and social capital to competitive advantage. Professor Jensen was awarded the William H. Newman Best Paper award by the Academy of Management for this work.

Professor Jensen’s research excellence was recognized with a 2007 Ross School of Business Bank One Assistant Professorship award for “excellence in scholarly research, including an ongoing research program that promises to make significant contributions to our understanding of the field of business.”

Significant and Recent Publications:


**Service:** Professor Jensen has contributed to various departmental service needs, for example, serving as course coordinator for the BBA strategy class for several years, and taking an active role in recruiting junior faculty and doctoral students. He also has organized the area research seminar series and has worked more broadly with several MBA clubs to bring in a set of prestigious speakers. He demonstrates his intellectual leadership in the profession by serving as a member of the Editorial Review Boards of three of the top journals in his field (*Administrative Science Quarterly, Academy of Management Journal*, and *Strategic Management Journal*).

**External Reviewers:**

**Reviewer A:** “I am unreservedly persuaded that Professor Jensen deserves to be promoted to Associate Professor with tenure and that his superb record of research achievement to date will be fully sustained over the remainder of a distinguished academic career.”

**Reviewer B:** “Michael’s contributions are uniformly first-rate. He only publishes in top-tier journals, and the quality of his work matches the quality of the outlets. His 2006 *ASQ* on status anxiety and client defections is an example of his creativity and technical competence...Given the quality of his work, it is not surprising that it is being well cited.”

**Reviewer C:** “I strongly recommend that Michael Jensen be awarded tenure...his work extends our understanding of how network resources shape strategic outcomes...All of these papers are creative, thoughtful, persuasive, and useful contributions to the literature.”

**Reviewer D:** “The quality of Michael’s research is undoubtedly top-notch...his work has been accepted for publication in very top journals in management, most notably *Administrative Science Quarterly, Academy of Management Journal* and *Strategic Management Journal*. These three publications make up the top three empirical publications in the strategic management discipline in every journal ranking I am aware of. They have very high standards and accept 6-9% of articles submitted. Clearly many scholars go their whole career without publishing in these journals, yet Michael has managed to do so five times in a very short period of time since receiving his PhD.”

**Reviewer E:** “I think Professor Jensen is one of the smartest and most thoughtful organizational behavior scholars in his cohort...all but one of his articles have appeared in top journals and four have appeared in arguably the most prestigious outlets (*Academy of Management Journal* and *Administrative Science Quarterly*)...I honestly can not think of any candidates in Professor Jensen’s cohort who are superior to him.”
Reviewer F: “Jensen’s work stands out for its high quality. Acceptance rates in AMJ and ASQ papers are around 5 to 6%... I consider these three publications a “remarkable achievement” in today’s publishing environment...Professor Jensen has also achieved significant national visibility as evidence by his Social Science Research Fellowship and the William H. Newman Dissertation Award. Moreover, he serves on three top journal editorial boards: AMJ, ASQ, and SMJ. I very much doubt that there are any other untenured faculty in business schools that received such editorial invitations.”

Reviewer G: “My summary opinion is positive. Michael has demonstrated his ability to do imaginative, high-quality work. His dissertation paper on network advantage spilling over between adjacent markets is a clear success. His eye for research opportunities, and his work ethic, are evident from his subsequent papers...Michael presents a good case for tenure at the rank of associate professor.”

Summary of Recommendation: Professor Michael Jensen is an excellent organization theorist, whose achievements are both ingenious and theoretically rigorous. His broad and deep interests add considerable value to the strategy area and the Ross School. Professor Jensen is now hitting his stride and will yield dividends for a long time to come. Moreover, Professor Jensen is an outstanding teacher, capable of teaching many different courses in strategy and management and organizations, a valuable resource for PhD students inside and outside the strategy area, and is committed to service activities for the strategy area and his profession. He is an active contributor to the Ross School and has an ability to work with students and colleagues from other areas using a variety of tools and methods. Therefore, the Executive Committee and I strongly endorse that Professor Michael Jensen be promoted to associate professor of strategy, with tenure, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, effective September 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY: 

Robert J. Dolan, Dean
Stephen M. Ross School of Business

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Mark J. Kushner as professor of electrical engineering and computer science, with tenure, effective September 1, 2008.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Professor Kushner received B.A. and B.S. degrees in 1976 in astronomy and nuclear engineering (each Summa Cum Laude) from the University of California, Los Angeles. He received his M.S. and Ph.D in applied physics from the California Institute of Technology in 1977 and 1979, respectively.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Immediately following graduation, he took a position as Weissmann postdoctoral research fellow of applied physics at the California Institute of Technology. From 1980 to 1981, he served as a physicist at the Sandia National Laboratory, New Mexico. From 1981 to 1983 he served as a physicist at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, California. From 1983 to 1986 he served as a principal research scientist, and director of Electron, Atomic, and Molecular Physics at Spectra Technology, Inc., Washington. In 1986 he joined the faculty at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 1988 and to professor in 1991. In 2005, Professor Kushner accepted the position of dean in the College of Engineering at Iowa State University.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Kushner’s research involves the computational investigation of fundamental properties of low temperature plasmas, their interaction with surfaces and their application to this broad range of technologies. His research group has developed a suite of computational platforms that represent the state of the art in simulation of LTPSE systems, fundamentals to technology. These computational platforms have been licensed to nearly all the major national and
international plasma equipment and chip fabrication companies. The expertise at Michigan in space plasmas provides wonderful opportunities for Professor Kushner to collaborate in several areas including, multiphase plasmas, self-assembly through plasma nano-manufacturing, biotechnology, fundamental plasma transport at low and high pressure, and microplasmas.

PUBLICATIONS


EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Reviewer A: “Prof. Kushner has impeccable records as a teacher having won the praise of his students throughout his career. He has also trained a number of graduate students who have gone on to make large contributions.”

Reviewer B: “Mark has lead many of the recent advances in the modeling of low temperature plasmas.”
Reviewer C: “Dr. Kushner’s scientific and expository skills are well-known and admired across academia, industry and government. All of his research results can be used with confidence. He has a long list of refereed publications; all of these are of high quality and have archival value many years later.”

Reviewer D: “Prof. Kushner is the premier spokesman for low temperature plasma physics in the United States. He has the deepest knowledge of the field of anyone I have ever met and is highly regarded by everyone in this area.”

Reviewer E: “Mark has contributed to the understanding of an extremely wide variety of plasma applications including ECR sources, plasma displays, dielectric barrier discharges, inductive discharges, dusty plasmas, ionized PVD, etc. In all of these areas, he has provided new insights.”

Reviewer F: “Dr. Kushner is one of the world’s five or six leading scientists working on theoretical modeling of low temperature and processing plasmas. His accomplishments in this field are universally admired. The Semiconductor Industry Association Award this year is only the latest of many awards he has won for his work.”

Reviewer G: “Mark’s scientific career has been illustrious. He is the acknowledged international leader in the modeling and simulation of the basic physics and technology of low plasmas and devices using low temperature plasmas. The software that he developed is used by virtually every company that designs or uses plasma processing reactors.”

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

Mark J. Kushner has an established record of teaching and research excellence and a strong record of collegial interactions with peers. We are presented with an opportunity to hire a superb researcher, outstanding mentor, and promising educator in critical areas of current relevance to the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Mark J. Kushner as professor of electrical engineering and computer science, with tenure, effective September 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Gregory S. Miller

TITLE: Associate Professor of Accounting, Stephen M. Ross School of Business

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

On the recommendation of the Dean of the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, and with the endorsement of the Executive Committee, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Gregory S. Miller as associate professor of accounting, with tenure, effective September 1, 2008.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Gregory S. Miller received his Bachelor of Science in accounting from Miami University in 1990 and his Doctorate from the University of Michigan in 1998.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

In July 1998, Gregory S. Miller joined the faculty at Harvard University Business School as an assistant professor of accounting and management and was promoted to associate professor, without tenure, in 2003.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Professor Miller’s work is of excellent quality and he has built an impressive reputation as a nationally recognized scholar in the area of accounting. He has a cohesive research program aimed at understanding financial reporting and disclosure. In particular his research considers three broad questions: (1) how do firms choose to disclose; (2) how do firms target different stakeholders in their disclosures; and, (3) through what channels is a firm’s financial performance communicated. His research demonstrates a unique grasp of financial economics theory, and he uses state-of-the-art research methods. He is at the forefront of the issues he studies and there is every reason to believe that he will continue to be an important contributor for many years to come.
In addition to his excellent scholarship, Professor Miller has demonstrated exceptionally strong skills in developing and delivering high-quality content in teaching. His teaching record shows his capabilities in teaching a wide range of courses while providing a valuable experience for students. He developed an impressive portfolio of case studies while at Harvard Business School. Through this field-based case writing activity, Professor Miller has developed deep institutional knowledge. For example, he has taught several different courses including the core accounting course, various elective courses in the MBA program, and several executive education courses. In addition, he will serve as an invaluable resource for mentoring and advising PhD students. Thus, overall he adds strength across our programs and will serve as an important addition to our strong reputation in financial accounting.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS


EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL LETTERS

Reviewer (A)
“I think this is a pretty straightforward case. I would place Greg in the top echelon of ‘capital markets’ researchers who are about 6-12 years out.”

Reviewer (B)
“Greg is the best person available for this position of tenured associate professor of accounting, and I give Greg my highest possible recommendation.”
Reviewer (C)
"In summary, I believe that Professor Miller has assembled an impressive body of research and I rank the quality and importance of his scholarship as very high. I also believe he has attained a strong reputation as leading researcher."

Reviewer (D)
"Professor Miller has clearly established himself as a nationally recognized scholar in the area of economics of accounting choices and disclosure of information. In my opinion Professor Miller’s scholarly contribution more than warrants promotion to Associate Professor with tenure at a top research university in the U.S."

Reviewer (E)
"The quality of the journals where Greg has published is completely in line with expectations for someone reviewing tenure in accounting at a top-tier school, as all of his published papers except one are in top-tier journals."

Reviewer (F)
"As to stature and standing among scholars, I note that Greg’s expertise and willingness to serve has been reflected in two editorial board appointments at two of the three leading scholarly journals in accounting. This dual recognition by editors in one’s first decade is highly unusual."

Reviewer (G)
"Overall, Greg’s case is very much deserving of tenure at Michigan. Besides being a productive researcher, he would be an excellent colleague. I recommend him highly for appointment as a tenured Associate Professor."

Reviewer (H)
"Certainly his extensive experience writing cases will serve him well in the classroom. I believe he would be an excellent researcher, colleague and teacher."

Reviewer (I)
"In addition to his research record, having seen Greg present and knowing of his reputation, I expect that he is an outstanding teacher. In sum, I recommend that you make him an attractive offer. He is more that qualified to be hired as a tenured associate professor."

Reviewer (J)
"His research contributions place him with the best of his cohort, I know he will be a valued researcher, teacher and colleague, and therefore I recommend him enthusiastically for tenure at Michigan."
SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

Professor Miller will be an important addition to the Stephen M. Ross School of Business for several reasons. First, he is an excellent scholar focusing on an important area in financial disclosure and reporting. He will add to our capabilities in our accounting area and also will serve to build the intellectual capital of the Ross School and the University of Michigan. Second, he has demonstrated exceptionally strong skills in developing teaching materials and in teaching. Third, he will add to developing junior faculty and PhD students. Finally, he will add to our overall Ross community. He has demonstrated, even as an untenured faculty member at Harvard, a willingness to serve his colleagues and the profession. We believe that once he is here at Michigan, he will make important contributions in the service of the group, the Ross School, and the University of Michigan. Therefore we are please to recommend the appointment of Gregory S. Miller as associate professor of accounting, with tenure, effective September 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY:               RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Robert J. Dolan, Dean          Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and
Stephen M. Ross School of Business  Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Mark B. Moldwin as professor of atmospheric, oceanic and space sciences, with tenure, effective September 1, 2009.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Professor Moldwin received his B.A. in physics (with honors) from Boston University in 1987. He continued on to receive his M.S. and Ph.D. in astronomy in 1990 and 1992, respectively.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Immediately following graduation, he took a position as a postdoctoral fellow at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. Following his postdoctoral work, in 1994, Professor Moldwin accepted a position as an assistant professor at the Florida Institute of Technology. In 2000, he joined the faculty at the University of California, Los Angeles, as an associate professor of space physics, with tenure. He was promoted to professor in 2006.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Moldwin has developed a large body of research work dealing with the physical processes that govern the flow of charged particles through near-Earth space. In particular, his scientific achievements have been focused on two regions of the magnetosphere: the plasmasphere and the magnetotail. He has used innovative data analysis procedures to glean new insights about these regions of geospace and is considered to be one of the best-regarded scientists in the field. Professor Moldwin has established himself as an instrument builder with a long track record of successful instrument deployment and operation. His specialty is ground-based magnetometers, of which he is PI or co-PI of over 30 such instruments around the globe. In addition, he is also the PI of a spaceflight magnetometer for an upcoming Air Force satellite.
PUBLICATIONS


EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Reviewer A: “I consider his teaching and outreach achievements to be almost unique for a UCLA faculty member [of his cohort]. This is reflected in the awards and numerous teaching grants he has gained including a top ten professor rating by the UCLA Students Association.”

Reviewer B: “...Professor Moldwin has produced an important body of research that has had a significant impact on the field. He is very well regarded in the research community both here and abroad. He has a strong record of service to the community, and a passion for teaching and involving students at all levels in the learning process.”

Reviewer C: “His most influential work has been on the topics of plasmapause connections to the magnetosphere above and the ionosphere below. The community's understanding of plasmaspheric structuring is due in large part to Mark's investigations.”
Reviewer D: “Professor Moldwin’s research interests, experimental as well as in data analysis and interpretation, are those that can have a significant impact upon the educational program in a major research university such as Michigan, as well as in the wider community.”

Reviewer E: “He has had an important impact on the field of reconnection, plasmaspheric science, and superstorms, while working hard to make a substantive change in educational techniques for the future generations.”

Reviewer F: “Regarding achievements and abilities in research, I put Mark in the top tier of his peer group, which includes some very good people in addition to Mark. But regarding his achievements and abilities in teaching and outreach, he is singular. Here you have a truly outstanding person. He is a strategic thinker who is helping to shape the landscape in which the interaction between our science and society will be carried out now and in the future.”

Reviewer G: “Prof. Moldwin stands in the first tier of space plasma physicists internationally and is easily in the top 5% of the scientists currently active in this broad field. More narrowly, I would rate him among the top 20 magnetospheric physicists world-wide…”

Reviewer H: “Mark Moldwin is a creative, productive educator/researcher who has made – and more importantly, continues to make – significant contributions to the geophysical sciences.”

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

Mark B. Moldwin has an established record of teaching and research excellence and a strong record of collegial interactions with peers. We are presented with an opportunity to hire a superb researcher, outstanding mentor, and promising educator in critical areas of current relevance to the Department of Atmospheric, Oceanic and Space Sciences. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Mark B. Moldwin as professor of atmospheric, oceanic and space sciences, with tenure, effective September 1, 2009.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Promotion Approval

NAME: Mercedes Pascual

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

It is recommended that Mercedes Pascual, associate professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, be promoted to professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2008.

Academic Degrees:
Ph.D. 1995 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
M.Sc. 1989 New Mexico State University
Licenciatura 1985 Universidad de Ciencias Exactas y Naturales, Buenos Aires
B.A. 1980 Pontificia Universidad Católica do Rio de Janeiro
B.A. 1979 Universidad Santa Ursula do Rio de Janeiro

Professional Record:
2004 – present Associate Professor, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Michigan
2003 – present External Faculty, Santa Fe Institute
2001 – 2004 Assistant Professor, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Michigan
1999 – 2001 Adjunct Scientist, Biology Department, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute
1997 – 2000 Research Assistant Professor, Center of Marine Biotechnology, University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute
1997 – 2000 Affiliated Faculty, Program Health Effects of Global Environmental Change, The Johns Hopkins University
1997 – 1998 Affiliate Research Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, University of Maryland
Summary of Evaluation:
Teaching – Professor Pascual makes a distinctive and valuable contribution to the teaching profile in her department. She has successfully developed innovative and academically rigorous courses in quantitative biology for students at the undergraduate and graduate levels. She is a gifted and effective research mentor to graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, and she consistently attracts the best students. She has a very impressive track record of turning her students into outstanding scientists with multiple publications in competitive scientific journals.

Research – Professor Pascual’s scholarship is broadly situated in theoretical ecology where she is recognized as her generation’s most inspiring and insightful leader. Her contributions to disentangling the role of climate change and intrinsic dynamics in cholera, malaria, and influenza are already classics that are of immense practical importance. She publishes regularly in Science, Nature, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, and other job journals. She is well funded and considered to be among the very top theoretical ecologists in the world today, regardless of rank.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Service – Professor Pascual gives her time and expertise to numerous service activities at the department, university, and national levels. She is especially active in leadership roles in her discipline. She has been sought out for national advisory boards, active in organizing and participating in numerous workshops, served on National Science Foundation panels, and reviewed grants and manuscripts for publication. She also provides valuable mentorship to junior faculty.

External Reviews:
Reviewer (A)
“Dr. Pascual has an impressive publication record, and has made significant contributions to the understanding of the dynamics of a range of human diseases. ... It is impressive that in addition to this very substantial body of work in epidemiology she has also produced a series of interesting papers in food web theory.”

Reviewer (B)
“I believe Mercedes to be a leader in the field of Theoretical Ecology, particularly with respect to its interface with Infectious Disease Epidemiology. ... She has contributed to an extremely important debate on the effects of climate change on the distribution of malaria...and has very effectively delivered a number of insights regarding cholera epidemic patterns...”
Reviewer (C)
"Among her contemporaries, I know of no other theoretical spatial ecologist or theoretician working at the interface between ecology and epidemiology I would clearly rank more highly than Dr. Pascual."

Reviewer (D)
"I find it a great honor to write a letter of support for Dr. Pascual. ...she is an exceptional if not unique scientist, a person undertaking internationally significant and relevant research."

Reviewer (E)
"I had always assumed she was already a Full Professor at Michigan. And she certainly should be."

Reviewer (F)
"The quality and quantity of her publications is simply outstanding. The papers are of excellent quality and appear in high-ranking journals... It is not rare to find her papers on the list of highly recommended papers of Faculty of 1000 Biology."

Reviewer (G)
"...Mercedes is very highly respected internationally, and is one of the first 'go to' brilliant quantitative scientists that many of us look to when we are seeking the most cutting-edge, high quality research at the intersection of ecology and public health."

Reviewer (H)
"Dr. Pascual remains one of the brightest theoretical ecologists in the field of ecology. She has distinguished herself at an international level and Michigan should promote her without question."

Summary of Recommendation:
Professor Pascual is a leader in her field. She is a very successful teacher and mentor, and an outstanding colleague. The Executive Committee and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and I recommend that Associate Professor Mercedes Pascual be promoted to the rank of professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, with tenure, in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2008.

Recommended by: 

Terence J. McDonald
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, 
Professor of History, and Dean
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

July 2008 

Recommendation endorsed by: 

Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and 
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

I am pleased to recommend for Regental approval the appointment of Monica Ponce de Leon as dean of the A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning and the Eliel Saarinen Collegiate Professor of Architecture, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013, and professor of architecture and urban planning, with tenure, effective September 1, 2008. This recommendation follows an international search conducted by a search advisory committee.

Professor Ponce de Leon received a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1989 from the University of Miami and the Master of Architecture in Urban Design degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Design in 1991. Also in 1991, she and Nader Tehrani launched Office dA, an internationally known design practice of which she is a principal. She joined the Harvard Graduate School of Design faculty in 1996, following appointments on the faculties of University of Miami, Northeastern University, and Georgia Institute of Technology. She has held visiting professorships at the Southern California Institute of Architecture and the Rhode Island School of Design. She has received honors from the Architectural League of New York (Emerging Voices, 2003, and Young Architects Award, 1997) and the American Academy of Arts and Letters (Award in Architecture, 2002). Her practice has received over 30 design awards, among which are the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Award (2007), the AIA/ALA Design Award (Helios House, 2007), the I.D. Magazine Award: Environment (2007) and the AIA/ALA Library Building Award (2007) for the Fleet Library at the Rhode Island School of Design, and ten Progressive Architecture Awards. Most recently, Office dA was awarded the American Institute of Architects Committee on the Environment’s (COTE) Top Ten Green Projects for 2008 for the Macallen Building in Boston.

