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Recommendations for approval of new appointments  
and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks,  
with tenure

Approved by the Regents

November 20, 2008

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION**

**ACTION REQUEST:** Faculty Appointment Approval

**NAME:** A. Van Jordan

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

**TENURE STATUS:** With Tenure

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2009

**APPOINTMENT PERIOD:** University Year

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of English Language and Literature and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of A. Van Jordan as professor of English language and literature, with tenure, effective January 1, 2009.

**ACADEMIC DEGREES**

Van Jordan received his Bachelor of Arts from Wittenberg University in 1987, Master of Arts from Howard University in 1990, and Master of Fine Arts from Warren Wilson College in 1998.

**PROFESSIONAL RECORD**

Professor Jordan began his teaching career as an assistant professor at Warren Wilson College in 1999. He was appointed associate professor at Prince George's Community College (2001-2002), instructional staff and department chair at the College of New Rochelle (2002-2003), visiting assistant professor (2003-2004) and assistant professor (2004-2005) at the University of North Carolina (2003-2004), a member of the faculty at Warren Wilson College (2004-2008), and assistant professor at the University of Texas at Austin (2005-2008). He was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, at UT-Austin in 2008.

**SUMMARY OF EVALUATION**

Professor Jordan is a specialist in poetry who has published three volumes of his work. *Rise* (2001) won the PEN/Oakland Josephine Miles Award and *M-A-C-N-O-L-I-A* (2004) won the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award. It was also listed as one of the best books of 2005 by *The London Times*. He was awarded a Whiting Writers Award (2005), a Pushcart Prize (2006), and a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship (2007). His third book of poetry, *Quantum Lyrics* was published in 2007 by W. W. Norton & Co.

Professor Jordan is an excellent instructor. He has been teaching regularly at the Warren Wilson

Master of Fine Arts Program for Writers, the most distinguished low-residency program in the United States. His record and the testaments of his colleagues clearly show his dedication in the classroom.

#### EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL LETTERS

Reviewer (A)

“Van Jordan is one of the talented poets of his generation. He is writing a kind of documentary poem that reclaims, re-inhabits, and thoroughly re-imagines African-American history. ...for the depth of his investigations, the ambition behind it, and its drive and range, there is no one like Van Jordan.”

Reviewer (B)

“...*Macnolia* is a tour de force -- a salty-sweet blend of blues and history, tempered to a lyric sheen.”

Reviewer (C)

“My regard for Van, for his teaching, and for his poetry could not be higher. ...after publishing three very different books he is solidly at mid-career and, I believe, one of the most promising poets of his generation.”

Reviewer (D)

“...over the years, I have been watching Jordan reinvent the possibilities for traditional English prosody in contemporary American poetry, as well as push at and reshape our notions of history and its relationship to historiography; Jordan is making something very new – indeed, original – with his poems, and I am convinced...that he is not only already a powerful presence in American poetry, but that his [poetry] will turn out to have been a crucial voice and vision...”

Reviewer (E)

“I believe without qualification that Van Jordan would be considered tenure-worthy...at any major institution, given his two graduate degrees and publications, his three substantial and exciting books of poems, his teaching experience, his Whiting Award and Guggenheim Fellowship, and his national profile.”

Reviewer (F)

“What I find interesting about Van Jordan’s background is how varied it is. His strengths in film studies and communications are evident in his work and add a complexity and variety to his writing that enhances his work in English literature and M.F.A. in poetry. ...the extraordinary inventiveness of his poetry relies on a broad-based foundation and knowledge of several fields in the arts—music, film, and drama—as well as an avid interest in science and popular culture.”

Reviewer (G)

“Professor Jordan’s is a stunningly varied and original body of work, made more impressive by the fact that his three books have appeared (and his writing and teaching careers have been established) in a mere ten years... I can think of few poets whose accomplishment has been so rapid and so consistently expansive.”