Among her authored works are numerous articles in U.S. and international publications on topics ranging from Latin American architecture to eco-tourism to public infrastructure for the tropics. She has given more than 60 invited lectures and symposia and conference presentations. Between 1991 and 2007, her work has been referenced in over 200 publications world-wide about design. She has curated exhibitions, the most recent in 2005 on “The City of Aleppo: The Veronica Ridge Green Prize in Urban Design,” and she has had numerous solo exhibitions in New York, Providence RI, Atlanta, Princeton NJ, Cambridge MA, and elsewhere. She has received grants for research on design, including implications of digital fabrication in relationship to conventional construction practices in the U.S. and invention of new
construction systems for unique conditions of the Galapagos Islands, and for archival research in Latin American architecture and landscape architecture.

The portfolio of Monica Ponce de Leon’s firm, Office dA, includes institutional, residential, commercial, housing, governmental, industrial design and urban design projects all over the world. Among the more recent are the Fleet Library at Rhode Island School of Design, the Tongxian Arts Center in Beijing, Helios House/Rebranding of a Gas Station in Los Angeles, an Intergenerational Housing Center for the City of Chicago, a dynamic low-cost housing for the Elemental program in Chile, the first LEED certified large residential project in Boston and a border station between the U.S. and Canada.

As a recognized leader in the field of design, Monica Ponce de Leon will infuse the Taubman College with energy and currency in architecture and urban planning. I am confident of her ability to articulate a vision for the College that will position it as a leader in architecture and design education and practice on such important issues as sustainability, digital technologies, diversity and social consciousness. I recommend her appointments, effective September 1, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Duxin Sun

TITLE: Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: 12 Months

On the recommendation of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and with the endorsement of the College of Pharmacy Executive Committee, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Duxin Sun as associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences, with tenure, effective July 1, 2008.

ACADEMIC DEGREES
Professor Sun received his Bachelor of Pharmacy and Master of Pharmacology both from the Second Military Medical University in Shanghai, China, in 1986 and 1992, respectively. He was a visiting scholar in molecular biology and pharmacology at Vanderbilt University (1994-95), as well as at the University of Pennsylvania (1995-98). He completed his Ph.D. program in pharmaceutics at the University of Michigan in 2002.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD
Professor Sun joined Bristol-Myers Squibb Company as a research investigator in 2002. He was appointed as an assistant professor in the Division of Pharmaceutics, College of Pharmacy, at The Ohio State University in 2003.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION
Professor Sun has had exceptional training and experience in cellular and molecular biology, cancer therapeutics and the pharmaceutical sciences. As an assistant professor at The Ohio State University, he has developed an outstanding graduate research program that is focused on tumor imaging and targeted drug therapy for colorectal cancer, novel Hsp90 inhibitors for pancreatic cancer, chemical biology and microRNA for overcoming multidrug resistance in leukemia, and in translating transporter, pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic knowledge into cancer treatments. During this time, he has established a national reputation, having published over 20 articles in high-impact pharmaceutical and chemical journals, including some very prestigious biomedical journals, as well as two book chapters. He also has significant current funding from the NIH. Professor Sun is a successful and dedicated educator, having taught several courses for the professional and graduate programs at The Ohio State University, where he received very favorable teaching evaluations by the students. He has mentored two graduate students and five postdoctoral fellows and currently has nine students in his research group. It is clear that Professor Sun is collegial and a very good citizen of his college. At The Ohio State University, he participated on strategic planning and program committees and has served as a faculty advisor for student groups and focus groups. At the professional level, he has served as an ad hoc member of the Xenobiotic and Nutrient Disposition and Action study section of NIH, as a reviewer for several pharmaceutical journals, and on the program committee of many American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists symposia, roundtables, and focus groups. Professor Sun is a flourishing scientist and educator and is viewed as an emerging leader in the pharmaceutical sciences.
EXERPTS FROM EXTERNAL LETTERS
Reviewer (A):
"Dr. Sun demonstrated that he is a very productive junior investigator and highly capable of securing funding from different sources to sustain his research effort. He has maintained his productivity with very significant number of publications in top journals...I am particularly impressed by the number of students he has directed at this stage of his academic career."

Reviewer (B):
"...he has accomplished a great deal in just a few years...His publications in this area are impressive and are certainly of very high quality....Duxin is certainly a very gifted investigator. His best work is yet to come."

Reviewer (C):
"I was very much impressed by his broad knowledge in the research field, his insightful analysis of the current research trend and development, and his scholarly performance....There is no doubt in my mind that he is a productive investigator who has gained excellent recognition by his peers at the national level."

Reviewer (D):
"Duxin has positioned himself very well as one of the leaders in integrated approach in tumor drug targeting, molecular drug targeting, and chemical biology approach to overcome cancer drug resistance....All in all, Dr. Duxin Sun is a rising star in drug delivery."

Reviewer (E):
"In the past 4 years, Duxin has built a first class research program at OSU....By all standards, Dr. Sun is a well established investigator with a superb reputation among his peers....The number of Ph.D. students that he has trained matches that trained in my lab in the last 15 years!"

Reviewer (F):
"The research and therapeutic approach in this research project is very creative. I am very impressed with this work....This work holds high novelty and involves cutting-edge methods from diverse areas."

Reviewer (G):
"...his peers inside and out of our field are recognizing his work as significant and notable....I believe that Dr. Sun is an outstanding scientist and he is making important contributions to the Pharmaceutical Sciences, especially in the area of drug delivery....I commend him for being able to run a competitive research program while carrying such a high thesis committee load....His teaching effectiveness scores based on student feedback are outstanding."

Reviewer (H):
"...I do appreciate the quality and significance of Dr. Sun’s research and publications. Dr. Sun’s scholarly contributions to the area of targeted drug delivery and pharmacokinetics, as well as his productivity, are first rate."

Reviewer (I):
"...he has built an impressive, extramurally funded research program and several highly successful collaborations...Despite these excellent achievements for his prior research, I strongly believe that Dr. Sun’s best work is still to come....Dr. Sun is clearly in the top 5% of his peers."
Reviewer (J):
“I am very impressed with Dr. Sun’s publications both in quality and quantity...This quantity is excellent as [an] assistant professor and is very impressive...I am sure that Dr. Sun should be ranked in the top 1-5% of his peer group in pharmaceutical sciences.”

Reviewer (K):
“This is pioneering work in the area of drug absorption...I believe that he will be one of the opinion leaders in his research field.”

Reviewer (L):
“I am also particularly impressed by Duxin’s dedication and achievement in teaching...I believe that Dr. Duxin Sun is one of the most promising scientists [of his generation] in the pharmaceutical science who is definitely on his way to become one of the future leaders in pharmaceutical education and research. He will be an outstanding researcher, an excellent teacher, and a tremendous asset to any Department.”

SUMMARY
Professor Sun is a remarkable researcher and educator. We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Duxin Sun as associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences, with tenure, in the College of Pharmacy, effective July 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY:

[Signature]
Frank J. Ascione, Dean
College of Pharmacy

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
On the recommendation of the Dean of the School of Social Work, and with the endorsement of the Executive Committee, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Bradley J. Zebrack as associate professor of social work, with tenure, in the School of Social Work, effective September 1, 2008.

Academic Degrees:

Bradley J. Zebrack received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of California – Los Angeles in 1982. He received his M.S.W. in social work and M.P.H. in public health in 1992 from the University of California – Berkeley. He received his Ph.D. in social work and sociology from the University of Michigan in 1999.

Professional Record:

Bradley J. Zebrack joined the faculty at the University of Southern California in 2003 and is currently an assistant professor.

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Zebrack’s teaching experience has encompassed both the classroom and the community and has included both undergraduate and graduate courses. He has also served on numerous thesis committees and functioned as a mentor for graduate and undergraduate students. While his teaching activities have been a bit restricted because of his research, all indications are that he is an excellent instructor as evidenced by the course evaluations.

Research: Professor Zebrack has supported his research agenda with funding from the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Health and Human Services and various foundations. He has clearly demonstrated a capacity to work collaboratively and in interdisciplinary contexts, both necessary and valued attributes for success at Michigan and in the funding arena. His work has garnered national and international recognition and appears in some of the major interdisciplinary journals such as Cancer and the Journal of Clinical Oncology, and mainstream social work journals such as Social Work in Health Care and Health and Social Work. Professor Zebrack is a true translational scholar. In a profession that values evidence-based and empirical practice, the ability to bring research and theory into practice is not merely important, but critical. Professor Zebrack has managed to accomplish this in an almost seamless manner. He has been invited to
make presentations around the world, from China to Hungary to Canada. In addition, he provided expert testimony in front of the President’s Cancer Panel for the National Cancer Program focusing on “barriers to translating research in to reductions in the burden of cancer.” Thus, Professor Zebrack is a scholar who consciously bridges the world of practice and research.

**Recent and Significant Publications:**


**Service:** Professor Zebrack’s service activity has been truly remarkable. He has demonstrated a commitment to not only researching issues around cancer, but also serving the relevant national organizations and agencies. The breadth of this service, from the Lance Armstrong Foundation to the American Psychosocial Oncology Society to scientific work groups at NIH, reflect interplay between his research and service.

**External Reviews:**

Reviewer (A)
“I see Dr. Zebrack as a critical scholar/leader for the profession in the 21st century as we seek to improve our relationship within the health sciences community.”

Reviewer (B)
“I think that Brad Zebrack has positioned himself to make significant contribution to research in an important, understudied area, namely cancer survivorship, and has clearly begun to make that contribution.”

Reviewer (C)
“Dr. Zebrack’s research is critical to our knowledge base and practice of psychosocial oncology. He has not only produced excellent scholarship in the area of childhood cancer survivors but has fervently worked on how to translate this scholarship into practice.”

Reviewer (D)
“Based on course only on the written materials provided, my opinion is he would receive a similar promotion at our School, and I would encourage Michigan to seriously consider offering him a position at the rank of Associate Professor.”
Reviewer (E)
"Dr. Zebrack’s service in psychosocial oncology is extensive and has evolved from national to international levels. Dr. Zebrack would bring national and international recognition to your institution for leadership and service in oncology."

Reviewer (F)
"Yes, Dr. Zebrack would definitely meet (exceed) the standards for promotion and tenure at [my institute] (with respect to scholarship and community service areas). Dr. Zebrack’s level of achievement at this point in his career suggests that he will have a very productive future."

Reviewer (G)
"In terms of the significance of Dr. Zebrack’s work, I give him very high marks not only for the importance and quality of his work, as mentioned above, but also for the ways in which he disseminates the work."

Summary of Recommendation: Professor Zebrack is an outstanding scholar on psychosocial issues related cancer survivorship. He brings with him a broad and diverse set of experiences and expertise, and an outstanding connection with the community of cancer survivors and researchers. He has demonstrated excellent teaching skills at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, and also exhibited a willingness and desire to engage in professional education. His service contributions are nothing short of exemplary. We are therefore pleased to recommend the appointment of Bradley J. Zebrack as associate professor of social work, with tenure, in the School of Social Work, effective September 1, 2008.

Recommended By: 
Paula Allen-Meares, Dean
Norma Radin Collegiate Professor of Social Work and Professor of Education
School of Social Work

July 2008
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

Recommendations for approval of new appointments
and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks,
without tenure
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Krishnan Raghavendran, M.D.

TITLE: Associate Professor of Surgery

TENURE STATUS: Without Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: 12 Months

On the recommendation of Michael W. Mullolland, M.D., Ph.D., the Frederick A. Coller Distinguished Professor of Surgery 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 Krishnan Raghavendran, M.D., as Associate Professor of Surgery, without tenure, effective July 1, 2008.

Dr. Raghavendran received his medical education at the Jawaharlal Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education in Pondicherry, India, and completed residency training in general surgery also at that institution. From 1991-1994, Dr. Raghavendran pursued a residency in general surgery at the Bronx Lebanon Hospital, followed by additional residency training at the Henry Ford Hospital during 1994-1996. He completed a one-year fellowship in surgical critical care at Brown University in 2000. From 1996-1999, he was a staff general surgeon in Hondo, Texas, simultaneously holding an (honorary) Clinical Assistant Professor of General Surgery title at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio. In 2000, Dr. Raghavendran joined the faculty at the State University of New York at Buffalo as Assistant Professor of Surgery and was promoted to his current rank of Associate Professor of Surgery, with tenure, in 2007.

Dr. Raghavendran’s area of research interest is in inflammatory response of lung contusions and the diagnostic and therapeutic strategies in ventilator-associated pneumonia and pathogenesis of aspiration-induced lung injury. He has published 21 peer-reviewed publications with three additional manuscripts accepted for publication, as well as two book chapters. Dr. Raghavendran’s research is currently funded by a K08 award. Previously, he has been co-investigator on two NIH R01 awards. He was principal investigator on one multi-site clinical trial and sub-investigator on another clinical trial. As evidence of his national recognition, Dr. Raghavendran is an elected member of the Society of University Surgeons, a prestigious organization of individuals in well-established professional positions, with demonstrated scholarly or creative ability that positively impacts their field.
Recent and Significant Publications:


Dr. Raghavendran is an accomplished educator. In addition to his numerous invited lectures and presentations, he has received two awards for outstanding teaching in the Department of Surgery at his current institution. Further, as a member of the Society of University Surgeons, Dr. Raghavendran was invited to make two podium presentations before this group. His recognition among his peers provides outstanding evidence of his standing in his surgical field. At the University of Michigan, Dr. Raghavendran’s teaching contributions will be focused on the clinical training and mentoring of residents and fellows in acute care surgery.

External Review: Brief excerpts from external reviewers are provided below:

**Reviewer A:** “Dr. Raghavendran has established a basic science research program that has and continues to provide significant new knowledge in the fields of pulmonary pathophysiology and traumatic lung injury. His NIH funded K08 research on lung contusion and its interaction with aspiration is novel and will likely advance our knowledge of this clinically relevant problem.”
Reviewer B: “National recognition of his independence is perhaps best reflected by his visibility as a physician-scientist in the Society for University Surgeons. Because of this, Dr. Raghavendran was elected by his peers to the Society of University Surgeons in 2006.”

Reviewer C: “Dr. Raghavendran’s academic accomplishments demonstrate evidence of sustained academic productivity and regional-national reputation that would certainly qualify him for appointment as an Associate Professor with tenure at our institution.”

Reviewer D: “…he was very successful in attracting NIH grants with his colleagues. He has contributed at least 20 seminal articles in his particular field, and many submitted for publication….Dr. Raghavendran would most likely achieve equal appointment for him to the position of associate professor with tenure at my own institution.”

Reviewer E: “His work on pulmonary contusions, and in particular the focus on the additive detrimental effects of microaspiration to the inflammatory process caused by the contusion, has created a great impression in the trauma community. His experiments are considered to be state-of-the-art and his methodology is almost impeccable. The findings have changed the way we think about pulmonary contusion.”

Dr. Raghavendran is a nationally recognized academic trauma surgeon. His recruitment to this institution provides not only much needed clinical expertise in acute care trauma, but equally important, the opportunity to expand our research program in this area. The University of Michigan will provide Dr. Raghavendran with substantial resources and opportunities to enhance his research program through receipt of independent grant funding and additional scholarly publications. Therefore, a tenure decision will be delayed until Dr. Raghavendran’s scientific progress can be further evaluated. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Krishnan Raghavendran, M.D., as Associate Professor of Surgery, without tenure.

Recommended by

[Signature]
James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by

[Signature]
Robert P. Kelch, M.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs

Teresa A. Sullivan, Ph.D., Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Nithya Ramnath, M.D.

TITLE: Associate Professor of Internal Medicine

TENURE STATUS: Without Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: 12 Months

On the recommendation of Robert F. Todd III, M.D., Ph.D., the Frances and Victor Ginsberg Professor of Hematology/Oncology and Interim Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Nithya Ramnath, M.D., as Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, without tenure, effective July 1, 2008.

Dr. Ramnath received her medical education at the Jawaharlal Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education in Pondicherry, India, in 1987, and completed an internship and residency also at that institution. She pursued a residency in internal medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine during 1991-1994 and a fellowship in medical oncology at Wayne State University from 1994-1996. From 1996-1999, Dr. Ramnath was in clinical private practice in Texas, and, in 1999, she was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Medicine, without tenure, at the State University of New York at Buffalo. Since 2007, she has held an appointment as Associate Professor of Oncology, without tenure, at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

Dr. Ramnath’s research focuses on all aspects of the treatment of lung cancer, including the prognostic markers and the development of natural compounds that may influence response to therapy. Her bibliography reflects 35 peer-reviewed publications, primarily in the area of clinical therapeutics of lung cancer; she is first or senior author on 16 of these publications. Dr. Ramnath is principal investigator on an NIH R21 grant and an American Cancer Society IRG grant, as well as co-investigator on additional grants. External evaluators laud Dr. Ramnath’s research expertise and her accomplishments, placing her in the top 10th percentile of investigators in her field. On the national scene, Dr. Ramnath is recognized for her work on a National Comprehensive Cancer Center Network panel, and she is a member of the respiratory core committee for that organization. Dr. Ramnath also is an ad hoc reviewer for a number of journals.
Recent and Significant Publications


Teaching has always been an integral part of Dr. Ramnath's academic career. In 1994 she won the Leo Davidoff Award for outstanding achievement as a house officer in the teaching of medical students at Wayne State University. Since then, Dr. Ramnath has participated in a variety of teaching activities and has served as a mentor to a number of trainees, including graduate students, residents and fellows. Her teaching duties have routinely included the education of rotating residents and fellows in the principles and practice of thoracic oncology through didactic lectures as well as in outpatient clinics and inpatient rounds. In addition, Dr. Ramnath has provided a core lecture each year to Pharmacology doctoral students on micro-tubule drugs. She has consistently received ratings in the very good to excellent range for her teaching performance. Dr. Ramnath has also written one of the few academic articles on the experience of the oncology rotation for trainees (Chen H, et al. *J Cancer Educ* 2007; 22:50-55). At the University of Michigan, Dr. Ramnath will be involved in teaching through her clinical service in the outpatient clinics of the Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Ann Arbor VA Healthcare System. She also will have a role in inpatient care and on the oncology consultation service at University Hospital. In addition to her clinical teaching, Dr. Ramnath will provide instruction to graduate and postgraduate students in the area of clinical therapeutics of lung cancer and chemoprevention.

External Review: Brief excerpts from external reviewers are presented below:

Reviewer A: "Dr. Ramnath is a serious and scholarly clinical investigator [of her cohort], who is well-respected by her peers. She is a recognized thought leader in the area of new drug development in lung cancer, and is the PI on multiple competitive investigator-initiated trials."
Reviewer B: “Dr. Ramnath is well respected by her peers. She is well regarded in the field of thoracic oncology nationally and internationally. I believe Dr. Ramnath has a great potential to excel further and continue to be a leader in the field of thoracic oncology. I have no doubt that Dr. Ramnath’s relocation to the prestigious University of Michigan would certainly benefit her and the institution immensely.”

Reviewer C: “I believe that her work in clinical trials clearly demonstrates an ability to work with industry and to generate innovative clinical protocols. It also appears that she is involved on a number of national committees particular within the NCI cooperative trials group CALGB.”

Reviewer D: “I would rank Dr. Ramnath in terms of her peers in the top 10th percentile of clinical researchers at her level. After reading the submitted articles for evaluation it is apparent she is very gifted at writing and her research is of the highest quality.”

Reviewer E: “Most significantly, she has obtained an outstanding score for her R21 proposal to evaluate IV calcitriol with docetaxol and cisplatin in advanced NSCLC. These awards are extraordinarily difficult to obtain and this alone places Dr. Ramnath ahead of her peers.”

Dr. Ramnath is a national leader in experimental therapeutics of lung cancer. She is a patient-oriented clinical investigator, who will provide important expertise in lung cancer. The University of Michigan and, in particular, the Comprehensive Cancer Center, will provide Dr. Ramnath with many opportunities to further develop her program as a translational oncology researcher focused on the prevention and treatment of lung cancer. I am very pleased to recommend the appointment of Nithya Ramnath, M.D. as Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, without tenure. A tenure recommendation will be considered for Dr. Ramnath after her effectiveness in the Department of Internal Medicine has been assessed.

Recommended by

James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by

Robert P. Kelch, M.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs

Teresa A. Sullivan, Ph.D., Provost
and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Paul Schoenfield

TITLE: Professor of Music, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

TENURE STATUS: Without Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

With the support and recommendation of the Executive Committee of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Paul Schoenfield as professor of music, without tenure, effective September 1, 2008.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Professor Schoenfield received a Bachelor of Music from Converse College in 1967, a Master of Fine Arts from Carnegie-Mellon University in 1968, and a Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Arizona in 1970.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Professor Schoenfield’s academic career began at the University of Toledo as an assistant professor, progressing through the academic ranks to professor of piano and composition at that same institution. He has also served as an adjunct professor of composition at the University of Minnesota, and an associate professor of piano at the University of Akron. Professor Schoenfield is currently professor of composition at the prestigious Cleveland Institute of Music. Professor Schoenfield is an American original; he is one of the few composers in the field to be so actively sought-after that he has for many years worked outside the academy, producing compositions on commission for many leading performing organizations, an exceedingly rare state for composers in these times. He is also a highly accomplished pianist with credentials as a recording and performing artist on the highest level. The depth of his knowledge of mathematics, with a special interest in number theory, and his serious study of the Talmud from the perspective of orthodox Judaism (he is fluent in modern Hebrew) qualify him as a genuine embodiment of intellectual and artistic diversity.
SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

During his recent visit to the School, his work with our students was both idiosyncratic and candid, and, in reports from students, inspiring. Professor Schoenfield is clearly qualified to teach advanced students in a wide array of courses. The faculty of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, and others in mathematics and Judaic Studies, are deeply enthusiastic about the prospect of this extraordinary individual joining our community. We are enormously fortunate to have attracted Professor Schoenfield to the University of Michigan at a point in his career when he is ready for a change of venue and career emphasis.

EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWERS

Reviewer A: “He is a superb musician very knowledgeable of the entire field of music and a very fine composer who has developed a very individualistic sound combining many diverse influences, and also has been extremely successful so that many compositions have already entered the contemporary repertoire on a regular basis.”

Reviewer B: “He is a brilliant musician and certainly one of the leading composers.”

Reviewer C: “I consider Dr. Schoenfield one of the most gifted and original composers of his generation. I believe this assessment is corroborated by numerous colleagues and associates throughout the United States, Europe and Israel. He enjoys an enviable reputation among his peers as well as in the music world in general.”

Reviewer D: “Paul Schoenfield is widely known as a composer of music which brings together a number of musical traditions, including popular music styles. His resume shows a pattern of creative work that is becoming increasingly more productive, and I would suspect that he will continue to write steadily in the years ahead.”

Reviewer E: “I would rank Professor Schoenfield’s stature in the field as very high. By any measure, he is a major American composer.”

Reviewer F: “I think he has become one of the most interesting and exciting composers of his time. I think he is also a rare composer who has the power to truly move his audience. He is artistically determined but a truly gentle soul...”

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Professor Schoenfield is a brilliant composer with a list of works to his credit that place him at the top of the field in terms of quality and content. Although the list of compositions is not vast, it is ample and extraordinary in its breadth of media and its human depth. It is also exceptional in the frequency of performance by leading artists and the number of his works recorded. Making his record the more remarkable in a field of cut-throat competition, is his total unwillingness to self-promote; he does not even have a publisher of his music, though most publishers in the field would be eager to handle his oeuvre. Professor Schoenfield is also a formidable pianist and
chamber music collaborator, which fact is illustrated in his recordings as a pianist and the reports of School of Music, Theatre & Dance faculty who have performed with him. Perhaps the most striking evidence of his rare attainment as a performer is found in his having spent three years at Marlboro as resident artist, performing with and learning from the legendary Rudolf Serkin.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

The School of Music, Theatre & Dance Executive Committee enthusiastically agrees that Professor Paul Schoenfield is an extraordinary candidate for the position of professor of music, tenure-track, in the Department of Composition. This appointment will be a welcome and enriching addition to the Composition faculty, the School and the University. Professor Schoenfield brings an unusual combination of gifts to the table. He is, in the words of Evan Chambers, Chair of our Composition Department, “an absolutely brilliant composer with a list of works to his credit that tops the field in terms of quality and content. His technical ability is a match for anyone working today.” The potential contributions of Professor Schoenfield to the University could reach into as many as five departments including the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies. Professor Schoenfield will receive a tenure review following a complete assessment of his teaching skills and professional activities during his appointment. I am very pleased to recommend the appointment of Paul Schoenfield as professor of music, without tenure, effective September 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Christopher W. Kendall, Dean
School of Music, Theatre & Dance

July 2008

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
Recommendations for approval of reappointments

of regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff
Rosina M. Bierbaum was reappointed Dean of the School of Natural Resources and Environment from October 1, 2006 through August 31, 2009. I would like to extend her appointment for one year, from September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010.

Dean Bierbaum received her B.S. degree in biology and B.A. degree in English from Boston College in 1974, and her Ph.D. degree in ecology and evolution from the State University of New York, Stony Brook, in 1985. Prior to joining the School of Natural Resources and Environment in October 2001, she held numerous positions in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, including that of acting director from January 2001. She served as the Administration’s senior scientific advisor on environmental research and development, with responsibilities for scientific input and guidance on a wide range of national and international environmental issues.

Dean Bierbaum will be on leave from September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009 to co-author and co-direct the World Bank’s prestigious World Development Report 2010 on climate change and development. I therefore request approval to extend the appointment of Rosina M. Bierbaum as Dean of the School of Natural Resources and Environment, effective September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: David K. Cohen

CURRENT TITLES: John Dewey Professor of Education, Professor of Education, with tenure, School of Education, and Professor of Public Policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

TITLE BEING RENEWED: John Dewey Professor of Education, School of Education

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the School of Education, we are pleased to recommend the reappointment of David K. Cohen as the John Dewey Professor of Education, School of Education, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013.

John Dewey, America’s foremost educational theorist and philosopher first joined the faculty of the University of Michigan in 1884 as an assistant professor of philosophy. Except for a hiatus of one year when he served as professor of philosophy at the University of Minnesota, Dewey taught at the University of Michigan until 1894. It was during his tenure at the University that Dewey first evidenced a serious and systematic interest in both the theoretical and practical problems of education below the collegiate level. His first article and book on education were published during his tenure at Michigan. What was first manifest at Michigan emerged as a lifetime of reflection, writing and action which continues to profoundly influence and shape educational thought and practice worldwide.

Professor Cohen earned a Ph.D. in European history from the University of Rochester in 1961. He served as an assistant professor in the Department of Social Science and Humanities at Case Western Reserve University from 1961 to 1966; director of the Race and Education Project for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1966-67; visiting associate (social science research council fellow) at the Joint Center for Urban Studies on the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University, 1967-68; associate fellow, Metropolitan Applied Research Center, New York City, 1968-70; lecturer and senior research associate, Harvard Graduate School of Education, 1968-69; and associate professor, 1969-71 and professor, 1971-86; at the Harvard Graduate School of Education,
He was the John A. Hannah Distinguished Professor of Education and Social Policy at Michigan State University, 1986-93. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1993.

Professor Cohen’s research focuses on implementing and evaluating reforms in K-12 education including educational policy, the relations between policy and instruction, and the improvement of teaching. A nationally recognized authority on education reform, Professor Cohen is co-director of the Study of Instructional Improvement, a large longitudinal study of efforts to improve instruction and learning in reading/language arts and mathematics in high-poverty elementary schools. The research team studied three major whole-school reform programs in more than one hundred schools, in forty school districts, in 14 states and the District of Columbia.

We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of David K. Cohen as the John Dewey Professor of Education, School of Education, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013.

RECOMMENDED BY:  
Deborah Loewenberg Ball  
William H. Payne Collegiate Professor and Dean, School of Education

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:  
Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Susan M. Collins, Professor and Joan and Sanford Weill Dean, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

July 2008
The University of Michigan
Regents Communication

Action Request: Approval of Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

Name: Susan J. Douglas

Current Titles: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Catherine Neafie Kellogg Professor of Communication, Professor of Communication Studies, with tenure, and Chair, Department of Communications Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Title Being Renewed: Catherine Neafie Kellogg Professor of Communication

Term: Five Years, Renewable

Effective Dates: July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013

With the approval of the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Susan J. Douglas as the Catherine Neafie Kellogg Professor of Communication for a five-year renewable term, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013.

The Catherine Neafie Kellogg Professorship was established as a result of a generous gift of $10,000 from Mrs. Catherine Kellogg in 1889. A stipend funded from College resources accompanies this professorship.

Susan Douglas received her Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, from Elmira College in 1972. While at Brown University she earned her Master of Arts in 1974 and Doctorate in 1979. Professor Douglas began her teaching career as an assistant professor at Hampton College in 1981 and was promoted through the ranks to professor in 1992. She joined our faculty in 1996 as professor of communication studies and faculty associate in the Program in American Culture. She received an Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship in 1999 and has held the Catherine Neafie Kellogg Professorship since 1998. She has been chair of the Department of Communication Studies since 2004.

Professor Douglas’ work focuses on the history of broadcasting and the representation of gender in the media. She has written many books, including The Mommy Myth: The Idealization of Motherhood and How It Has Undermined Women (with M. Michaels, 2004, paperback 2005) and Listening in: Radio and the American Imagination (1999, paperback 2000 and winner of the Hacker Prize awarded by the Society for the History of Technology). She is currently working
on a book manuscript about the representation of women in the media which will be published by Henry Holt. Her monthly column, “Back Talk,” appears in *In These Times*.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Susan J. Douglas as the Catherine Neafie Kellogg Professor of Communication for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013.

Recommended by: 

Terrence J. McDonald, 
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, 
Professor of History and Dean 
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Recommendation endorsed by: 

Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and 
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Carol A. Fierke

CURRENT TITLES: Jerome and Isabella Karle Collegiate Professor of Chemistry, Professor of Chemistry, with tenure, Chair, Department of Chemistry, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Biological Chemistry, without tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Chair, Department of Chemistry

TERM: Four Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2012

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts recommend the reappointment of Carol A. Fierke as chair of the Department of Chemistry for a four-year term, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2012.

Carol Fierke received her Bachelor of Arts at Carleton College in 1978 and her Doctorate at Brandeis University in 1984. Following a three-year appointment as a postdoctoral associate at Pennsylvania State University, Professor Fierke began her teaching career as an assistant professor at Duke University in 1987. She was promoted to associate professor in 1994. She joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1999 as professor of chemistry and professor of biochemistry. She has been the chair of the Department of Chemistry since 2005.

Professor Fierke has served as chair of the Department of Chemistry since 2005 and was appointed the Jerome and Isabella Karle Collegiate Professor in 2003, in recognition of her significant and pioneering contributions to bio-inorganic chemistry, particularly the mechanisms of zinc metalloenzymes and ribozyme ribonuclease P, and the development and use of biosensors. She has received a number of major national awards, including an American Heart Associate Established Investigator Award (1992-1997) and a University of Michigan Faculty Achievement Award (2001). She was elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2006 and currently serves as chair of the Biological Chemistry Division of the American Chemical Society. Professor Fierke's scientific productivity has continued unabated, with nearly 40 additional peer-reviewed publications, together with numerous additional book chapters and invited conference presentations. Despite her appointment as departmental chair, Professor Fierke has remained active in service on both the national and local levels. In addition, she maintains a large and well-funded research group.
Under her leadership, the Department of Chemistry has continued its rapid rise in quality and reputation.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Carol A. Fierke as chair of the Department of Chemistry, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a four-year term, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2012.

Recommended by:

Terrence J. McDonald
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor,
Professor of History, and Dean
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.
Dean, Medical School

July 2008

Recommendation endorsed by:

Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Gary L. Freed, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Percy J. Murphy, M.D. and Mary C. Murphy, R.N. Professor of Pediatrics for Child Health Delivery, Professor of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases, with tenure, Medical School; and Professor of Health Management and Policy, without tenure, School of Public Health

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Percy J. Murphy, M.D. and Mary C. Murphy, R.N. Professor of Pediatrics for Child Health Delivery, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013

On the recommendation of Valerie P. Castle, M.D., the Ravitz Foundation Professor of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Gary L. Freed, M.D., as the Percy J. Murphy, M.D. and Mary C. Murphy, R.N. Professor of Pediatrics for Child Health Delivery, effective July 1, 2008.

The Murphy Professorship was established in February 1998 and supports the activities of a nationally recognized physician-researcher whose work is focused on the betterment of pediatric health care.

Since his arrival at the University of Michigan in 1996, Dr. Freed has developed a major pediatric multidisciplinary research unit focused on child health services known as the Child Health Evaluation and Research (CHEAR) Unit. The CHEAR Unit includes core faculty from Medicine, Public Health, Social Work, Nursing, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Business and Law. Under Dr. Freed’s leadership, the pediatric health services research program has become the largest in the nation directed to the care of children. The program has generated over $25 million in extramural funds over the past five years.

Mentorship and development of the next generation of leaders in pediatric health services research have been an ongoing focus of Dr. Freed. In addition, new efforts are underway to develop innovative and exciting methods of clinical instruction and evaluation to ensure that medical students and residents in pediatrics receive the tools and information they require to succeed in the new health care marketplace.
Dr. Freed has made important contributions in the field of health services research which has had significant impact on health care delivery, both nationally and internationally. His leadership of the Division of General Pediatrics has strengthened the educational, clinical service, and research programs of that division. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the reappointment of Gary L. Freed, M.D., as the Percy J. Murphy, M.D. and Mary C. Murphy, R.N. Professor in Pediatrics for Child Health Delivery.

Recommended by

James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.
Dean, Medical School

Kenneth E. Warner, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Public Health

Recommendation endorsed by

Robert P. Kelch, M.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs

Teresa A. Sullivan, Ph.D., Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION  

ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship  

NAME: William E. Fulton  

CURRENT TITLES: M.S. Keeler II Professor of Mathematics and Professor of Mathematics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts  

TITLE BEING RENEWED: M.S. Keeler II Professor of Mathematics  

TERM: Five Years  

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013  

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 reappointment of William E. Fulton as the M. S. Keeler II Professor of Mathematics for a five-year renewable term, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013.

The M.S. Keeler II Professorship in Mathematics was established by the Regents in November 1996 as a result of a generous gift from Miner S. and Mary Ann Keeler II.

William Fulton received his Bachelor of Arts from Brown University in 1961 and Doctorate from Princeton University in 1966. Professor Fulton joined the Department of Mathematics at Michigan in 1998 as the first holder of the M. S. Keeler Professorship in Mathematics following a distinguished career at Brown University (1970-1987) and the University of Chicago (1987-1998, the last three years he was the Charles L. Hutchinson Distinguished Service Professor). Since his last renewal to the Keeler Professorship in 2003 he has been appointed as the Henry Russell Lecturer (2005) and invited to give three major series of lectures at Columbia University, the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, and the Institute for Advanced Study (2007).

Although his interests are very broad, most of Professor Fulton’s work has been in the field of algebraic geometry and neighboring areas. His presence at Michigan has transformed the algebraic geometry group into a leading center in the U. S., if not the world. He has been instrumental in attracting a large number of graduate students as well as many top scholars into postdoctoral positions. His presence has contributed strongly to the Department’s ability to attract rising stars in several other areas of mathematics that interact with algebraic geometry, such as invariant theory and algebraic combinatorics.
Professor Fulton has made many important contributions to intersection theory, toric varieties, Schubert calculus, and quantum cohomology – all central areas to algebraic geometry. He has had a strong influence in all these areas, not only through his research, but also through exposition and teaching. His book, *Intersection Theory* (1984, 1989 Russian translation, 1998 second edition), was awarded the Leroy P. Steele Prize by the American Mathematical Society. He is currently working on three book projects and a revision of a fourth to make it available online.

Professor Fulton’s devotion to education is a consistent theme throughout his career. Besides being a superb classroom teacher, he is widely known as an extremely successful advisor to doctoral students. A recent student was awarded a Clay Research Fellowship, often regarded as the most prestigious award available to beginning mathematicians and currently held only by twelve people. He is also known as a mentor to postdoctoral scholars, many of which are now established at prestigious universities all over the world, including Cambridge, Princeton, Washington, and Rice.

We are very pleased to recommend that William E. Fulton be reappointed as the M.S. Keeler II Professor of Mathematics for a five-year renewable term, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013.

RECOMMENDED BY: 

TERRENCE J. McDoNALD,
ARTHUR F. THURNAU PROFESSOR,
PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND DEAN
COLLEGE OF LITERATURE, SCIENCE, AND THE ARTS

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY: 

Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: William V. Giannobile, DDS, DMSc

CURRENT TITLES: William K. and Mary Anne Najjar Professor, Professor of Dentistry, with tenure, Department of Periodontics, and Oral Medicine, School of Dentistry, and Professor of Biomedical Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

TITLE BEING RENEWED: William K. and Mary Anne Najjar Professor, School of Dentistry

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2013

On both our recommendation and that of the Executive Committee of the School of Dentistry, we are pleased to request the reappointment of William V. Giannobile as the William K. and Mary Anne Najjar Professor, for a five year renewable term, effective October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2013.

Professor Najjar practiced dentistry in Grand Rapids, MI after his 1955 graduation from the School of Dentistry with a DDS degree. Shortly after that time, Professor Najjar began the Janar Corporation which dealt in dental materials. Largely as a result of the success and subsequent sale of the Janar Corporation to Johnson & Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. Najjar made a pledge to the School of Dentistry to establish this endowed professorship.

Professor Giannobile received his Master’s degree (oral biology) in 1987 and the Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1991 from the University of Missouri. In 1996, he was awarded a certificate of advanced training in Periodontology and Doctor of Medical Science degree in oral biology, both from Harvard University. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship in molecular biology at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School in 1998. Also in 1998, he was awarded diplomate status in Periodontology by the American board of Periodontology. Following completion of his postdoctoral fellowship, Professor Giannobile joined the faculty of the University of Michigan in July of 1998 as assistant professor of dentistry. He was promoted to associate professor of dentistry, with tenure, in 2002 and to professor of dentistry in 2004.

Professor Giannobile is internationally recognized for his research on novel therapies designed to regenerate diseased periodontal tissues and enhance wound healing. He
continues to make important contributions to this field as indicated by the breadth and depth of his research represented by publication in high caliber journals, ability to secure sustained NIH and foundation support for his research program, ability to attract young talented investigators eager to follow in his footsteps, participation in national review committees and editorial boards of journals, and invitations to participate in high profile national and international meetings. Professor Giannobile has authored and coauthored 88 manuscripts published in referred journals and coauthored nine book chapters.

Professor Giannobile has demonstrated outstanding intellectual leadership that is nationally recognized through excellence in research, teaching and service. Therefore, we recommend the reappointment of William V. Giannobile as the William K. and Mary Anne Najjar Professor, effective October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2013.

Peter J. Polverini, DDS, DMSc
Professor and Dean, School of Dentistry

Teresa A. Sullivan, PhD
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

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

July 2008
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS’ COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Alisa E. Koch, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, and Frederick G.L. Huetwell and William D. Robinson, M.D. Professor of Rheumatology

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Frederick G.L. Huetwell and William D. Robinson, M.D. Professor of Rheumatology

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013

On the recommendation of Robert F. Todd III, M.D., Ph.D., the Frances and Victor Ginsberg Professor of Hematology/Oncology and Interim 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 reappointment of Alisa E. Koch, M.D., as the Frederick G.L. Huetwell and William D. Robinson, M.D. Professor of Rheumatology, effective September 1, 2008.

The Frederick G.L. Huetwell and William D. Robinson, M.D. Professorship in Rheumatology was established in 1995, through a generous gift from the estate of Mr. Huetwell, a life-long friend of the University of Michigan. Through this initial endowment, seven professorships in Mr. Huetwell’s name currently reside in the Medical School.

Dr. Koch received the M.D. degree from Northwestern University in 1980. She completed a residency in internal medicine at Loyola University and a fellowship at Northwestern University. She was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Northwestern University in 1986 and achieved the rank of Professor in 1995. Dr. Koch joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure in 2003, and was named the Huetwell and Robinson Professor at that time.

Dr. Koch has established herself as one of the top leaders in the field of rheumatology. She has defined cytokine and chemokine pathways in inflammatory synovitis. Her bibliography reflects 180 peer-reviewed articles and over 30 book chapters. Dr. Koch’s expertise is well recognized as evidenced by her extensive grant funding, her editorial board memberships, and her numerous invited speaking engagements.
Dr. Koch is an exceptionally productive physician scientist who is recognized nationally and internationally for her identification of factors that contribute to inflammation and angiogenesis in rheumatoid arthritis. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the reappointment of Alisa E. Koch, M.D., as the Frederick G.L. Huetwell and William D. Robinson, M.D. Professor of Rheumatology.