Reviewer (H)

"...his list of publications, publishers, and awards – most notably the Whiting Writers Award and the Guggenheim fellowship – is indeed admirable for a poet at this stage in his career..."

#### PUBLICATIONS

*Quantum Lyrics*, W. W. Norton & Company, 2007.

*Que Sera Sera: Special Limited Edition*, Aureole Press, 2005.

*M-A-C-N-O-L-I-A*, W. W. Norton & Company, 2004.

*Rise*, Tia Chucha Press and Northwestern University Press, 2001.

#### SUMMARY

Professor Jordan's work and reputation as one of the most talented poets of his generation make him a valuable addition to our faculty. He is also an excellent teacher and a professional colleague. We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of A. Van Jordan as professor of English language and literature, with tenure, in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2009.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Promotion Approval  
NAME: Margaret Scisney-Matlock  
CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Nursing, with tenure, School of Nursing  
RECOMMENDED TITLE: Professor of Nursing, with tenure, School of Nursing  
EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

It is recommended that Margaret Scisney-Matlock, associate professor of nursing, with tenure, School of Nursing, be promoted to professor of nursing, with tenure, School of Nursing, effective September 1, 2008.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	1985	University of Notre Dame, Sociology, Notre Dame, IN
Certificate	1984	University of California, Women's Health, Berkley, CA
M.A.	1983	University of Notre Dame, Sociology, Notre Dame, IN
M.S.N.	1973	Indiana University, Nursing, Indianapolis, IN
B.S.N.	1971	Murray State University, Nursing, Murray, KY

Professional Record:

2000 – present	Associate Professor, with tenure, School of Nursing, University of Michigan
1993 – 2000	Assistant Professor, School of Nursing, University of Michigan
1992 – 1993	Assistant Professor, College of Nursing, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
1990 – 1992	Research Fellow, University of Michigan, Office of the Vice President for Research, Ann Arbor, MI

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Scisney-Matlock is an accomplished and committed teacher, both inside and outside of the classroom, and has made substantial scholarly contributions in the area of education. During her appointment at the University, she has taught courses across the undergraduate, master's, and doctoral programs. Student evaluations, as well as peer evaluations, reflect the quality of her teaching. Outside of the classroom, she has served as a research mentor on 19 Master's Projects and 13 doctoral students (five as chair, seven as member, and one as cognate member). She also provides research mentoring to undergraduate Honors Program students, high school students in the King/Chavez/Parks Summer Program, the Summer Biomedical Research Opportunity Program, the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, and was the research advisor for a student in Honors in Psychology who was awarded "Highest Honors" for her thesis.

Professor Scisney-Matlock is driven to improve teaching and learning at all program levels and has designed and implemented several programs to assist faculty and students. She has disseminated her work at national conferences and in publications. Her classes reflect her excitement about learning and her creativity in involving students as active learners.

Research: Professor Scisney-Matlock has been recognized nationally and internationally for her clinical program of research addressing the treatment of hypertension, particularly in African American women. Early in her appointment to the University of Michigan School of Nursing faculty, in 1995-97, she received internal funding for advanced psychometric testing of cognitive representation scales for relationship to compliance with treatment regimens, specifically the treatment of hypertension. She has continued the refinement of the use of cognitive mapping to enhance blood pressure control and compliance with medication regimens and augmented this research through the testing of nursing interventions, physician-nurse team interventions and other behavioral interventions for this major health problem. Both internal and external (NIH) grants have supported her program of research.

Letters from colleagues at the University of Michigan and other institutions attest to her effectiveness as a colleague in addressing multidisciplinary health concerns. She has received national recognition for her contributions to strategies for addressing hypertension in women. In particular she is recognized for her development of the Cognitive Representation of Hypertension Scales (CRHTN) for ethnic equivalence. In 2003, the American Society of Hypertension identified her as "one of the 10 top hypertension and cardiovascular researchers." That same year, Professor Scisney-Matlock was named University of Michigan's "Outstanding Minority Biomedical Researcher" and asked by President May Sue Coleman to represent her at a Minority Access's Annual Conference in Washington, DC.