Recommended by

James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by

Robert P. Kelch, M.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs

Teresa A. Sullivan, Ph.D., Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Yoram Koren

CURRENT TITLES: Paul G. Goebel Professor of Engineering, and Professor of Mechanical Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Paul G. Goebel Professor of Engineering

TERM: Five Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering request the reappointment of Yoram Koren as the Paul G. Goebel Professor of Engineering, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013.

The Paul G. Goebel Professorship in Engineering was established in 1968 with gifts from several donors who wanted to honor Regent Goebel for his contributions to the University. In accordance with his wishes, the professorship was located in the College of Engineering. Over the years it has been awarded to distinguished members of the faculty of the College and to visiting professors.

Yoram Koren was on the faculty of the Technion until 1985, when he joined the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, as a professor of mechanical engineering. He is the founding director (since 1996) of a National Science Foundation Engineering Research Center (ERC) for Reconfigurable Machining Systems, and since 1993 he has been the Paul G. Goebel Professor in the College of Engineering.

Professor Koren earned his BSc (1965) and MSc (1968) degrees in electrical engineering and his DSc degree in mechanical engineering (1971) from the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology. Professor Koren’s pioneering research on interpolation and computer numerical control in the seventies paved the way for the creation of machine tool control as a new research field and an education discipline. He is regarded as the founder and the worldwide leader of a new research discipline — “reconfigurable manufacturing.” Numerous researchers come to Michigan’s Engineering Research Center to learn more about this area and establish similar activities in their countries.

Professor Koren holds 14 U.S. patents. He has published over 220 papers and four books that have been translated into Japanese, French, and Chinese. He is a fellow of both the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). He received several awards including the SME Gold Medal Award (2007) and the prestigious 1999 Ennor Manufacturing Technology Award given by ASME International.
Professor Koren has distinguished himself as an innovative, world-renowned researcher in the areas of manufacturing and robotics. His research and teaching will continue to strengthen the reputation of the College and the University. The College of Engineering Executive Committee and I are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Yoram Koren as the Paul G. Goebel Professor of Engineering, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013.

RECOMMENDED BY: 

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
The Barger Family Professorship was established by the Regents in June 2005 as a result of a generous gift from David Barger whose intention was to ensure strong senior leadership in the Organizational Studies Program. Appointments to the professorship will coincide with the term of the directorship of the Program.

Professor Price received his Bachelor of Arts from Lawrence College in 1962. He attended the University of Illinois where he earned his Master of Arts in 1965 and Doctorate in 1966. He began his teaching career as an assistant professor at Indiana University in 1966 and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 1970. He joined our faculty as professor of psychology (1974), was appointed professor, without tenure, in the School of Business Administration (1995-2001), and served as associate vice president for research (1996-1997). He has been director of the Program in Organizational Studies since 2001 and was appointed to the Barger Family Professorship in 2005.

Professor Price is a distinguished organizational scholar as well as an energetic and influential collaborator. He has proven to be a strong leader in creating the Program, in forging connections with other departments, and in building an impressive donor base. Professor Price will continue to
make important contributions to the field and to establishing a premier interdisciplinary program for undergraduates at the University of Michigan.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Richard H. Price as director, Program in Organizational Studies, and as the Barger Family Professor of Organizational Studies for a two-year term, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Terrence J. McDonald,
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor,
Professor of History and Dean
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

July 2008

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Robert L. Smith

CURRENT TITLES: Altarum/ERIM Russell D. O’Neal Professor of Engineering, and Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Altarum/ERIM Russell D. O’Neal Professor of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering request the reappointment of Robert L. Smith as the Altarum/ERIM Russell D. O’Neal Professor of Engineering, effective September 1, 2003. This endowed chair was established in 2000.

Professor Smith received a B.S. in physics from Harvey Mudd College in 1966. He received an M.B.A. in 1968, and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in engineering science in 1971, all from the University of California at Berkeley. Professor Smith was a member of the technical staff at Bell Laboratories from 1972-1976 when he joined the faculty of the Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh. He became an associate professor of industrial and operations engineering at the University of Michigan in 1980, and was promoted to professor in 1986.

Professor Smith’s expertise in optimization, strategic planning, dynamic programming, and traffic modeling make him a valued consultant to such firms as General Motors, Miecon and Volvo of America. He currently serves as director of the Dynamic Systems Optimization Laboratory at the College. His current research interests include the optimization of complex systems using global optimization, the determination of planning and forecast horizons for decision making over time, and optimum vessel performance in evolving nonlinear wave fields. Professor Smith has an impressive record of service to the University and his profession. He has supervised numerous doctoral students and is the author of 93 journal articles.

Professor Smith’s distinguished career exemplifies the highest standards in all aspects of academic performance. The College of Engineering Executive Committee and I are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Robert L. Smith as the Altarum/ERIM Russell D. O’Neal Professor of Engineering, effective September 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009.

RECOMMENDED BY: RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

July 2008
The University Of Michigan
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Joel A. Smoller

CURRENT TITLES: Lamberto Cesari Collegiate Professor of Mathematics, and
Professor of Mathematics, with tenure, College of Literature,
Science, and the Arts

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Lamberto Cesari Collegiate Professor of Mathematics

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Mathematics and the
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of
Joel A. Smoller as the Lamberto Cesari Collegiate Professor of Mathematics for a five-year
renewable term, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013.

Lamberto Cesari was a professor of mathematics at the University of Michigan from 1960
to 1982. The Lamberto Cesari Collegiate Professorship in Mathematics was established by the
Regents in November 1997. A stipend funded from College resources accompanies this
professorship.

Joel Smoller received a Bachelor of Science from Brooklyn College in 1957, Master of Science
from Ohio University in 1958, and Doctorate from Purdue University in 1963. Professor Smoller
joined our faculty as an instructor in 1963 and was promoted through the ranks to professor in
1970.

Professor Smoller was appointed to the Lamberto Cesari Collegiate Professorship in 1998 in
recognition of his exceptional achievements and leadership in the field of partial differential
equations over the course of 30 years as a faculty member at Michigan. His research has earned
him an outstanding international reputation and is marked by originality, variety, and depth. He
is one of the most successful doctoral thesis supervisors on campus as his Sokol Award in 1992
attests. He has guided a remarkable number of students to international prominence. Through
his persistence and leadership, and his insistence on quality of scholarship and research in
colleagues, he has played an important role in the improvement of the Department of
Mathematics over the course of his distinguished career.
Professor Smoller maintains a prolific record of research publications. He currently has six papers in progress, two of which will appear in the prestigious journal, *Communications in Mathematical Physics*. He remains in high demand as a plenary speaker at international conferences, receiving dozens of invitations each year. In every way, Professor Smoller continues to deserve the recognition provided by a collegiate professorship in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Joel A. Smoller as the Lamberto Cesari Collegiate Professor of Mathematics for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013.

Recommended by: Terence J. McDonald
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Professor of History, and Dean
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

July 2008

Recommendation endorsed by: Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Kevin K. Tremper, Ph.D., M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Anesthesiology, with tenure; Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology; and Robert B. Sweet Professor of Anesthesiology

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Robert B. Sweet Professor of Anesthesiology

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 18, 2008 through August 31, 2013

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Kevin K. Tremper, Ph.D., M.D., as the Robert B. Sweet Professor of Anesthesiology, effective July 18, 2008.

The Robert B. Sweet Professorship in Anesthesiology was established in 1997, and Dr. Tremper has held this professorship title since its inception. Dr. Sweet was a distinguished faculty member at the University of Michigan Medical School and served as Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology from 1953-1975. Dr. Tremper joined the faculty at this institution as Professor and Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology in 1991.

Dr. Tremper is nationally recognized for his research activities on invasive and noninvasive monitoring of hemodynamics and oxygen transport. Clinically, he has subspecialty interests in intensive care and cardiac anesthesiology. His expertise is recognized through his publications, invited lectures, and editorial board positions, as well as his national service activities. In 2007, Dr. Tremper was named as a Society of Academic Anesthesiology Chairs (SAAC) Representative to the American Society of Anesthesiologists’ Board of Trustees. Since 2008, he has been a member of the board of directors of the Michigan Society of Anesthesiologists.

Dr. Tremper is a well-respected member of the University of Michigan faculty. In addition to his leadership as Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology, he is a major
contributor to the clinical, educational, and research programs of the Medical School and to the academic community at large. I am very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Kevin K. Tremper, Ph.D., M.D., as the Robert B. Sweet Professor of Anesthesiology.

Recommended by

James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by

Robert P. Kelch, M.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs

Teresa A. Sullivan, Ph.D., Provost
and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: A. Galip Ulsoy

CURRENT TITLES: William Clay Ford Professor of Manufacturing and Professor of Mechanical Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

TITLE BEING RENEWED: William Clay Ford Professor of Manufacturing

TERM: Five Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering request the reappointment of A. Galip Ulsoy as the William Clay Ford Professor of Manufacturing, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013.

Professor Ulsoy received his BS in 1973 from Swarthmore College, his MS degree in 1975 from Cornell University, and his PhD in 1979 from the University of California at Berkeley. He was appointed at the University of Michigan as an assistant professor in 1980, promoted to associate professor in 1986, and to professor in 1992. Professor Ulsoy is the director of the Ground Robotics Research Center, deputy director of the Engineering Research Center for Reconfigurable Manufacturing Systems, and assumed the William Clay Ford Professor of Manufacturing in 1996. Professor Ulsoy also has served as associate chair and chair (1998-2001) of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. He has taught a variety of courses, has an extensive publication record, and conducts an active research program in the area of manufacturing systems. Professor Ulsoy is a co-founder of the Engineering Research Center for Reconfigurable Machining Systems and served as director of the Division of Civil and Mechanical Systems in the Engineering Directorate of the National Science Foundation. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Engineering and is a fellow of both the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and Society of Manufacturing Engineers. He is a recipient of a 2008 Rufus Oldenburger Medal from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and a 2008 Albert M. Sargent Progress Award from the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

Professor Ulsoy has a distinguished record as a scholar, teacher, and administrator. His renewed appointment as the William Clay Ford Professor of Manufacturing is recognition of the distinction he earns for himself and the College of Engineering.

The College of Engineering Executive Committee and I are pleased to recommend the reappointment of A. Galip Ulsoy as the William Clay Ford Professor of Manufacturing, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013.

RECOMMENDED BY: RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

David C. Munson, Jr. Teresa A. Sullivan
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering Provost and Executive Vice President
College of Engineering for Academic Affairs

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Reappointment to an Endowed Visiting Professorship

NAME: Fara Warner

CURRENT TITLE: Howard R. Marsh Visiting Professor of Journalism, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Howard R. Marsh Visiting Professor of Journalism, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Communication Studies and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Fara Warner to the Howard R. Marsh Visiting Professorship in Journalism, effective September 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008.

The Howard R. Marsh Visiting Professorship in Journalism and the Howard R. Marsh Center for the Study of Journalistic Performance were established in 1974 by a gift of securities from the Howard R. Marsh Trust. The Marsh Professors are eminent professional journalists or distinguished academic scholars who come to the University to lecture in undergraduate and graduate courses, teach mini-courses, and often present public lectures.

Fara Warner received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Utah in 1988 and Master of Science from Columbia University in 1990. Ms. Warner began her career as a writer for the Associated Press in Salt Lake City, Utah (1990). She has been a senior writer for Brandweek in New York (1991-1994), staff writer for the Wall Street Journal (1994-2002), and senior writer for Fast Company in San Francisco (2000-2002). She is currently a journalist in Ann Arbor and her book, The Power of the Purse: How Smart Companies are Adapting to the World’s Most Important Consumers—Women, was published in 2005 by Pearson/Prentice Hall. It is in its third printing with editions in four languages. Ms. Warner will teach two courses each term that she has developed and will present a public lecture in the winter term.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Fara Warner as the Howard R. Marsh Visiting Professor of Journalism, effective September 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009.

Recommended by:

Terrence J. McDonald
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
Professor of History and Dean
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

July 2008

Recommendation endorsed by:

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering request the reappointment of Kensall D. Wise as the J. Reid and Polly Anderson Professor of Manufacturing Technology, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013.

The J. Reid and Polly Anderson Professorship was established in 1985 to assist a distinguished faculty member to further educational work and, in particular, contribute to the strength of the United States in new technologies and the ability to manufacture products resulting from them in this country. Professor Wise initially assumed this professorship in 1993.

Professor Wise received a BS degree from Purdue University in 1963, and MS and PhD degrees from Stanford University in 1964 and 1969, respectively. After service with Bell Laboratories and Stanford University, he joined the University of Michigan in 1974 as assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor in 1978, and to professor in 1982. He was appointed professor of biomedical engineering in January 1997 and professor of atmospheric, oceanic, and space sciences in January 2007. He is currently the director of the NSF ERC in Wireless Integrated MicroSystems, director of the Solid-State Electronics Laboratory, and director of the Lurie Nanofabrication Facility.

Professor Wise has published extensively with more than 190 articles in top journals and was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 1998. His research group is world-renowned for its many discoveries in micro-electrical-mechanical systems.

Professor Wise’s distinguished career exemplifies the highest standards in all aspects of academic performance. He is a leading authority in the area of sensor technology and its application to bioelectrical systems, automated semiconductor manufacturing, and micro-electro-mechanical systems. His research and teaching will continue to contribute significantly to the reputation of the College and the University.
The College of Engineering Executive Committee and I are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Kensall D. Wise as the J. Reid and Polly Anderson Professor of Manufacturing Technology, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013.

RECOMMENDED BY: 

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments

or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected

academic administrative staff
ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Appointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Huda Akil, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Psychiatry, with tenure; Gardner Quarton Distinguished University Professor of Neurosciences; and Co-Director of The Molecular & Behavioral Neuroscience Institute

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Professor of Psychiatry, with tenure; Gardner Quarton Distinguished University Professor of Neurosciences; Co-Director of The Molecular & Behavioral Neuroscience Institute; and Gardner Quarton Collegiate Professor of Neurosciences in The Molecular & Behavioral Neuroscience Institute, Department of Psychiatry

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013

On the recommendation of Gregory W. Dalack, M.D., Professor and Interim Chair of the Department of Psychiatry, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Huda Akil, Ph.D., as the Gardner C. Quarton Collegiate Professor of Neurosciences in The Molecular & Behavioral Neuroscience Institute, Department of Psychiatry, for the period July 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013.

This collegiate professorship was established in 1992 through a gift from Mrs. Frances Quarton, as a memorial to her late husband, Dr. Gardner Quarton, who served as Director of the Mental Health Research Institute at the University of Michigan from 1968-1983. In 2005, the Institute was renamed The Molecular & Behavioral Neuroscience Institute to recognize a transition in the study of the neurosciences.

Dr. Akil joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Assistant Research Scientist in the Mental Health Research Institute. She advanced through the ranks to achieve her present titles of Professor of Psychiatry and Research Professor in 1981. She was designated as the first Quarton Collegiate Professor in 1993 and was named Co-Director of the Mental Health Research Institute in 1995.
Dr. Akil is a well-respected member of the Medical School faculty, who continues to provide important leadership as Co-Director of The Molecular & Behavioral Neuroscience Institute. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Dr. Huda Akil as the Gardner C. Quarton Collegiate Professor of Neurosciences in The Molecular & Behavioral Neuroscience Institute, Department of Psychiatry.

Recommended by

James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by

Robert P. Kelch, M.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs

Teresa A. Sullivan, Ph.D., Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: William R. Alexander

CURRENT TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and Professor of English Language and Literature, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Art and Design, without tenure, School of Art & Design

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

With the support of the Executive Committees of the School of Art & Design and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of William R. Alexander as professor of art and design, without tenure, School of Art & Design, effective September 1, 2008.

Professor Alexander received an A.B. degree from Harvard University in 1960, a B.A. degree from Cambridge University in 1962, and a Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1967. He served as an instructor, lecturer, and assistant professor at Harvard University from 1967-1971. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1971 as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 1977, and to professor in 1982. In 1990, Professor Alexander founded the University’s Prison Creative Arts Project, and in 2003 he was appointed as Arthur F. Thurnau Professor.

Professor Alexander is a noted educator and author whose narrative and poetry explore prison theater and prison arts. He is currently under contract for a book about the Prison Creative Arts Project. He is the recipient of numerous awards and grants, including the Professor of the Year Award from the Carnegie Foundation and a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship. Professor Alexander’s extensive work with the Prison Creative Arts Project has engaged faculty and students in the School of Art & Design for many years, and this collaboration continues to grow and expand.

We respectfully request approval of the joint appointment of William R. Alexander as professor of art and design, without tenure, School of Art & Design, effective September 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Bryce Rogers
Dean, School of Art & Design

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Terrence J. McDonald
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Professor of History, and Dean, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

July 2008
The University of Michigan
Regents Communication

Action Request: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

Name: Hugh D. Aller

Current Title: Professor of Astronomy, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Additional Title: Ralph B. Baldwin Professor of Astronomy, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Term: Five Years

Effective Dates: September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Hugh D. Aller as the Ralph B. Baldwin Professor of Astronomy for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013.

The Ralph B. Baldwin Professorship in Astronomy was established by the Regents in June 2008 as a result of a generous gift from the Baldwin family.

Professor Aller attended the University of Michigan where he received his Bachelor of Science in 1964, Master of Science in 1966, and Doctorate in 1968. Professor Aller began his teaching career as an instructor at Michigan in 1968 and was promoted through the ranks to professor in 1982. In the late 1950s, he combined his interests in astronomy with interests in electronics and amateur radio, using the 85-foot radio telescope on Peach Mountain, and started his career. He assumed leadership of that facility around 1980. He has maintained nearly continuous funding from the National Science Foundation and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to support his research. He has authored 149 papers published in refereed journals, 80 articles published in conference or workshop proceedings, and 70 published abstracts of talks presented at astronomical meetings.

Professor Aller is an excellent teacher. His contributions to service and leadership have been exemplary. His expertise in computers has been invaluable to the Department of Astronomy and he often serves as chair of the computer advisory committee. He was chair of the department from 1990 to 2000. During that time the department joined the Magellan project, which represented a major step forward. At the national level, he has served on grant review panels and advisory
committees, including the committee for the design and construction of the Green Bank (Radio) Telescope.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Hugh D. Aller as the Ralph B. Baldwin Professor of Astronomy for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Terrence J. McDonald,
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor,
Professor of History and Dean
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Michael M. Bernitsas

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Mechanical Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering and with the endorsements of the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and the Department of Mechanical Engineering, I am pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Michael M. Bernitsas as professor of mechanical engineering, without tenure, in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering, effective September 1, 2008.

Professor Bernitsas graduated from the National Technical University of Athens, Greece in 1975 with a Diploma in naval architecture and marine engineering and mechanical engineering. He received an S.M. degree in both naval architecture and marine engineering and ocean engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1977. He continued on to receive his Ph.D. in ocean engineering in 1979. Immediately following graduation, Professor Bernitsas joined the University of Michigan as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 1985 and to professor in 1991.

In the last five years, Professor Bernitsas has focused his research in the area of harnessing marine renewable energy. With his students, he invented, designed, and tested Vortex Induced Vibration for Aquatic Clean Energy (VIVACE) a hydrokinetic energy converter (three patents pending) based on the idea of enhancing rather than suppressing the natural and destructive instability phenomenon of vortex induced vibrations. VIVACE is a breakthrough technology, which emulates a natural phenomenon and fish kinematics, to harness the energy of even slow water currents. These are available worldwide and provide clean, renewable, and abundant energy. VIVACE is unobtrusive, environmentally compatible technology, which greatly expands our ability to harness hydrokinetic energy without using dams or turbines. Thus, it can help in solving the energy crisis.
With this additional appointment, Professor Bernitsas is ideally suited to assist the Department of Mechanical Engineering by his active involvement with research and students. I am pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Michael M. Bernitsas as professor of mechanical engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective September 1, 2008.

Recommended by:

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

July 2008

Recommendation endorsed by:

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: James M. Borders

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Music, with tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Glenn McGeoch Collegiate Professor of Music, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2008 through May 31, 2013

On the recommendation of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance Executive Committee, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Professor James M. Borders as the Glenn McGeoch Collegiate Professor of Music for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2008 through May 31, 2013.

In 1994, the Regents accepted gifts to endow a collegiate professorship and approved its naming in honor of Glenn D. McGeoch, who taught music history at the University of Michigan from 1930 through 1970. Although he taught many courses for music majors, he was especially drawn to teaching introductory courses for non-majors, at which he was extraordinarily effective. The spirit of this award is to recognize significant contributions in undergraduate teaching and other service contributions to the institution.

Professor Borders earned a B.M. degree from DePaul University, and a Ph.D. and A.M. from the University of Chicago. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer in 1980, and was appointed through the ranks to professor in 2000. Professor Borders has received a Fulbright Award for study in northern Italy and major research grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the American Council of Learned Societies. Professor Borders has provided exemplary service to the School. He has served as an associate dean for seven years, two terms on the School’s Executive Committee, and is currently serving as the chair of the Department of Musicology.

An energetic and challenging teacher, Professor Borders continues to make medieval music exciting, understandable and applicable to both undergraduate and graduate students. He is fair-minded, efficient, and extraordinarily resourceful. In addition to his pedagogical talents, he has been an effective mentor and advisor. He is among the School’s most ardent educators, and has been a mainstay for the Department of Musicology for many years and in many capacities.

It is with great pleasure that I recommend the appointment of Professor James M. Borders as the Glenn McGeoch Collegiate Professor of Music for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2008 through May 31, 2013.

RECOMMENDED BY: Christopher W. Kendall, Dean School of Music, Theatre & Dance

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY: Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Carol J. Boyd

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Nursing, with tenure, School of Nursing, Professor of Women’s Studies, without tenure, and Director, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Deborah J. Oakley Collegiate Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013

With the approval of the Executive Committee of the School of Nursing, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Carol J. Boyd as the Deborah J. Oakley Professor of Nursing for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013.

Deborah J. Oakley was a professor of nursing from 1989 to 2002 and was a major contributor to improving the quality of undergraduate research at the University of Michigan. The Deborah J. Oakley Collegiate Professorship in Nursing was established by the Regents in June 2008.

Carol J. Boyd received her Bachelor of General Studies from the University of Michigan in 1973 and her Bachelor of Science in nursing from Oakland University in 1978. She attended Wayne State University where she completed her Master of Science in nursing in 1982 and her PhD in 1987. Professor Boyd joined our faculty as an assistant professor in 1987 and was promoted through the ranks to professor in 2000. She is also a professor of women’s studies with the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, a research professor in the Substance Abuse Research Center, and the director of the Institute for Research on Women and Gender.

Professor Boyd is widely recognized as an international expert in substance abuse and research on women and gender. She has been a true pioneer in research on gender differences in illicit drug use and special characteristics and needs of female illicit drug users. Her research program has not only been of high quality – breaking new ground in the study of gender differences in substance abuse, producing important methodological innovations, and informing the design of prevention and intervention strategies – but has also been characterized by outstanding productivity in terms of publications, presentations, and success in obtaining continuous external funding.
Recognized for her excellence in teaching by being the first woman faculty member at the University of Michigan to win the Golden Apple Award, Professor Boyd has a strong and longstanding commitment to teaching and mentoring. Her scope of teaching has grown over the years of her appointment from a focus on psychiatric nursing and women’s health to encompass courses on feminist research methods, sexuality, gender, and substance abuse. Additionally, Professor Boyd has been engaged in teaching feminist research methods at Chinese Women’s College in Beijing and at Fudan University in Shanghai, reflecting the international recognition of her expertise.

In addition to directing the activities for the Institute for Research on Women and Gender and carrying out her teaching and research commitments, Professor Boyd has maintained an excellent record of service to the School of Nursing, the Department of Women’s Studies, and the University of Michigan. She recently completed three-year terms serving on the Executive Committees of the Substance Abuse Research Center and the Women’s Studies Department and will begin a three-year term on the Executive Committee of the School of Nursing.

We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Carol J. Boyd as the Deborah J. Oakley Collegiate Professor of Nursing for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013.

Recommended by:

Kathleen Potempa, Dean
School of Nursing

Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Terrence J. McDonald
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor,
Professor of History, and Dean
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: David Caron

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of French, with tenure, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Professor of Women's Studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Women's Studies and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of David Caron as associate professor of women's studies, without tenure, effective September 1, 2008.

David Caron received his Bachelor of Arts from the Université de Caen in 1985, Master of Arts from West Virginia University in 1989, and Doctorate from the University of California, Irvine in 1994. Professor Caron began his teaching career as a visiting assistant professor at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln in 1994. He was appointed as an assistant professor at Michigan in 1995 and promoted to tenured associate professor in 2001. He was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities in 2002 and received an Institute for the Humanities Fellowship in 2005-2006.

Professor Caron's work focuses on gay and lesbian studies with a special emphasis on issues of HIV/AIDS, masculinity, and community. He has authored AIDS in French Culture: Social Ills, Literary Cures (2001) and he has a second book manuscript forthcoming from Cornell University Press. He has participated in the Women's Studies mini-conference on "Teaching Sexuality" and, more recently, in the "History of Sexuality" workshop. He will bring to Women's Studies his scholarship and teaching on HIV/AIDS.

We are very pleased to recommend the additional appointment of David Caron as associate professor of women's studies, without tenure, effective September 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY: Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Terence J. McDonald,
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor,
Professor of History and Dean
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Current Faculty Member

NAME: Gregory D. Cartee, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Kinesiology, with tenure, Division of Kinesiology

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, without tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

On the recommendation of John A. Williams, M.D., Ph.D., Professor and Chair of the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Gregory D. Cartee, Ph.D., as Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, without tenure, effective July 1, 2008.

Dr. Cartee received the Ph.D. degree in exercise physiology from the University of Texas at Austin in 1985, and undertook a postdoctoral fellowship at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis during 1985-1988. He joined the faculty at the University of Wisconsin as Assistant Professor of Kinesiology in 1989 and advanced through the ranks to achieve the title of Professor of Kinesiology in 1998. During 2001-2003, he served as chair of the Department of Kinesiology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Dr. Cartee came to the University of Michigan in 2004 and currently holds appointment as Professor, with tenure, in the Division of Kinesiology.

Dr. Cartee is extensively involved in classroom teaching. Since joining the faculty at this institution, he has developed a three-credit graduate level course, Kinesiology 545. With this joint appointment, Dr. Cartee will teach in the course Physiology 510, “Principles of Systems and Integrative Physiology.” Dr. Cartee’s ongoing contributions to education include the development of a two-part international course on physical activity, health and disease. This is a collaborative effort with the University of Michigan, the University of Wisconsin, and the Karolinska Institute of Sweden. In addition to didactic teaching, Dr. Cartee has been very active in mentoring undergraduate and graduate students, as well as postdoctoral fellows.
Dr. Cartee is an international authority in exercise physiology. His appointment will support the educational programs in the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, as well as enhance translational research collaborations in the area of metabolism, insulin action, and exercise. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Gregory D. Cartee, Ph.D., as Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, without tenure.

Recommended by

James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.
Dean, Medical School

Beverly D. Ulrich, Ph.D.
Dean, Division of Kinesiology

Recommendation endorsed by

Robert F. Kelch, M.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs

Teresa A. Sullivan, Ph.D., Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Kevin C. Chung, M.D.

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Surgery, with tenure

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Assistant Dean for Instructional Faculty, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2008

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Kevin C. Chung, M.D., as Assistant Dean for Instructional Faculty, effective August 1, 2008. Dr. Chung will replace Dr. James Albers who is stepping down from this administrative position as he completes his retirement furlough year.

The Assistant Dean for Instructional Faculty is responsible for the management of the Medical School’s policies and procedures pertaining to the Instructional Track. In this role, Dr. Chung also will mentor and advise faculty in their academic career development, including initiating third-year reviews for all tenure-track faculty. In addition, Dr. Chung will be actively involved in the Instructional Track promotion and appointment processes.

Dr. Chung received the M.D. degree at Emory University in 1987. He undertook an internship and residency training from 1987-1992 at the University of Texas at San Antonio, followed by fellowships in microvascular surgery in Taipei, Taiwan; in plastic surgery at the University of Michigan during 1992-1994; and in hand surgery at the Curtis National Hand Center in Baltimore, Maryland. He subsequently was designated as a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at the University of Michigan during 1995-1997, and received the M.S. degree in statistics and research design in 1997. Dr. Chung joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1997 as Assistant Professor of Surgery, was promoted to Associate Professor, with tenure, in 2003, and achieved his current academic rank of Professor of Surgery in 2007.

Dr. Chung is well recognized for his surgical expertise. At the University of Michigan, he developed a hand surgery service in the Section of Plastic Surgery that has been acknowledged both regionally and nationally for the quality of care. Dr. Chung has been recognized for his clinical expertise through his inclusion in America’s Top Doctors and in the publication Best Doctors in America (Hand Surgery) for the last three years.
Dr. Chung also is well regarded for his research and teaching contributions. He established an outstanding educational program in hand surgery at this institution. His research emphasizes health policy and outcomes, vital concerns for hand and plastic surgeons. He is principal investigator of an R01 grant funded by the NIH/National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, and he participates in several other grants sponsored by that agency. In recognition of his accomplishments, Dr. Chung was named the Sterling Bunnell Traveling Fellow of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand, the Australia/New Zealand Traveling Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and the American College of Surgeons/American Society of Plastic Surgeons Health Policy Scholar.

In addition to his numerous contributions at the University of Michigan, Dr. Chung is interested in teaching hand and burn surgery in the developing world. Many of the countries he has served do not have expertise in reconstructive surgery. Unfortunately, children have been living with contractures and deformities because of a lack of specialists who can treat them. Dr. Chung has served in Guyana, Honduras, Ghana, Cambodia and, more recently, in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), Vietnam. He has been instrumental in training pediatric surgeons at the Children’s Hospital in Saigon, which serves a population of 40 million people. In his visits to that country, he introduced basic and advanced hand surgery skills to the faculty surgeons who will, in turn, serve their pediatric population. His upcoming trips include an educational mission to the medical school in Piura, Peru and to the Xinjiang Autonomous region of China where he will teach pediatric hand surgery.

It is the judgment of the Executive Committee that Dr. Chung is an excellent candidate to serve in this administrative capacity. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Kevin C. Chung, M.D., as Assistant Dean for Instructional Faculty.

Recommended by

James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by

Robert P. Kelch, M.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs

Teresa A. Sullivan, Ph.D., Provost
and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

Shixin Jack Hu

Professor of Mechanical Engineering, with tenure, and Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education, College of Engineering

Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

September 1, 2008

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering and with the endorsements of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the Department of Industrial and Operations Engineering, I am pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Shixin Jack Hu as professor of industrial and operations engineering, without tenure, in the Department of Industrial and Operations Engineering, College of Engineering, effective September 1, 2008.

Professor Hu graduated from Tianjin University, China with a B.S. and M.S. in mechanical engineering in 1983 and 1986, respectively. He received his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering in 1990 from the University of Michigan. Following graduation, Professor Hu remained at the University of Michigan serving as a post-doctoral research fellow. From 1991 to 1995 he held the position of assistant research scientist. In 1995, Professor Hu accepted a position as assistant professor of mechanical engineering. In 1998 he was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, and to professor in 2002.

Professor Hu conducts research in assembly modeling, manufacturing systems and statistical methods. His current research focuses on modeling the impact of customization and product variety on manufacturing system performance.

With this additional appointment, Professor Hu is ideally suited to assist the Department of Industrial and Operations Engineering by his active involvement with research and students. I am pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Shixin Jack Hu as professor of industrial and operations engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective September 1, 2008.

Recommended by: Teresa A. Sullivan
Recommendation endorsed by: Teresa A. Sullivan

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

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Richard E. Hughes

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, with tenure, Medical School, and Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering and with the endorsements of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and the Department of Industrial and Operations Engineering, I am pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Richard E. Hughes as associate professor of industrial and operations engineering, without tenure, in the Department of Industrial and Operations Engineering, College of Engineering, effective September 1, 2008.

Professor Hughes received his B.S in civil engineering from Princeton University in 1985. He received his M.S. and Ph.D. in industrial and operations engineering from the University of Michigan in 1990 and 1991, respectively. After receiving his Ph.D., Professor Hughes served as an ergonomist for the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries. From 1994 to 1996, he held the position of research fellow in the Orthopedic Biomechanics Lab at the Mayo Clinic. During this time he also served as an instructor for the Mayo Medical Clinic and Pierce College at Fort Lewis, Washington. From 1997 to 1998, Professor Hughes held positions as safety engineer and team leader at the Centers for Disease Control. In 1998 he joined the University of Michigan as assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery. He was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2004.

The unifying theme of Professor Hughes' work is to improve the cost-effectiveness of musculoskeletal medicine. With the creation of the Laboratory for Optimization and Computation in Orthopaedic Surgery, Professor Hughes focuses on applying mathematical programming methods and discrete event simulation to problems in musculoskeletal medicine, including prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation. He works extensively on shoulder disorders and expects to increase his collaboration with surgeons who perform total knee and hip replacement operations.
With this additional appointment, Professor Hughes is an ideal candidate to assist the Department of Industrial and Operations Engineering by his active involvement with research and students. We are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Richard E. Hughes as professor of industrial and operations engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective September 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

James O. Woolliscroft M.D.
Dean, Medical School

July 2008
The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering recommend the appointment of Farnam Jahanian as Chair, Division of Computer Science and Engineering, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, College of Engineering, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013.

At their May 2008 meeting, the Regents approved a reorganization of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. It will now have two divisions with each chair rotating responsibility for central departmental issues.

Professor Jahanian received his B.S. in mathematics, computer science, and system design from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 1982, and his M.S. and Ph.D. in computer science from the University of Texas at Austin in 1987 and 1989, respectively. He was employed as a research staff member by IBM from 1989 through 1993, he joined the University of Michigan as an assistant professor in September of 1993 and was promoted to professor in 2001. His interests include distributed computing, network security, and network protocols and architectures. He has authored over 80 published research papers and served on dozens of advisory boards and government panels in recent years. He has received numerous awards and was the 2005 recipient of the Governor’s University Award for Commercialization Excellence.

Professor Jahanian has the respect of his colleagues and will provide strong administrative leadership as the Department goes through an important transition. His appointment as chair, Division of Computer Science and Engineering in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013, is strongly recommended.

Recommending by: 
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering  
College of Engineering

Recommending Endorsed by: 
Teresa A. Sullivan  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Additional Appointment for Current Faculty Member

NAME: Sharon R. Kardia

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Epidemiology, with tenure, School of Public Health

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Chair, Department of Epidemiology, School of Public Health

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011

The Dean and Executive Committee of the School of Public Health recommend the appointment of Sharon R. Kardia as chair, Department of Epidemiology, School of Public Health, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011.

Professor Kardia received a B.S. degree from Carnegie-Mellon University in 1985. She received her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1990 and 1991, respectively. From 1994 to 1998, she held the position of assistant research scientist at the U of M Medical School. Professor Kardia joined the U of M School of Public Health faculty as assistant professor of epidemiology in 1998, was promoted to associate professor in 2003, and to professor in 2008 (effective September 1).

Professor Kardia is recognized as one of the most outstanding, innovative, and productive researchers in her field. Her research interests and reputation are based on her important genetic epidemiology studies to understand the genetic contribution to common diseases, including cardiovascular diseases and risk factors, cancers, and addictive behaviors. Professor Kardia has an outstanding record of obtaining external funding for her research, including significant funding as principal investigator from NIH. She is currently the PI of two large R01’s, the PI of a project within a Center grant, the PI of two subcontracts, the PI of two cores to provide statistical genetics support and the co-PI of two grants concerned with genetics and the community.

Professor Kardia is an innovative teacher, extremely well-liked by students. Her courses consistently receive excellent evaluations and she is a conscientious mentor to both masters and doctoral students. Her service activities at the national level have made important contributions to the field, while at the departmental level, she has served on the most demanding committees. Since 2003, Professor Kardia has served as the director of the Public Health Genetics Program and has co-directed the Michigan Center for Genomics and Public Health. She also serves as co-director of the Life Sciences and Society Program.
Professor Kardia is highly respected by her colleagues, and will provide strong and effective leadership for the department. The Executive Committee and I endorse with enthusiasm the proposal that Professor Sharon Kardia be appointed as chair, Department of Epidemiology, School of Public Health, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Kenneth E. Warner
Dean, School of Public Health

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Zhuoqing Mao

CURRENT TITLE: Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, College of Engineering

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Morris Wellman Faculty Development Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, College of Engineering

TERM: Two Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2010

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering recommend the appointment of Zhuoqing Mao as the Morris Wellman Faculty Development Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2010.

Michael P. Wellman, professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, endowed this professorship in his grandfather’s name. Morris Wellman was an engineer who worked for most of his career as a civil servant of the City of New York. The Morris Wellman Faculty Development Assistant Professorship in Computer Science and Engineering was established by the Regents in March 2001. The professorship is to be awarded to a junior faculty member to recognize outstanding contributions to teaching and research.

Professor Mao received a BS in electrical engineering and computer science (1998), a MS in computer science (2000), and a PhD in computer science (2003) all from the University of California at Berkeley. After a postdoctoral researcher appointment at the ICIR: ICSI Center for Internet Research, she joined the University of Michigan engineering faculty in 2004 and has established an excellent record in both teaching and research. She has taught undergraduate and graduate courses on computer networks and data structure and programming. Professor Mao was the recipient of an IBM Faculty Partnership Award and NSF Faculty Early Career Award in 2007.

Professor Mao has a promising record as a teacher and scholar and is a highly appropriate choice. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Zhuoqing Mao as the Morris Wellman Faculty Development Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2010.

RECOMMENDED BY: RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

July 2008
On behalf of the College of Pharmacy, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of David E. Smith as the John G. Wagner Collegiate Professor of Pharmacy for a five-year renewable term, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013.

John G. Wagner was a distinguished member of the faculty at the College of Pharmacy from 1968 through 1991 and is internationally recognized as one of the founding fathers of the fields of biopharmaceutics and pharmacokinetics. The John G. Wagner Collegiate Professorship in Pharmacy was established by the Regents in 2008. The professorship is funded from College of Pharmacy resources.

Professor Smith received his B.S. in pharmacy in 1975 from the State University of New York at Buffalo and, after working as a hospital pharmacist for one year, went on to complete his Ph.D. in pharmaceutical chemistry in 1981 at the University of California, San Francisco. He joined the College of Pharmacy in 1981 as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 1986 and to professor in 1997. He has been a member of both the Upjohn Center for Clinical Pharmacology and the Comprehensive Cancer Center at the Medical School since 1991, and he was appointed as chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2000.

Professor Smith is an internationally recognized scientist, who has made many important scientific contributions, including those on the kinetic-dynamic relationship of loop diuretics, determinants of renal drug elimination, regional pharmacokinetics of anticancer drugs, and the molecular biology, physiology, and pharmacology of proton-coupled oligopeptide transporters. His work has had a significant impact on drug delivery, drug targeting, and pharmacokinetics of antibiotics, antihypertensives, and antiviral prodrugs for the treatment of infections, hypertension, and herpes. Professor Smith was selected as a fellow of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists in 1998 and has received the James R. Gillette Drug Metabolism and Disposition Best Paper Award from the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics on two separate occasions (2002 and 2008).
Professor Smith is a very dedicated and successful teacher. He actively teaches in the pharmacy program, as well as in our graduate program, and has successfully mentored numerous graduate students, postdoctoral research fellows, and Doctor of Pharmacy students in his laboratory. He recently received the College of Pharmacy’s Teaching Excellence Award, as well as the College’s Student Appreciation Award.

In addition to being a remarkable scientist and educator, Professor Smith offers dedicated service to the College and his profession. He has provided exemplary leadership for the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences as the chair since 2000 when the department was established. He is an active member of several professional organizations and serves as an editor of *Pharmaceutical Research*.

We are pleased to recommend the appointment of David E. Smith as the John G. Wagner Collegiate Professor of Pharmacy for a five-year renewable term, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013.

RECOMMENDED BY:  
Frank J. Ascione, Dean  
College of Pharmacy

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:  
Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Current Faculty Member

NAME: B. Gregory Thompson, Jr., M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Neurosurgery, with tenure; and Associate Professor of Otorhinolaryngology, without tenure

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Radiology, without tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

On the recommendation of N. Reed Dunnick, M.D., the Fred Jenner Hodges Professor and Chair of the Department of Radiology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of B. Gregory Thompson, Jr., M.D., as Professor of Radiology, without tenure, effective September 1, 2008.