It is noted that while the topic of her research is inherently multidisciplinary and that she has been a valued research colleague, she is the lead author on all but two of the 29 papers listed on her CV, two of which are in preparation and four of which have been submitted. This reflects her leadership and seniority as a scholar in her area of expertise. This expertise is also reflected in the number of national scientific meetings to which she has been invited as a keynote speaker, five in the past two years. External reviewers attest to the high quality of journals in which she has had publications and the significance of her research as it has influenced the behavioral aspects of programs addressing hypertension, and especially contributed to nursing practice. The quality of the measures and interventions she has developed and their appropriateness for diverse ethnic and cultural groups is especially noteworthy. It is also noteworthy that she has been asked to serve another five-year term on the NINR Standing Committee for Research Study Section. She has also served on other NIH study sections, such as the NHBLI and NIA.

#### Recent and Significant Publications:

- Scisney-Matlock, M. & Jamerson, K. (In press). Rationale and design for the Manage Associated Perceptions (MAP) of medication-taking behavior clinical trial. *Contemporary Clinical Trials*.
- Scisney-Matlock, M., Grand, A.S., & Steigerwalt, S. (2008, In press). Reliability and reproducibility of clinic and home blood pressure according to ethnicity. *Ethnicity & Disease*.
- Scisney-Matlock, M., Kachorek, L., McClerking, C., & Glazedwski, C. (2006). Development and evaluation of DASH diet tailored messages for hypertension treatment. *Applied Nursing Research*, 19,78-87.
- Scisney-Matlock, M., Makos, G., Saunders, T., Jackson, F., Steigerwalt, S. (2004). Comparison of quality-of-hypertension-care indicators for groups treated by physician versus groups treated by physician-nurse team. *Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners*, 16(1), 17-23.
- Scisney-Matlock, M., & Watkins, K. (2003). Validity of the cognitive representations of hypertension scales. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, 33:1-19.
- Scisney-Matlock, M., McCloud, P., & Barnard, R. (2001). Systematic assessment and devaluation of diversity content presented in classroom lectures: The FRDC Tool. *Journal of Cultural Diversity*, 8(3), 85-93.

Scisney-Matlock, M., & Matlock, J. (2001). Promoting understanding of diversity through mentoring undergraduate students. In A. Reinartz & E. White (Eds.), *New Directions for Teaching and Learning*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Publishers.

Service: Professor Scisney-Matlock has given remarkable and consistent School of Nursing, University, national and international service. At the School level, she has served as a member of the Curriculum Committee, the search committee for the associate dean for research, and has chaired the Division of Acute, Critical and Long Term Care Programs Director Search Committee. She also served as the director for the Division of Acute, Critical and Long Term Programs for three years. She is a valued member of the University community and has served on multiple university wide committees, such as the Multicultural High School Recruitment Committee, the University representative to the Provost's Committee on Selection of Rhodes, Marshall and Mitchell Scholars Selection Committee, African American Health Day Committee, and Black Celebratory Commencement Committee.

At the national level, Professor Scisney-Matlock has served on the NYU Hartford Foundation Education Committee, has been a grant reviewer for several panels at the National Institutes of Health, is currently serving a second term on the Panel for Pre-and Post-doctoral Grant Applications for the National Institutes of Nursing Research, and served on the Scientific Program Planning Committee, the International Society of Hypertension in Blacks. She has served on the Gerontological Society Technical Workshop committees, serves as a manuscript reviewer for four major research journals (two interdisciplinary and two nursing), and is a member of multiple national and international committees and organizations.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: "Professor Scisney-Matlock compares quite favorably with her peers in a variety of disciplines with respect to productivity and influence at this stage of academic development. She demonstrates excellence in all areas, continuing active teaching and research while also being a division administrator...Thank you for the privilege of reviewing this exemplary record."