Dr. Thompson received the M.D. degree from the University of Kansas in 1986. He completed an internship in general surgery and a residency in neurological surgery at the University of Pittsburgh. He undertook a research fellowship at the National Institute of Neurological Disease and Stroke of the National Institutes of Health during 1990-1992, followed by a fellowship in neurovascular and skull base surgery at the Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix, Arizona, with additional fellowship training in endovascular surgery/interventional neuroradiology at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia during 2004-2005. Dr. Thompson joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1998, and will achieve the academic rank of Professor of Neurosurgery and Professor of Otorhinolaryngology in September 2008.

Dr. Thompson’s work in interventional neuroradiology endovascular neurosurgery is an excellent example of the collaborative efforts between the Department of Neurosurgery and the Department of Radiology. Dr. Thompson has maintained a close working relationship with several colleagues in the Division of Interventional Neuroradiology and, through this interaction, has significantly improved both the training and clinical service provided in this critical area.

Dr. Thompson has an international reputation in neurovascular neurosurgery due to his unparalleled expertise as an outstanding surgeon, a skilled endovascular interventional radiologist, and a knowledgeable and talented physician who performs stereotactic radiosurgery. By combining three very distinct modalities, he has positioned himself to be one of the unique leaders in cerebrovascular neurosurgery.
Dr. Thompson will be an exceptional addition to the Department of Radiology. He will be involved in the training of fellows, as well as provide valuable expertise in the clinical and research programs of the department. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of B. Gregory Thompson, Jr., M.D., as Professor of Radiology, without tenure.

Recommended by

James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by

Robert P. Kelch, M.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs

Teresa A. Sullivan, Ph.D., Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Antonia M. Villarruel

CURRENT TITLES: Nola J. Pender Collegiate Professor of Nursing, and Professor of Nursing, with tenure, School of Nursing

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Dean for Research, School of Nursing

TERM: Five Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2014

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the School of Nursing recommend the appointment of Antonia M. Villarruel as associate dean for research for a five-year term, effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2014.

Professor Villarruel earned her Bachelor of Science in nursing from Nazareth College in 1978, her Master of Science in nursing from the University of Pennsylvania in 1982 and her Doctorate at Wayne State University in 1993. She was a post-doctoral fellow in the Division of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction at the University of Michigan from 1993 – 1995. Professor Villarruel began her career as an assistant professor at the University of Pennsylvania in 1995 and joined our faculty as an associate professor, with tenure in 2000. She was promoted through the ranks to professor in 2005. In 2007, she was appointed as the Nola J. Pender Collegiate Professor of Nursing.

Professor Villarruel has demonstrated outstanding, consistent scholarship with a sustained, impressive record of external funding in multiple areas since 2000. She is well-known for her scholarship in health promotion and particularly in preventing HIV in adolescents in the United States and Mexico. She has been the principle investigator on four major projects: an R01 from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to test a culturally sensitive intervention to reduce HIV risk among Latino adolescents, a second R01 from the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) to conduct an international study in Mexico to test ways to reduce HIV risk among Mexican youth, an R03 from the Fogarty International Center at the NIH to examine HIV prevention among Oaxacan youth in rural Mexico, and a P20 from the NINR to establish an important collaborative research center between the University of Michigan and the University of Texas at Austin (a minority-based institution) to study health disparities.

Professor Villarruel is also a strong national and international leader in terms of health policy. She has served on and chaired National Institute of Health Study Review Panels and was involved with a major Institute of Medicine study focused on a research plan to reduce and eliminate health disparities. She has been appointed to the Secretary’s Advisory Committee on HIV and STD Prevention with the Center for Disease Control Prevention and the Health
Resources Service Administration. She was also an advisory council member for the Health Sciences Advisory Council of the NIH. In recognition of her significant professional accomplishments, Professor Villarruel was elected to the prestigious Institute of Medicine in 2007.

Professor Villarruel has presented a compelling vision for the research mission of the School of Nursing and is a highly qualified individual. She has the necessary research track record as well as the research and leadership skills to successfully lead us into the future.

We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Antonia M. Villarruel as associate dean for research for a five-year term, effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2014.

Recommended by: 

Kathleen Potempa, Dean 
School of Nursing

July 2008
The Law School is pleased to recommend the appointment of Professor Mark D. West as the associate dean for academic affairs, Law School, effective August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2010.

Mark D. West received his Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, in 1989 from Rhodes College. He received his J.D. in 1993 from Columbia University School of Law. He clerked for the Honorable Eugene H. Nickerson, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of New York from 1993-1994. Mark practiced law in both New York and Tokyo with the firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison from 1994-1998. He joined our faculty as an assistant professor in 1998 and was promoted to professor in 2003. Professor West is an internationally renowned expert in Japanese law and legal culture. He is the author of Secrets, Sex, and Spectacle: The Rules of Scandal in Japan and the United States (2006), Law in Everyday Japan: Sex, Sumo, Suicide, and Statutes (2005), and Economic Organizations and Corporate Governance in Japan: The Impact of Formal and Informal Rules (2004), and an editor of The Japanese Legal System: Cases, Codes, and Commentary (2006). He has studied and taught at the University of Tokyo and Kyoto University, and has been a Fulbright Research Scholar, an Abe Fellow, and a fellow of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. He is currently both the director of the Law School's Japanese Legal Studies Program and the University's Center for Japanese Studies.

It is with great enthusiasm that we recommend the appointment of Mark D. West as the associate dean for academic affairs, Law School, effective August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2010.

RECOMMENDED BY: Teresa A. Sullivan
Dean, Law School
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

July 2008
Recommendations for approval of leaves of absence
for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff
ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Extension of Leave for a Faculty Member

NAME: Stephen W. Raudenbush

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Education, with tenure, School of Education, Professor of Statistics, without tenure, and Professor of Sociology, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TYPE OF LEAVE: Personal

DATES OF CURRENT LEAVE: July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008

TIME EXTENSION REQUESTED: July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

It is recommended that Stephen W. Raudenbush be granted an extension of leave of absence for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Professor Raudenbush is working at the University of Chicago and this extension will allow him to continue his involvement at the University of Michigan.

We request approval of this extension of leave of absence for Professor Stephen W. Raudenbush.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Terrance J. McDonald
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Professor of History, and Dean College of Literature, Science and the Arts

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Leave for a Faculty Member

NAME: Jacquelyn Taylor

CURRENT TITLE: Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing

TYPE OF LEAVE: Two-Year Leave

DATES OF LEAVE: September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2010

It is recommended that Jacquelyn Taylor be granted a two-year leave of absence, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2010.

Professor Taylor and her husband were recruited to Michigan as part of the Provost’s Faculty Initiative Program (PFIP) in 2005.

Professor Taylor has been given an opportunity at Yale University that will be most beneficial to her, and it is her plan to return to Michigan after two years. To that end, she seeks approval of an extended two-year leave so that she can go to Yale with her ability to return secured. Professor Taylor has been a valued and productive member of our School of Nursing community. Maintaining a formal connection with Professor Taylor will help to meet the needs of our graduate pediatric nurse practitioner program and curriculum, enhance the diversity of our faculty, and provide opportunities for mentoring students in genetics research.

We request approval of this leave of absence for Professor Jacquelyn Taylor.

RECOMMENDED BY: RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Kathleen Potempa, Dean Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and
School of Nursing Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic administrative positions.
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Collegiate Research Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: William H. Beierwaltes Collegiate Research Professorship

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2008

With the approval of the 2008 Research Faculty Awards Committee, we are pleased to request the establishment of the William H. Beierwaltes Collegiate Research Professorship, effective August 1, 2008.

This award is given to recognize exceptional scholarly achievement and impact on advancing knowledge in science, engineering, health, education, the arts, the humanities, or other academic field of study. The holder will be a research professor with at least a 75% appointment who will be appointed to the professorship for five-year, renewable terms. The recipient will be awarded a stipend of $2,000 per year for the initial five-year term, provided by the Office of the Vice President for Research.

William H. Beierwaltes, professor emeritus of internal medicine, was the founding director of the Nuclear Medicine Division and a renowned scientist and clinician in medical imaging at the University of Michigan from 1945 until his retirement in 1987. Dr. Beierwaltes co-developed several nuclear medicine agents still in use today, wrote the first textbook on the topic, and conducted radiopharmaceutical research over five decades. He devoted his career to finding new ways to detect and treat cancer and other conditions using short-lived radioactive elements. During his career, Dr. Beierwaltes wrote or co-authored 257 peer-reviewed papers, four books and 77 book chapters. He gave hundreds of presentations and led the writing of grants to fund research and facilities that fueled the rapid growth of nuclear medicine at the University of Michigan.

In recognition of Dr. Beierwaltes’ significant contributions, we request that the Regents formally establish the William H. Beierwaltes Collegiate Research Professorship, effective August 1, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Forrest
Vice President for Research

July 2008
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Approval to Name an Existing Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Richard Barry Bernstein Collegiate Professorship in Chemistry

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts seeks to name an existing collegiate professorship in the name of Richard Barry Bernstein, a member of the faculty at the University of Michigan from 1953 to 1963. A stipend funded by College resources will accompany this professorship.

Richard Barry Bernstein was one of a small group of young chemists who decided in the mid- to late 1950s that the time had come to ask what really happens when a chemical reaction takes place -- what is it the atoms in the molecule do during the chemical change? Chemists had produced images, sometimes very colorful and often quite useful, in order to think about chemical reactivity, but Dick and fellow members of what they were pleased to call "the lunatic fringe" sought an understanding of the motion of atoms in a reaction or collision in terms of the forces that operate between them.

Richard Barry Bernstein was born in New York City in 1923, the son of Russian immigrants. His father was a lawyer, businessman, and sometime poet. His mother created a neighborhood dress shop to help the family make ends meet; after the children were grown, she became a psychologist. Under his mother's tutelage, Dick showed early promise as a musician and at age thirteen won the New Jersey state piano competition. After high school he briefly considered a career in music, but chose the study of science instead.

In 1943 Dick received an A.B. degree with honors in chemistry and mathematics at Columbia University. His M.A. was awarded in 1946 and his Ph.D. in 1948, both in chemistry and both at Columbia University. In 1942, he began working on the Manhattan Project in the Synthetic Alloy Materials Laboratories at Columbia University. During this period, he was inducted into the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and was assigned to a post at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. In 1945 he was transferred back to Columbia to continue work on the Manhattan Project. After the war he remained in the Army where he participated in the first U.S. tests of fission weapons at Bikini Island in 1946, an assignment which nearly cost him his life when the small boat meant to take Dick and his crew off the island would not start.

After leaving the Army, Dick settled into his Ph.D. studies at Columbia, investigating isotope separation under the supervision of the late T. I. Taylor. He completed his Ph.D. in 1948, was married that same year and began his first academic job at the Illinois Institute of Technology. In 1953 he joined the University of Michigan as an assistant professor, and was soon promoted through the ranks. While at Michigan, Professor Bernstein began his crucial move into molecular beam studies of molecular forces and chemical reactivity. In one way or another, the rest of his career was shaped by his vision to take up this challenging new field. In 1963 he resigned and moved to Wisconsin.

In 1968, while in Madison, Professor Bernstein was elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences. His career continued at the University of Texas at Austin, where he held the Doherty professorship. Four years later he accepted an appointment on the faculty of Columbia University as Higgins Professor of Natural Sciences in the Department of Chemistry. In 1982 his career took a bold
turn when he accepted a position in industry as senior vice-president at the Occidental Research Corporation. He understood that the company intended to set up a showplace industrial laboratory, which would be the home of both applied and basic science of the very highest caliber. He set about this task with characteristic energy and enthusiasm, only to be disappointed when the company reneged on its commitment before two years. Fortunately, this setback in his plans provoked his return to the academic community as a member of the chemistry faculty at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Richard Bernstein must be regarded not only as a founding member of the experimental study of chemical dynamics but also as one who set the stage and initiated the activity in the theoretical understanding. With characteristic thoroughness, he prepared the theoretical underpinnings needed to interpret the results of the yet to be performed experiments, including the working out of the scattering theory for treating the hard-core repulsion so characteristic of atoms and molecules. He made many seminal contributions to both interpretive and predictive theories. He regarded theory as providing guidance for experiments. This fruitful synergism between experiment and theory is now characteristic of the chemical dynamics field and was pioneered by his leadership. He was also very conscious of the need to make chemists at large familiar with the developments in his field, as is evident in his early and subsequent books with R. D. Levine. The unique way he did science was as much a past of Dick Bernstein as the problems he chose to pursue. He had a legendary capacity for hard, concentrated work, combined with an infectious and inspiring exuberance. He brought the same bubbling enthusiasm to everything he undertook, whether it was the first trial of a marvelous new apparatus or making sure all the meticulous details were done correctly. He loved being the first to do something; yet he was most generous in his support of competitors, especially scientists in the early stages of their careers.

In 1990, while attending a joint scientific meeting of the U. S. and Soviet academies of science in Leningrad, Dick suffered a heart attack. He was flown to Helsinki, where his wife Norma joined him. He died there on July 8, 1990 at the age of sixty-seven.

A distinguished faculty member will be nominated to receive this honor. The initial term appointment will be for a five-year term, with the possibility of renewal.

Recommended by: 

[Signature]

Terence J. McDonald,  
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor,  
Professor of History, and Dean  
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

July 2008
The University of Michigan
Regents Communication

Action Request: Approval to Name an Existing Collegiate Professorship

Proposed Name: Raoul Bott Collegiate Professorship in Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Effective Date: September 1, 2008

The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts seeks to name an existing collegiate professorship in the name of Raoul Bott, a member of the faculty in the Department of Mathematics at the University of Michigan from 1951 to 1959. A stipend funded from College resources will accompany this professorship.

Raoul Bott was born in Budapest, grew up in Slovakia, but spent his working life in the United States. His family emigrated to Canada in 1938 where he subsequently served in the Canadian Army in Europe during World War II. He studied engineering at McGill University in Montreal and received his Ph.D. from Carnegie Mellon University in 1949. His thesis, entitled Electrical Network Theory, was written under the direction of Richard Duffin. He began his career at Michigan in 1951 when he was hired as an instructor in the Department of Mathematics. He was promoted through the ranks, becoming a professor in 1957. In 1959 he left for Harvard where he remained until 1999. His definition of a mathematician was “a person who likes to get at the root of things.”

A leading figure in the field of differential geometry, Raoul Bott’s work focused on the application of geometry to mathematical physics and vice versa and particularly to the theory of strings. He was a major contributor to the development of K-theory and also worked on Yang-Mills theory, moduli spaces of vector bundles, and elliptic genera.

Beginning in the 1960s, in a long and fruitful collaboration with Sir Michael Atiyah of the University of Edinburgh, Professor Bott worked on refinements of mathematical index theory to find topological ways of investigating solutions to differential equations. All these are topics in pure mathematics. Their collaboration yielded the famous Atiyah-Bott fixed point theorem, which shows that certain mathematical maps have fixed points and it also provides a means to count the number of fixed points of such a map. This theorem has many important applications.

In earlier work, he developed what became known as the Bott periodicity theorem in 1959, the importance of which some mathematicians have compared to the discovery of the periodic table of the elements. In other work, Professor Bott contributed to the Borel-Weil-Bott theorem and studied foliations, which are a type of differential equation. More recently, his research was directed toward developing mathematical tools to aid physicists working to reconcile theories of general and quantum relativity.
Raoul Bott was the recipient of numerous prestigious awards. In 1964, he was awarded the Oswald Veblen Prize in Geometry by the American Mathematical Society and was elected a member of the National Academy of Sciences. In 1987 he received the National Medal of Science. The American Mathematical Society awarded him a second time with the Leroy P. Steele Prize for Lifetime Achievement in 1990. In 1995 he was elected to the French Academy of Sciences. In 2000 he was awarded the prestigious Wolf Foundation Prize in Mathematics and in 2005 he was elected an overseas fellow of the Royal Society of London.

Raoul Bott mentored 36 Ph.D. students over the course of his career. Two of these students received the Fields Medal, which is the most prestigious award in mathematics. Raoul Bott died in 2005 in Carlsbad, California at the age of eighty-two.

A distinguished faculty member will be nominated to receive this honor. The initial appointment will be for a five-year term, with the possibility of renewal.

Recommended by: Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Recommendation endorsed by:

Terrence J. McDonald,
Arthur E. Thurnau Professor, Professor of History, and Dean
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

July 2008
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Approval to Name an Existing Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Clyde H. Coombs and J.E. Keith Smith Collegiate Professorship in Mathematical and Cognitive Psychology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts seeks to name an existing collegiate professorship in the names of Clyde H. Coombs, a member of the faculty at the University of Michigan from 1947 through 1983, and J.E. Keith Smith, a member of the faculty at the University of Michigan from 1964 through 1996. A stipend funded from College resources will accompany this professorship.

Clyde H. Coombs was one of the premier pioneering mathematical psychologists of the twentieth century. He received his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago in 1940 and joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1947, having served as an officer during World War II where he received the Legion of Merit. In 1953 he was promoted to professor and remained at Michigan for forty years establishing and then vigorously nurturing – both at Michigan and internationally – the official area of psychology called mathematical psychology. Mathematical psychology involves the theoretical application of mathematics to describe, understand, and explain diverse mental processes such as perception, attention, learning, memory, judgment, decision making, and social interaction. The scientific community quickly recognized him as one of the world’s leading experts on psychological measurement and scaling, human judgment and decision making, and social conflict. Professor Coombs’ publications over the years include dozens of articles in prestigious journals, along with four major books: The Theory of Data, Introduction to Mathematical Psychology (co-authored with R. D. and A. Tversky), Psychology and Mathematics, and The Structure of Conflict (co-authored with G. Avrunin). Equally of note, he established the Michigan Mathematical Psychology Program through funding from the National Institute of General Medical Science which produced numerous successful Ph. D. graduates starting in the 1950s and extending to the present day, including numerous scientist-scholars exceedingly successful in their own right (e.g., Tversky who, had he not died prematurely, would have shared the Nobel Prize in Economics with his collaborator, Daniel Kahneman). Professor Coombs was a member of the American Psychological Association, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the National Academy of Sciences. He served as the first president of the Society of Mathematical Psychology as well as president of the Psychometrik Society. In 1978, the University of Michigan appointed him as the Daniel Katz Distinguished University Professor. Professor Coombs is remembered for his perpetually inspiring intellectual joy, enthusiasm, scientific insight, and personal integrity.
J. E. Keith Smith received his B.A. from Iowa State University and entered Michigan’s mathematical psychology doctoral program in 1950 where he studied during the next four years under the tutelage of Professor Clyde Coombs. Acknowledged for his gifts as a teaching fellow and researcher, his advanced courses in statistics and mathematical modeling were extremely popular. Upon completing his Ph.D. in 1954, Professor Smith joined the research staff of Lincoln Laboratories at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he worked closely with pioneers of the new “Information Age,” including Claude Shannon, another Michigan graduate and inventor of Information Theory. In 1964 he returned to Michigan as a professor of psychology and a research scientist at the Mental Health Research Institute. In 1977 he was appointed professor of statistics and retired to emeritus status in 1996. Professor Smith was especially well known for his skills in and contributions to statistical methods of qualitative data analysis and mathematical modeling of basic mental processes such as perception, attention, learning, memory, and movement preparation. His publications appeared in a diverse range of prestigious scientific journals, including the Psychological Bulletin, Psychological Review, Cognitive Psychology, Journal of Verbal Learning and Behavior, Journal of the Acoustical Society of America, and Psychometrika. He was honored by being invited to author a major article on quantitative data analysis in the Annual Review of Psychology, and by being elected as a fellow in the American Psychological Association. Professor Smith served as chairman of the Department of Psychology from 1971-1976, and as a member of the Rackham Graduate School’s Executive Board during the 1980s. In addition to teaching his own courses, he served on more than 100 doctoral dissertation committees. Extremely large numbers of doctoral graduate students and faculty members readily sought and greatly appreciated his astute counsel in designing research studies, analyzing data, and formulating rigorous mathematical interpretations of their results. Professor Smith is remembered for his sociability, kind disposition, wry sense of humor, gentle manner, and wise insight.

A distinguished faculty member will be nominated to receive this honor. The initial appointment will be for a five-year term, with the possibility of renewal.

Recommended by:

Terrence J. McDonald, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Professor of History, and Dean College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Recommendation endorsed by:

Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
The University of Michigan
Regents Communication

Action Request: Approval to Name an Existing Collegiate Professorship

Proposed Name: Paul A. M. Dirac Collegiate Professorship in Physics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Effective Date: September 1, 2008

The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts seeks to name an existing collegiate professorship in the name of Paul A. M. Dirac who taught at the physics summer school in the 1920s at the University of Michigan. A stipend funded from College resources will accompany this professorship.

Paul Dirac was one of the leading physicists of the twentieth century, known especially for his work on the foundations of quantum mechanics, for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1933 at the age of 31. For most of his career he was the Lucasian Professor of Mathematics at the University of Cambridge, a chair held at various other times by Isaac Newton, Charles Babbage, and Stephen Hawking, among others. As well as teaching at Cambridge, Professor Dirac also taught at the famous University of Michigan physics summer school in the 1920s, along with such others as Niels Bohr, Enrico Fermi, and Robert Oppenheimer.

Professor Dirac was born in Bristol, England, the son of a Swiss immigrant father and English mother. In 1921 he received a B. S. in engineering at the University of Bristol, but he did not feel drawn to the profession. Instead he turned first to the study of mathematics at Bristol University and then accepted an offer of graduate study under the physicist Ralph Fowler at Cambridge. It was while at Cambridge that he came across the new theory of quantum mechanics and, becoming intrigued, published a string of pioneering papers on the subject in recognition of which he was elected to the Royal Society of London in 1930 and to the Lucasian Chair in 1932, just before his 30th birthday.

Among students Professor Dirac is best known as the author of a seminal textbook on quantum mechanics, still in print and still widely read, almost eighty years after its first publication.

In person, Professor Dirac was legendary for saying very little. Many amusing and probably apocryphal stories are told by physicists about his taciturn ways. It has been said that his entire vocabulary consisted of “yes”, “no”, and “I don’t know”, a comment surprisingly at odds with the beautiful and fluid prose of his writing. What is certainly true is that he was an immensely modest man. To the end of his life he refused to call the famous equation he invented by the name everyone else used – “the Dirac equation.” He insisted instead on referring to it as the “relativistic wave equation.”
Professor Dirac was elected a fellow of the Royal Society in 1930, being awarded the Society's Royal Medal and the Copley Medal. He was elected a member of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences in 1961.

Professor Dirac traveled extensively and studied at various foreign universities including Copenhagen, Gottingen, Leyden, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Princeton. In 1929, after having spent five months in America, he went around the world, visiting Japan together with Heisenberg and then returned across Siberia.

Professor Dirac was married in 1937 to Margit Wigner. They had two children. In 1969 he resigned from his post at Cambridge and retired with his family to Florida, where he died and was buried in 1984.

A distinguished faculty member will be nominated to receive this honor. The initial appointment will be for a five-year term, with the possibility of renewal.

Recommended by: Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Approval to Name an Existing Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Eric J. Essene Collegiate Professorship in Geological Sciences, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts seeks to name an existing collegiate professorship in the name of Eric J. Essene, currently appointed as the William C. Kelley Collegiate Professor of Geological Sciences at the University of Michigan. A stipend funded from College resources will accompany this professorship.

Eric Essene received his S.B. in geology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1961 and his Ph.D. from the University California, Berkeley in 1967. He was a National Science Foundation postdoctoral fellow at Cambridge University in 1967-1968 and a research fellow at Australia National University, Canberra from 1968 to 1970. He joined the University of Michigan in 1970 where he has remained ever since.

Professor Essene has made seminal contributions to the development and critical evaluation of geothermobarometers in metamorphic systems. These contributions are marked by critical and insightful analysis and have elucidated the capabilities and limitations of the geothermobarometers and of the critical assumptions used in their applications to dynamic natural systems. Professor Essene has been a leader in innovative and careful applications of geothermobarometry and phase equilibria to numerous localities around the world (but particularly to the Grenville Orogen of North America) to evaluate quantitatively the P-T evolution of metamorphic terranes and of the roles of fluids in metamorphic processes. In large part for his work in the Grenville Orogen, Professor Essene was awarded the Bowen Medal in 1991 by the American Geophysical Union (AGU). Professor Essene’s research has had tremendous impact on how geothermobarometry and phase equilibria are used in modern studies of crustal processes, and hence has amplified the value of these applications in such studies. He has developed and participated in a number of fruitful collaborations with other distinguished earth scientists who have made important contributions to our understanding of the compositions and structures of minerals, of the roles of fluids in metamorphic and hydrothermal processes, and of the thermotectonic evolution of metamorphic belts and continental crust. These contributions have improved significantly our understanding of petrogenetic, geochemical, and tectonic processes in the Earth’s crust. One measure of his impact on our science is that Professor Essene is named as one of the Original Highly Cited Researchers of the ISI Web of Knowledge – a leading citation index, and is among the top 100 geoscientists in the world in terms of total citations.
In addition to the major contributions just summarized, Professor Essene has produced important, innovative contributions in a number of additional areas through the development of collaborative associations with other distinguished mineralogists, petrologists, geochemists, and structural geologists. A brief compilation of these collaborations chronicles a series of important contributions to mineralogy, petrology, and geochemistry, making Professor Essene a pioneer of interdisciplinary research in the UM Department of Geological Sciences.

A distinguished faculty member will be nominated to receive this honor. The initial appointment will be for a five-year term, with the possibility of renewal.

Recommended by:  

Terrence J. McDonald,  
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor,  
Professor of History, and Dean  
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts  
July 2008

Recommendation endorsed by:  

Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
ACTION REQUEST:  Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

PROPOSED NAME:  Otto Gago, M.D. Professorship in Cardiac Surgery

EFFECTIVE DATE:  July 1, 2008

On the recommendation of Michael W. Mulholland, M.D., Ph.D., the Frederick A. Coller Distinguished Professor of Surgery 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 establishment of the Otto Gago, M.D. Professorship in Cardiac Surgery, effective July 1, 2008.

This professorship is being established through a generous gift agreement from Dr. Otto Gago, as well as donor gifts and departmental resources. The recipient of this professorship will be a tenured member of the Department of Surgery. The initial appointment period for the Gago Professor will be five years, and the appointment may be renewed.

Dr. Gago received the M.D. degree from the Universidad Central de Venezuela in Caracas, Venezuela in 1958. He first came to the University of Michigan for a one-year internship, and returned in 1966 for residency training. From 1969-1972, he held appointment as Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Michigan. He also served as Chief of the Section of Thoracic Surgery at our then teaching affiliate, Wayne County General Hospital, and was a consulting thoracic surgeon at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital. Since 1971, Dr. Gago has been an attending thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, as well as Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Michigan. From 1983-1990, he was Head of the Section of Thoracic Surgery at the Catherine McAuley Health Center/St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Dr. Gago has a well established reputation as an exceptionally talented thoracic surgeon and educator, as noted by his leadership positions in professional societies, including the Michigan Society of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons for which he was president during 1988-1989 and currently is a councilor for that organization. Since 2001, Dr. Gago has been an advisory board member for the University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center.
Dr. Gago is a longstanding friend and colleague of the University of Michigan Medical School. This generous gift will serve to honor Dr. Gago and will acknowledge his numerous contributions to this institution, to the community, and to his surgical specialty. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the establishment of the Otto Gago, M.D. Professorship in Cardiac Surgery.

Recommended by

James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by

Robert P. Kelch, M.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs

Teresa A. Sullivan, Ph.D., Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
The Law School seeks to establish the Branch Rickey Collegiate Professorship in honor of alumnus Branch Rickey, JD 1911.

Branch Rickey is renowned as an innovative Major League Baseball executive who exemplifies the values of inclusiveness for which Michigan Law is well known. He is best remembered for breaking Major League Baseball’s color barrier by signing Jackie Robinson, the first African American to play Major League Baseball in modern times, and for drafting Roberto Clemente, the sport’s first Hispanic superstar.

To honor Rickey’s towering role in baseball and in American culture, gifts to create a new collegiate professorship at the Law School have been made to the Branch Rickey Collegiate Professorship Fund by the Judy & Fred Wilpon Foundation ($200,000); the Office of the Commissioner of Baseball d/b/a Major League Baseball ($200,000); and Samuel Zell through the Zell Family Foundation ($100,000).

Wesley Branch Rickey (1881-1965), a native of Portsmouth, Ohio, came to Michigan Law in 1909 with a unique set of credentials: He had earned two undergraduate degrees, taught both high school and college, read law, competed as a college athlete, coached college athletics, and served as a college athletic director at two institutions. What is more, he had played major league baseball.

At Michigan Law, Rickey was an exemplary student. He earned excellent grades, easily good enough for the J.D. degree (which was then reserved for college graduates who performed very well in law school), and he did so despite the facts that he was recovering from a serious bout of tuberculosis, that he took an overload of courses so he could graduate in two years, and that he had a time-consuming part-time job. Importantly, his classmates included African-Americans and women. The part-time job was coaching the Michigan varsity baseball team, which he did successfully for two seasons during law school, 1910-1911, and for two seasons after his graduation, 1912-1913.

After leaving Michigan, Rickey went on to a groundbreaking career in Major League Baseball that spanned half a century, working as a manager and general manager for the St. Louis Browns, St. Louis Cardinals, Brooklyn Dodgers, and Pittsburgh Pirates. Half a century later, his impact is still felt; indeed, ESPN named him the Most Influential Sports Figure of the 20th Century. He established the first real farm system for the Cardinals, and later, for the Dodgers.
He built the first Florida spring training facility, Dodgertown, which remains in use today. He pushed innovations such as pitching machines and batting helmets, even as he urged Major League Baseball to expand beyond the 16 teams that played from the turn of the century into the 1950s.

Rickey was deeply committed to egalitarianism all his life. As a 21-year-old coach at Ohio Wesleyan University, he championed the rights of an African-American player, Charles Thomas, several times, refusing to play without Thomas when other teams objected to Thomas’s participation. In one notable incident, which he recalled decades later, he insisted that Thomas be allowed to stay in the same hotel with the rest of the team. In 1947, when Rickey was general manager president and part owner of the Dodgers, he earned a place in American history by signing Jackie Robinson, who made his debut with the team on April 15 of that year. Integration of Major League Baseball – then clearly the pre-eminent team sport in America – had a profound national impact. It preceded President Truman’s order integrating the armed forces by a year, and helped pave the way for the Supreme Court’s 1954 decision in Brown v. Board of Education requiring desegregation of public schools.

The Law School is proud of this extraordinary alumnus, who has had a greater impact on American society than perhaps any other graduate. The Branch Rickey Collegiate Chair honors his unique contributions to his alma mater, his sport, and his country.

We hereby respectfully request that the Regents grant approval for the establishment of the Branch Rickey Collegiate Professorship.

RECOMMENDED BY: 

Evan H. Caminker
Dean, Law School

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
Recommendations for approval of other personnel transactions
for regular instructional staff and selected
academic administrative staff
ACTION REQUEST

SUBJECT: Interim Appointment Approval During August

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorization for approving necessary appointments during August

EFFECTIVE DATES: August 1 – 31, 2008

During the month of August, when the Regents are in recess, it is requested that the Regents authorize the President or the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs to make such interim appointments and/or changes as may become necessary to complete the staffing for the Fall term. All such appointments will be reported to the Regents at the September meeting.

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship

NAME: Hyman Bass

CURRENT TITLES: Roger C. Lyndon Collegiate Professor of Mathematics, Professor of Mathematics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Mathematics Education, with tenure, School of Education

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Samuel Eilenberg Distinguished University Professor of Mathematics and Mathematics Education, Professor of Mathematics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Mathematics Education, with tenure, School of Education

TERM: Period of Active Service

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

We are pleased to recommend to the Board of Regents the appointment of Professor Hyman as the Samuel Eilenberg Distinguished University Professor of Mathematics and Mathematics Education, effective September 1, 2008.

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 coveted honors conferred by the University upon a member of its faculty.

Over the course of a fifty-year professional career, Hyman Bass has distinguished himself at the highest level in pure mathematics research, in mathematics education research, and in providing leadership to these two communities of scholars. This diversity of talent and engagement makes him a unique figure within the world of mathematics. Since 1999 Professor Bass has been the Roger Lyndon Collegiate Professor of Mathematics in the Department of Mathematics, and professor of mathematics education in the School of Education, at the University of Michigan. Previous to this he was Adrain Professor of Mathematics at Columbia University, New York, where he joined the faculty in 1959. He has held visiting appointments at universities and research centers around the world, including five different times at the Tata Institute for Fundamental Research in Mumbai, India; several times at the Université de Paris; the Instituto de Matematica Pura e Applicada in Rio de Janeiro; Cambridge University, the Institut des Hautes Études Scientifique in Paris, and the University of California at Berkeley.

Hyman Bass is one of the world’s pre-eminent mathematicians. Professor Bass’ contributions to mathematics are vast. He has created a new mathematical field and has solved major open problems. His work also spans an unusual range of mathematical areas, including many aspects of algebra and its connections with number theory, topology and geometry. Professor Bass has been honored with numerous awards that recognize his achievements and contributions to mathematics. Among these are the Cole Prize for Algebra (1972) and the Yueh-Gin Gung and Dr. Charles Y. Hu Award for Distinguished Service to Mathematics (2006). He has been a member of the National Academy of Sciences since 1982. In 2007, he was awarded the Presidential National Medal of Science, the top honor awarded to scientists in
the United States. Prior to Bass, no mathematician from the University of Michigan has ever won the National Medal of Science. In addition to his election to the National Academy of Sciences, he was elected to membership in the American Academy of Arts and Science (1980), and as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (1986). Professor Bass was also elected a member of the Third World Academy of Sciences in Trieste in 2002.

He has played a major role in bridging the communities of mathematicians and mathematics educators by the influence of his publications and through his visible activity in the professional societies. Bass has served as Chair of the Education Committee of the American Mathematical Society (AMS), chair of the Mathematical Sciences Education Board at the National Research Council, and as President of the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction. In these roles, he provided major leadership for the mathematics community to take a constructive role in the improvement of mathematics education, both at the K-12 and the university levels.

Since the mid 1990s, Bass has participated in a multi-disciplinary program of research and development in the University of Michigan School of Education, led principally by Deborah Ball. This has established a practice-based theory of the “mathematical knowledge for teaching” (MKT), measures (now widely used) of MKT that have been linked to improved gains in student learning, and also to the “mathematical quality of instruction,” as measured by video-codes also developed in this work. These ideas have been used to transform the mathematical education of elementary teachers at Michigan and other institutions.

As he assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Bass wishes to be named the Samuel Eilenberg Distinguished University Professor of Mathematics and Mathematics Education.

Samuel Eilenberg was a major architect of twentieth century mathematics who transformed thinking about topology and, in the process, helped found two major branches of mathematics — homological algebra and category theory — that he later applied to the theory of automata. He worked with the Topology Group at the University of Michigan in the 1940s and in collaboration with Norman Steenrod, wrote the landmark book Foundations of Algebraic Topology that synthesized and crystallized the then chaotic state of the field. Eilenberg’s contribution to this work earned him the Leroy Steele Prize of the American Mathematical Society in 1987. Eilenberg’s next great collaboration was with Saunders MacLane which began when MacLane came to lecture in Michigan on group extensions. Much of the early work of Eilenberg-MacLane served as a precursor to Homological Algebra. The last phase of his work, in Automata Theory, a branch of theoretical computer science, resulted in the two-volume work Automata, Languages, and Machines, published in 1974 and 1976. Professor Eilenberg died in 1998.

The appointment of Professor Hyman Bass as the Samuel Eilenberg Distinguished University Professor of Mathematics and Mathematics Education, effective September 1, 2008, recognizes his extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, his commitment to excellence in education, and his extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Janet A. Weiss
Dean, Rackham Graduate School,
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
and Chair, Advisory Committee on
Distinguished University Professorships

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

July 2008
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship

NAME: Michael L. Boehnke

CURRENT TITLES: Richard G. Cornell Collegiate Professor of Biostatistics, and Professor of Biostatistics, with tenure, School of Public Health

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Richard G. Cornell Distinguished University Professor of Biostatistics, and Professor of Biostatistics, with tenure, School of Public Health

TERM: Period of Active Service

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

We are pleased to recommend to the Board of Regents the appointment of Professor Michael L. Boehnke as the Richard G. Cornell Distinguished University Professor of Biostatistics, effective September 1, 2008.

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 coveted honors conferred by the University upon a member of its faculty.

Professor Boehnke is one of the world’s foremost statistical geneticists. He is internationally recognized for his work to identify genes for type 2 diabetes and diabetes-related traits, and is actively involved in efforts to understand the genetic basis of bipolar disorder. He also has made major contributions in both teaching and service, building one of the world’s leading training programs in statistical genetics. He has shown a remarkable ability to assemble outstanding researchers from diverse disciplines to work together on important problems. His work clearly reflects the intelligence, commitment to excellence, and collaborative spirit for which the University of Michigan is known.

Professor Boehnke is internationally recognized for his excellence and leadership in the development of statistical methods and computational tools for human genetics research. His primary focus has been in human gene mapping, which seeks to identify the genetic variants that play a role in human traits and diseases. Professor Boehnke’s research focused initially on the analysis of human pedigree data, using trait and genotype information on family members to identify the approximate chromosomal location of the relevant genes using linkage analysis, one of the fundamental tools of human genetics. He developed the first general method to assess the statistical power of a proposed linkage study, first for rare dominant and recessive traits and then for traits of more complex inheritance.

Professor Boehnke is on the frontier of the critically important new science of genetics, as reflected in his most recent achievements, their citation by Science magazine, and their recognition in the public sphere by Time magazine.
In 1993, Professor Boehnke won the Snedecor Award for Outstanding Statistical Applications Paper from the American Statistical Association (ASA), and in 2002 was named a fellow of the ASA. He was named the Myrto Lefkopolou Distinguished Lecturer at the Harvard University School of Public Health in 1994, the Bernard Greenberg Lecturer for the Department of Biostatistics at University of North Carolina School of Public Health in 2002, and the Benjamin Stapleton Lecturer at the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center in 2007. He won the University of Michigan School of Public Health Excellence in Research Award in 1999, when he was also named the Pharmacia Research Professor of Biostatistics. In 2005, he was named Richard G. Cornell Collegiate Professor of Biostatistics. In 2007 he was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies.

As he assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Boehnke wishes to be named the Richard G. Cornell Distinguished University Professor of Biostatistics.

Richard G. Cornell, professor emeritus of biostatistics, received his BA in mathematics from the University of Rochester and his MS and PhD in statistics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Professor Cornell joined the faculty of the School of Public Health as chair of the Department of Biostatistics in 1971, and under his leadership the department became one of the top biostatistics programs in the country. From 1993 to 1995, Professor Cornell served as interim dean for the School of Public Health. His research encompassed a broad range of statistical problems, notably in the area of decision analysis. Because of his involvement in treatment studies of burns, neonatal respiratory distress, diabetes, and HIV infection, Professor Cornell recognized the need for new methods for the design and analysis of medical and public health investigations. Professors Cornell and Boehnke served together on the SPH faculty from 1984 to 1996.

The appointment of Professor Michael L. Boehnke as the Richard G. Cornell Distinguished University Professor of Biostatistics, effective September 1, 2008, 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 far beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Janet A. Weiss
Dean, Rackham Graduate School,
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
and Chair, Advisory Committee on
Distinguished University Professorships

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship

NAME: Bruce W. Frier

CURRENT TITLES: Frank O. Copley Collegiate Professor of Classics and Roman Law, Professor of Classics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Henry King Ransom Professor of Law, and Professor of Law, with tenure, Law School

RECOMMENDED TITLES: John and Teresa D'Arms Distinguished University Professor of Classics and Roman Law; Professor of Classics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Henry King Ransom Professor of Law, and Professor of Law, with tenure, Law School

TERM: Period of Active Service

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

We are pleased to recommend to the Board of Regents the appointment of Professor Bruce W. Frier as the John and Teresa D'Arms Distinguished University Professor of Classics and Roman Law, effective September 1, 2008.

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Professor Frier came to Michigan in 1969 and is active in both sides of his joint appointment in classics and law. Within classics, he has created two productive territories for scholarship, one in demography, and the other in the sociology of Roman law. He has made an immense contribution to increasing the methodological sophistication of ancient historians; he does not just borrow methods from other fields, but carefully tests their applicability to ancient evidence, so that his work is not only revelatory about the issue at hand, but offers the field at large a demonstration of successful method. Before Professor Frier, the study of Roman law was almost entirely the province of legal historians. Professor Frier has made it integral to ancient history.

In his work in the Law School, Professor Frier has produced scholarship that is careful, thorough, innovative, and interesting. In addition, his work – blending state-of-the art demographic research tools, an unsurpassed erudition in the relevant classical historical and literary materials, and a comprehensive and practical understanding of law and legal systems – embodies the sort of true interdisciplinarity that has distinguished Michigan Law for decades. In addition, he has, in his time at the Law School, made himself into a leading national expert on contract law, through his diligent and painstaking effort on his casebook in that field.
As he assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Frier wishes to be named the John and Teresa D'Arms Distinguished University Professor of Classics and Roman Law.