Reviewer B: "It is interesting to note that Professor Scisney-Matlock's methodological studies were among the first to document results measuring cognitive representations of hypertension and these findings certainly have been widely disseminated in prestigious peer-reviewed journal articles."

Reviewer C: "...substantial contribution that Professor Scisney-Matlock has made throughout her work about diversity in the nursing curricula. I have read her publications in this area and I believe this body of scholarship is equally important as her work in cognitive representations and hypertension...Professor Scisney-Matlock is a visionary leader in this area."

Reviewer D: "Professor Scisney-Matlock is valued as an expert in her field, and is sought as a co-investigator by other scientists to study nursing interventions and hypertension control; develop strategies for recruitment of subjects from diverse ethnicities particularly African American; and to develop minority investigators."

Reviewer E: "Her program of research which examines how 'social and cultural factors influence cognitions of illness and health behavior' is an example of excellence. The papers she has published from her program reflect an important topic that affects the health and well being of the country and addresses hypertension control in all individuals but in particular in culturally diverse groups and women."

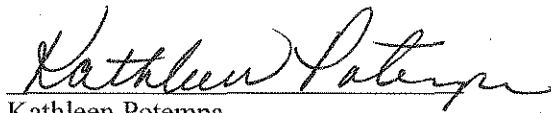
Internal Review: Professor Scisney-Matlock is recognized nationally and internationally for her clinical program of research addressing the treatment of hypertension, particularly in African American women.

She is an accomplished and committed teacher and mentor and has given remarkable and consistent service to the School of Nursing and broader communities. Overall, the accomplishments of Professor Scisney-Matlock are judged to be substantial.

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Scisney-Matlock is a nationally and internationally recognized nurse scholar who has made worthy contributions to the field of hypertension research. She is a good teacher and mentor and highly involved in internal and external service. It is with the support of the School of Nursing's Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee and the Executive Committee that I recommend Margaret Scisney-Matlock for promotion to professor of nursing, with tenure, School of Nursing, effective September 1, 2008.

Recommended by:



Kathleen Potempa  
Dean, School of Nursing

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Marita G. Titler

TITLES: Professor of Nursing, Associate Dean for Practice and Clinical  
Scholarship Development, and Rhetaugh Graves Dumas  
Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2009

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: 12 Months

On the recommendation of the Dean of the School of Nursing, and with the endorsement of the Executive Committee, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Marita G. Titler as professor of nursing, with tenure, effective January 1, 2009, associate dean for practice and clinical scholarship, and Rhetaugh Graves Dumas Professor of Nursing, effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2014.

#### ACADEMIC DEGREES

Marita G. Titler received her Bachelor of Science in nursing from Mt. Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 1974, her Master of Arts in nursing and her Doctorate in nursing administration from the University of Iowa College of Nursing in Iowa City, Iowa in 1978 and 1992, respectively.

#### PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Professor Titler joined the faculty at Mt. Mercy College as an assistant professor in 1982. In 1986, she joined the faculty at Coe College as an associate professor. She is currently an adjunct professor with the College of Nursing at the University of Iowa. Additionally, she is the director of the Institute of Translational Practice for the Center for Research in the Implementation of Innovative Strategies in Practice (CRIISP) at the Department of Veterans Affairs, the director of Research Translation and Dissemination Core for the Gerontological Nursing Intervention Research Center at the University of Iowa College of Nursing, and director of Research, Quality and Outcomes Management for the Department of Nursing Services and Patient Care at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Professor Titler is also a senior assistant director with the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

#### SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Titler has a strong research program in health science research, particularly 'implementation science' or the ways that knowledge is put to practice in complex systems. This is one of the most compelling areas of health care science today. The number of errors in patient care and other safety and quality concerns are escalating and causing insurers such as Medicare and Medicaid to limit payment on negative and avoidable care outcomes that result in high cost and hospital recidivism. Professor Titler's program of research is considered one of the foremost in the country in demonstrating methods to improve quality, safety, and reduce cost. As a result of this research focus, she works with a broad base of interdisciplinary collaborators who hold expertise in general practice areas including public health, nursing, and the different subspecialties of medicine. She also collaborates with organizational scientists

and administrative theorists in the design of interventions and the consideration of organizational context. Professor Titler's research emphasis spans more than fifteen years and includes more than \$5.3M in external funding as principal investigator and more than \$23M in total funding as co-investigator or director of a research core. She is currently the principal investigator or co-investigator on eight funded studies from the National Institutes of Health, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Professor Titler has an established record as a mentor for students including undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Iowa, as well as post-doctoral fellows both on-site at the University of Iowa as well as those from other universities who utilize her expertise as a consultant. In addition, she has chaired several theses and dissertation committees.

#### PUBLICATIONS

Titler, M.G., Jensen, G.A., Dochterman, J.M., Xie, X-J, Kanak, M., Reed, D., & Shever, L. (2007). Cost of hospital care for older adults with heart failure: medical, pharmaceutical and nursing costs. *Health Services Research*.

Titler, M.G., Everett, L., & Adams, S. (2007). Implications for implementation science. *Nursing Research*, 56 (4S), S53-S59.

Titler, M.G., Dochterman, J., Kim, T., Kanak, M., Shever, L., Picone, D., Everett, L.Q., & Budreau, G. (2007). Components of cost of care for older adults hospitalized for hip fracture and related procedures. *Nursing Outlook*, 55, 5-14.

Titler, M.G., Dochterman, J., Xie, X-J., Kanak, M., Fei, Q., Picone, D., & Shever, L. (2006). Nursing interventions and other factors associated with discharge disposition in older patients after hip fractures. *Nursing Research*, 55 (4), 231-242.

Titler, M.G. & Everett, L.Q. (2006). Sustaining an infrastructure to support EBP. *Nursing Management*, 37 (9), 14, 16.

#### EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL LETTERS

##### Reviewer (A)

"Dr. Titler, in my view, is an outstanding example of professorial-level talent, energy, passion, and productivity. She has been focused on implementation science since her early days as a critical care nurse, working through her professional organization to bring research to bear on critical care nursing practice. In contrast to many scientists supported by grant funding, Dr. Titler's work has had enormous impact on patient's lives, not only in Iowa, but throughout the world. She was a nursing pioneer in evidence-based practice, applying rigorous scientific methods to evaluate whether recommended interventions were reliably implemented and whether or not the change in practice resulted in better outcomes for patients."

##### Reviewer (B)

"Dr. Titler is well known within the nursing and health services research communities as one of the leaders in implementation science – the study and practice of knowledge implementation... Her interdisciplinary leadership is evident in the fact that she is both principal investigator and co-investigator on...active and recently completed studies...The range of co-authors on her publications indicates her capacity to foster the career development of others in the field and her capacity to foster clinical inquiry and scholarship among the staff in her institution."

Reviewer (C)

"During her distinguished career, [Dr. Titler] has met all of the requirements for appointment at the professor rank. She is a national and internationally recognized scholar in translational/ implementation science, quality, and outcomes effectiveness research. She has been the driving force behind the national reputation for the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics becoming known for evidence-based practice. I find her papers that highlight the costs of hospitalized care for patients who fall, who have hip fractures, or who have heart failure and measuring the dose of nursing intervention to be major contributions to the literature. Because of her leadership in the area of translational science, her papers in this area have significant impact on others who are developing research programs in this area."

Reviewer (D)

"Dr. Titler is an academic with an outstanding record of collaboration and scholarly productivity. The high regard with which she is held in the nursing and healthcare arena is evident in the recognition demonstrated in her awards, grants, publications and frequent requests to serve as a visiting faculty, speaker and consultant to professional organizations and universities. I would rank her among the top 1% of nurse academicians of [her generation] in the field of evidence-based practice, research utilization and translational research. Dr. Titler has been *the nursing leader* in moving research utilization to translational research. She has demonstrated the vision to define cutting edge issues in clinical research and research utilization, the leadership ability to mobilize nurses to change practice, and the research expertise to garner significant external funding and successfully evaluate practice outcomes."