John H. D'Arms (1934-2002) was associated with the University of Michigan for most of his distinguished career, as a Professor and Chair of the Department of Classical Studies, as a Dean of the Graduate School, and as a Vice Provost for Academic Affairs. Although he took on many time-consuming administrative duties (including stints as Director of the American Academy in Rome and, at the end of his life, as President of the American Council of Learned Societies), he is also very well known as a Roman historian, with particular interests in Roman social and economic history. His boundless enthusiasm for humanistic learning was contagious, inspiring all around him, both by example and by exhortation, to higher scholarly standards. Teresa D'Arms (1938-), John's widow, holds a J.D. from the University of Michigan law school; she currently resides in Ann Arbor.

The appointment of Professor Bruce W. Frier as the John and Teresa D'Arms Distinguished University Professor of Classics and Roman Law, effective September 1, 2008, 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 far beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Janet A. Weiss
Dean, Rackham Graduate School, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Chair, Advisory Committee on Distinguished University Professorships

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2008
We are pleased to recommend to the Board of Regents the appointment of Professor Linda K. Gregerson as the Caroline Walker Bynum Distinguished University Professor of English, effective September 1, 2008.

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 coveted honors conferred by the University upon a member of its faculty.

Over the last thirty years, Professor Gregerson has published four volumes of poetry and over seventy-five individual poems; and has been asked to give over a hundred and twenty-five readings. Her fourth volume of poetry, Magnetic North, was a finalist for the 2007 National Book Award. Her third volume of poetry, Waterborne, was published by Houghton Mifflin in 2003; her second volume, The Woman Who Died in Her Sleep, was published by Houghton Mifflin in 1996; and her first volume, Fire in the Conservatory, was published by Dragon Gate Press in 1982. For her poetry, Professor Gregerson has received many grants, awards, and prizes: an Academy of American Poets Award in 1978, the Clarence Urmy Award for Poetry from Stanford in 1980, an Ingram Merrill Grant in 1982-84, the Levinson Prize from Poetry Magazine in 1991, the Consuelo Ford Award from the Poetry Society of America in 1992, the Pushcart Prize and a Creative Artist Grant from the Arts Foundation of Michigan in 1994, a Guggenheim Fellowship in 2000, and an Academy Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters in 2002. In 1997, The Woman Who Died in Her Sleep was a finalist for the Poets Prize and the Lenore Marshall Prize for the best book of poetry published in the United States during the calendar year. In 2003, Waterborne won one of the highest and most lucrative prize of them all, and also the most lucrative, the Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award.

In addition to being a poet, Professor Gregerson is also a prolific critic of contemporary poetry and one of the most learned and original Renaissance scholars. In her major scholarly study, The Reformation of the Subject: Spenser, Milton, and the English Protestant Epic (Cambridge U P, 1995), Professor Gregerson explores the conflict between the aesthetic and ideological aspects of the English Renaissance epic. For her Renaissance scholarship, Gregerson has won the Isabel MacCaffrey Award from the Spenser Society.
fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton (1993-94). Professor Gregerson has also published over fifty essays on Renaissance and contemporary poetry in scholarly journals and reviews. In 2001, a collection of Gregerson's contemporary reviews (Negative Capability: Essays on Contemporary American Poetry) was published by the University of Michigan Press in the highly respected Poets on Poetry series established by Donald Hall. In 2003, this volume won the University Press Book Award.

As she assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Gregerson wishes to be named the Caroline Walker Bynum Distinguished University Professor of English.

Caroline Walker Bynum is Professor of European Medieval History at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton. After completing her undergraduate studies at Michigan, she received a Ph.D. from Harvard in 1969. Her work on female spirituality and somatic miracle in the high middle ages changed her field by making it clear that informed feminist scholarship could profoundly enrich the understanding of medieval religious practice and theological speculation. Her scholarship has been recognized by a MacArthur Fellowship, prizes from the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, the Governor’s Award of the State of Washington, the Philip Schaff Prize of the American Society of Church History, the Trilling Prize for the Best Book by a Columbia Faculty Member, the Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion from the American Academy of Religions, the Ralph Waldo Emerson Prize from Phi Beta Kappa, and the Jacques Barzun Prize of the American Philosophical Society. She is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a fellow of the American Philosophical Society, and the Medieval Academy of America. She has served as President of the American Historical Associate and as President of the Medieval Academy of America. Before assuming her present post at the Institute for Advanced Study, she taught at Harvard University, the University of Washington, and Columbia University.

The appointment of Professor Linda K. Gregerson as the Caroline Walker Bynum Distinguished University Professor of English, effective September 1, 2008, recognizes her extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, her commitment to excellence in education for her students, and her extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and far beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY: 

Janet A. Weiss
Dean, Rackham Graduate School,
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
and Chair, Advisory Committee on
Distinguished University Professorships

July 2008

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship

NAME: James S. House

CURRENT TITLES: Angus Campbell Collegiate Professor of Sociology and Survey Research; Professor of Sociology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; and Professor of Public Policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Angus Campbell Distinguished University Professor of Survey Research, Public Policy, and Sociology; Professor of Sociology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; and Professor of Public Policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

TERM: Period of Active Service

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

We are pleased to recommend to the Board of Regents the appointment of Professor James S. House as the Angus Campbell Distinguished University Professor of Survey Research, Public Policy, and Sociology, effective September 1, 2008.

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 coveted honors conferred by the University upon a member of its faculty.

Professor House is one of the most productive and influential sociologists working today at the intersection of social psychology, health, social policy, and survey methods. He received his doctorate in social psychology from the University of Michigan in 1972. He pioneered work to establish that social supports play a strong role in moderating the effects of stress on health. He was also one of the first scholars to investigate the influence of social relationships and social supports on morbidity and mortality. Like his work on stress, this work shaped the evolving paradigms.

In the late 1980s, Professor House initiated a new line of research on how socioeconomic position affects the trajectory of health outcomes over the life course in a nationally representative sample of 3617 adults first interviewed in 1986 and now followed for over two decades via several follow-up interviews and continuous mortality ascertainment. In the late 1990s he instituted another new but related line of research on the role of residential/neighborhood social contexts in generating social disparities in health by race/ethnicity and socioeconomic position. He was instrumental in launching the pioneering Mind and Body Center funded by the National Institute of Health through which he has developed the Chicago Community Adult Health Study of 3105 adults distributed across 343 neighborhood areas in the city of Chicago. Professor House and his colleagues’ work on socioeconomic inequalities and health, like his earlier research on work stresses and social supports, is setting agendas for research in the sociology of health, public health and epidemiology.
Professor House’s record of scholarly accomplishment has few equals. He is easily among the most distinguished quantitative medical sociologists of his generation, arguably of any generation. His research has challenged conventional wisdom while redirecting and reenergizing the study of social determinants and disparities in health. All of his work is characterized by a powerful combination of empirical richness, methodological rigor, and theoretical originality – qualities that have come to be associated with Michigan’s strong social sciences, in large part due to Professor House’s presence as a member of the University of Michigan faculty for almost thirty years. During that period he has also served as chair of the Department of Sociology and director of the Survey Research Center.

His outstanding record of scholarship has been recognized by numerous national and international honors and awards. He is an elected fellow/member in the Society of Behavioral Medicine; the American Academy for the Advancement of Science; the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Science. He received the Leo G. Reeder Award in 2001, (conferred annually by the Medical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association to honor a career of scholarly distinction), the Michigan Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award in 2005, and the Cooley-Mead Award for Outstanding Career Contributions to Sociological Social Psychology in 2007. He was recently elected to the highly selective National Academy of Sciences.

As he assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor House wishes to be named the Angus Campbell Distinguished University Professor of Survey Research, Public Policy, and Sociology.

Angus Campbell was a pioneer in the application of survey research to a variety of social science disciplines. He was a founder and long-term director of the Survey Research Center here at the University of Michigan and later served as director of the Institute for Social Research.

The appointment of Professor James S. House as the Angus Campbell Distinguished University Professor of Survey Research, Public Policy, and Sociology, effective September 1, 2008, recognizes his extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, his commitment to excellence in education for her students, and his extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and far beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY: RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Janet A. Weiss
Dean, Rackham Graduate School,
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
and Chair, Advisory Committee on
Distinguished University Professorships

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Correction of Educational Information

NAME: Annie Cynthia Pachikara

In the May 2008 promotion recommendation recommending Annie Cynthia Pachikara for promotion to associate professor of art and design, with tenure, School of Art and Design, and associate professor of architecture and urban planning, without tenure, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, her educational information was noted incorrectly. The following is her corrected educational information.

Annie Cynthia Pachikara received her Bachelor of Science degree in architectural studies from the University of Illinois in 1990 and Master of Architecture and Master of Fine Arts degrees from the University of Illinois in 1997.

Please accept this correction and our apologies for the inconsistency in Professor Pachikara’s educational information.

RECOMMENDED BY: Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Bryan Rogers
Dean, School of Art and Design

Douglas S. Kelbaugh, Dean
A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning

July 2008
ACTION REQUEST: Appointment to an Endowed Visiting Professor

NAME: Mauro Perani

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Louis and Helen Padnos Visiting Professor of Judaic Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008

On the recommendation of the Director of the Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Mauro Perani as the Louis and Helen Padnos Visiting Professor of Judaic Studies, effective September 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

As a result of a generous gift from Stuart and Barbara Padnos and the Louis and Helen Padnos Foundation, the Louis and Helen Padnos Visiting Professorship in Judaic Studies was established in September 1988. This professorship enables the Center for Judaic Studies to invite distinguished scholars to the Ann Arbor campus each year.

Mauro Perani is professor of Judaic studies at the University of Bologna and president of the European Association of Jewish Studies. He is the leading expert in medieval Judaism and Hebrew codicology. He is also director of the "Italian Genizah" Project that has led to the rediscovery of more than 8,000 medieval Hebrew manuscript fragments in Italian libraries where they were reused as bookbinding in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

Professor Perani has focused his scholarship on the medieval Jewish rabbi and exegete, Moses ben Nachman (Nachmanides). His most recent books are *Biblical Characters in Jewish Biblical Exegesis* (2003) and *Nachmanides, Exegesis and Cabbalist: Texts and Studies*, co-edited with Moshe Idel (1998). He will offer a course on the archaeology of the Hebrew book for graduate students. He will also teach a course for undergraduates that will introduce them to the many centuries of Italian-Jewish history from the Roman Era to the twentieth century.

We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Mauro Perani as the Louis and Helen Padnos Visiting Professor of Judaic Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

Recommended by: 

Terence J. McDonald
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, 
Professor of History, and Dean, 
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Recommendation endorsed by: 

Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President for 
for Academic Affairs

July 2008
Recommendations for approval of reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Ben Q. Li

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Mechanical Engineering, with tenure, and Chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering and Computer Science

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering and Computer Science

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering and Computer Science, with the endorsement of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, recommend the reappointment of Professor Ben Q. Li as chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering and Computer Science, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011.

Professor Li received a B.S. in engineering in 1982 from the Central-South University of Technology in China; a M.S. in engineering in 1984 from the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado; and a Ph.D. in engineering in 1989 from the University of California, Berkeley.

Prior to his appointment at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Professor Li was a tenured professor of thermal-fluids science at the School of Mechanical and Materials Engineering, Washington State University, Pullman. His research interests center on the computational study of multiscale and multiphysical phenomena in thermal fluids, materials processing and manufacturing processes. Professor Li is an internationally recognized leader in the area of magnetohydrodynamics in magnetically and/or electrically levitated droplets and magnetically-assisted materials processing systems.

Professor Li’s leadership will continue to strengthen and broaden the teaching, research and scholarly activities of the College of Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Professor Ben Q. Li as chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering and Computer Science, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011.

Recommended by:

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

July 2008
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - DEARBORN

Recommendations for approval of other personnel transactions
for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff
I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Cecile Aitchison as assistant vice chancellor for institutional advancement at the University of Michigan-Dearborn effective June 1, 2008.

Ms. Aitchison has served as the development director responsible for leading the development activities for all four colleges and schools on the Dearborn campus since July 1, 2005. In addition to these responsibilities, she will also take on the additional role of leading the alumni relations efforts, and will be charged specifically with creating a unified strategy and effort connecting the fundraising and alumni relations efforts on the Dearborn campus. This will particularly include developing a plan to utilize and integrate alumni volunteers more effectively into the mission of the campus. Cecile will continue to provide oversight and leadership in institutional advancement and beyond as UM-Dearborn begins planning for the next campaign.

Ms. Aitchison graduated from Wayne State University with a B.A. in English. She served in leadership positions in two Detroit-based non-profits before joining the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 1999 as the annual fund director. Cecile was promoted to senior development officer in 2000 and to development director of University Development in 2005. She also assumed the role of campaign manager at that time. UM-Dearborn is expected to meet its campaign goal by August 2008.

I recommend for your approval the appointment of Cecile Aitchison as assistant vice chancellor for institutional advancement, effective June 1, 2008.

Recommended by:

Daniel Little, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

July 2008
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

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

NAME: Seth I. Hirshorn

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Public Administration, with tenure, School of Education

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Associate Professor of Political Science, with tenure, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Social Sciences and the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, and the Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, we are pleased to recommend a transfer of title and tenure for Seth I. Hirshorn from associate professor of public administration, with tenure, School of Education, to associate professor of political science, with tenure, Department of Social Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, effective September 1, 2008.

Seth I. Hirshorn earned a Bachelor of Science at the University of Wisconsin in 1969, a Master of Public Administration in 1970 from State University of New York-Albany and a Ph.D. in Public Administration from Syracuse University in 1974. He began his teaching career at the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 1978 as assistant professor of public administration in the Department of Social Sciences. He was promoted to associate professor of public administration, with tenure, in 1980. In 1992, his title and tenure were transferred to the School of Education.

Professor Hirshorn has assisted with the development and promotion of the graduate program in Public Administration. His work includes many publications in the field, election to the National Council of the American Society of Public Administration, and election to local political office. He has also assisted many regional, state and national governmental and non-profit organizations. He is currently serving on the Senate Assembly. Professor Hirshorn has served on the SOE Executive Committee, the UM-Dearborn Graduate Board and as coordinator of the graduate program in public administration.

I am very pleased to recommend a transfer of title and tenure for Seth I. Hirshorn from associate professor of public administration, with tenure, School of Education, to associate professor of political science, with tenure, Department of Social Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, effective September 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Daniel Little, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

July 2008
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Transfer of Title for a Faculty Member

NAME: Dale E. Thomson

CURRENT TITLE: Assistant Professor of Education, School of Education

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Assistant Professor of Political Science, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Social Sciences and the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters and with the approval of the Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, we are pleased to recommend a transfer of title for Dale E. Thomson, assistant professor of education, School of Education, to assistant professor of political science, Department of Social Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, effective September 1, 2008.

Professor Thomson earned a Bachelor of Science in finance from the University of Detroit in 1991. He attended University of Maryland Graduate School at Baltimore where he received a Master of Policy Sciences in 1997 and a Ph.D. in 2001. He has held positions with General Motors, the City of Baltimore, the University of Maryland’s Maryland Institute for Policy Analysis and Research, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Center for Urban Studies at Wayne State University.

Professor Thomson began his teaching career as an adjunct instructor of urban studies at Wayne State University in 2003. He started teaching full time as an assistant professor in 2005 in the Master of Public Administration program which was housed in UM-Dearborn’s School of Education, and is currently the director of the Institute for Local Government (IFLG). IFLG’s mission is to enhance the capacity of local, elected officials in Southeast Michigan to govern effectively and address local issues from a regional perspective. He has also supervised numerous directed studies focused on specific topics within public administration. Professor Thomson’s publications have focused on development and administration of housing and community development policy.

I am very pleased to recommend a transfer of title for Dale E. Thomson from assistant professor of education, School of Education, to assistant professor of political science, Department of Social Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, effective September 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

July 2008
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: Ruth J. Person

TITLE: Professor of Management, School of Management

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the unanimous recommendation of the Dean and Executive Committee of the School of Management, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Ruth J. Person as professor of management, with tenure, School of Management, effective September 1, 2008. She will hold the title of Chancellor, University of Michigan-Flint, effective August 18, 2008.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Professor Person received her B.A. degree from Gettysburg College in 1967, her A.M.L.S. degree from the University of Michigan in 1969, her M.S.A. degree from George Washington University in 1974, and her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1980. She also completed post-doctoral work in the area of educational management from Harvard University in 1989.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Professor Person began her career as a lecturer from 1975 to 1979, and held joint appointments as project director for the Public Library Energy Education Program from 1978 to 1979 and coordinator of continuing education from 1977 to 1979, at the University of Michigan. She joined the faculty of The Catholic University of America as an assistant professor in 1979, was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 1985, and was appointed as associate dean in 1983. Professor Person joined Clarion University of Pennsylvania as dean from 1986 to 1988, followed by her appointment as an American Council on Education Fellow, serving as chief academic officer with the Arizona Board of Regents from 1990-1991. She joined the University of Missouri-St. Louis as associate vice chancellor for academic affairs from 1988 to 1993, followed by her appointment as Ashland University as vice president for academic affairs from 1993 to 1995. Professor Person joined Angelo State University as vice president for academic affairs and professor of business administration from 1995 to 1999, followed by her most recent appointment at Indiana University Kokomo as chancellor since 1999.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Person's research agenda has been largely in the area of library science with some later emphasis in anthropology. Her focus in this area involved a broad spectrum including academia, administration, research, and policy. While Professor Person's work with book reviews, workshops, and presentations primarily included the area of library science, it was integrated with work in business administration and management.
PUBLICATIONS


SUMMARY

Professor Person will bring to our campus a wealth of experience in academic leadership and an impressive record of achievement in teaching, research, and service. Her commitment to excellence will complement the mission and character of the University of Michigan-Flint. We, therefore, enthusiastically recommend the appointment of Ruth J. Person as professor of management, with tenure, School of Management, effective September 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY:

John A. Helmuth, Dean
School of Management

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Vahid Lotfi, Interim Provost and
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Jack Kay, Interim Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

July 2008
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - FLINT

Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments

or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected

academic administrative staff
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Darryl G. Baird

CURRENT TITLES: Interim Chair, Department of Communication and Visual Arts, and Associate Professor of Art, with tenure, College of Arts and Sciences

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Chair, Department of Communication and Visual Arts, and Associate Professor of Art, with tenure, College of Arts and Sciences

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Michigan-Flint, with the endorsement of the Department of Communication and Visual Arts, recommend the appointment of Darryl G. Baird as chair of the Department of Communication and Visual Arts, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010.

Professor Baird received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Southern Methodist University in 1994 and his Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of North Texas in 1998. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan-Flint in 1998 as an assistant professor, and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2004. He has been interim chair in the Department of Communication and Visual Arts since 2006.

Since joining the faculty at the University of Michigan-Flint, Professor Baird has been active in the artistic life of the Flint region serving as president of the artist-run Buckham Gallery. He has served on search committees, the Admission and Scholarship Committee, and the Academic Standards Committee in the College of Arts and Sciences. Professor Baird was nominated for the Distinguished Service Award in 2000.

Professor Baird will be an effective leader. We are pleased to recommend Darryl G. Baird as chair of the Department of Communication and Visual Arts, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010.

Recommended by:

D.J. Trela, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

Recommendation endorsed by:

Vahid Lotfi, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Jack Kay, Interim Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

July 2008
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Guluma Gemeda

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Africana Studies, with tenure, College of Arts and Sciences

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Chair, Department of Africana Studies, College of Arts and Sciences

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Michigan-Flint, with the endorsement of the Department of Africana Studies, recommend the appointment of Guluma Gemeda as chair of the Department of Africana Studies, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011.

Professor Gemeda received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Addis Ababa University in 1980 and 1984, respectively, and his Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 1996. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan-Flint in 1998 as an adjunct professor, was appointed as an assistant professor in 2001, and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2007.

Since joining the faculty at the University of Michigan-Flint, Professor Gemeda has served on the College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, Administrative Services Advisory Committee, and the University International and Global Studies Program core committee.

Professor Gemeda will be an effective leader. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Guluma Gemeda as chair of the Department of Africana Studies, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011.

Recommended by:

D. J. Trela, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

Recommendation endorsed by:

Vahid Lotfi, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Jack Kay, Interim Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

July 2008