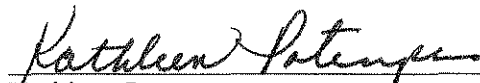
Reviewer (E)

"Dr. Titler's record of scholarship is highly meritorious...Her publications are advancing the field in translation science and evidence-based practice. Because of her nationally renowned reputation, she is frequently invited to present at high-impact national and international conferences. Dr. Titler's expertise has resulted in invitations to serve on numerous national boards and research review panels, including at NIH and AHRQ...(she) is an outstanding researcher/scholar who will no doubt continue to make lasting contributions to the profession and the field that will have a tremendous positive impact on the science and care of vulnerable populations."


SUMMARY

Professor Titler is an outstanding researcher and clinician. We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Marita G. Titler as professor of nursing, with tenure, effective January 1, 2009, associate dean for practice and clinical scholarship, and Rhetaugh Graves Dumas Professor of Nursing, effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2014.

RECOMMENDED BY:

  
Kathleen Potempa  
Dean, School of Nursing

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Nicholas A. Valentino

TITLES: Professor of Communication Studies, and Professor of Political Science, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2009

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Departments of Communication Studies and Political Science, and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Nicholas A. Valentino as professor of communication studies, with tenure, and professor of political science, with tenure, effective January 1, 2009.

#### ACADEMIC DEGREES

Nicholas Valentino received his Bachelor of Arts from Brown University in 1990 and Doctorate from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1998.

#### PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Professor Valentino began his teaching career as an assistant professor at the University of Michigan in 1998 and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2003. He joined the faculty at the University of Texas at Austin in 2007.

#### SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Valentino is recognized as one of the leading scholars of political communication in the United States. His research is of the highest caliber, well placed in disciplinary and interdisciplinary journals, and supported by numerous funding agencies. He teaches in the general areas of political communication, public opinion, mass media and political behavior, and politics and the mass media. He is a very skilled instructor at all levels and has been an exemplary mentor of graduate students through extensive co-authorship.

#### EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL LETTERS

Reviewer (A)

“...Valentino has conducted a tremendous amount of research, helping to solidify our understanding of political communication in a number of areas. ... His work, of course, spans

both disciplines and he would be a valuable asset in any department of either communications or political science.”

Reviewer (B)

“The type of research pursued by Professor Valentino addresses a core concern of political communication scholars... Unquestionably, Professor Valentino’s publications would appear on any reading list of significant recent studies.”

Reviewer (C)

“Valentino belongs to the ‘second generation’ of communications researchers, extremely skilled methodologically, and armed with sufficiently precise theories to direct them to where media effects are likely to be found. Such scholars *have* to be at the core of any top communications program.”

Reviewer (D)

“I was particularly taken with his ability to not only master the relevant literature but to produce research that elaborated and extended that literature. ... I would rate Prof. Valentino as the best candidate [of his cohort] I have rated over recent years.”

Reviewer (E)

“He asks and answers important questions about how race comes to play a role in the public’s political decision making. His record shows that he has methodically built up a research agenda in this area, with one research question following from another. ... Valentino is a rising star in the field of political communication.”

Reviewer (F)

“Nick’s accomplishments are impressive in part because of the diversity of problems that he works on. ... The volume and placement of Nick’s publications reveal that he is a...scholar who does high-quality work and has the professional skills and acumen to get it to the right people in the right places. Any department should value such a colleague very highly.”

Reviewer (G)

“His study of racial cueing—based on the ‘group priming hypothesis’—is some of the best work to date on this subject. Professor Valentino’s research in this area would easily make my list for the most significant work on race and politics in recent years.”

Reviewer (H)

“By far the largest share of Valentino’s articles...focus on the ability of news and advertising to prime racial attitudes. Taken together, these works represent a very important scholarly contribution, an unmistakable personal imprint...”

Reviewer (I)

“Overall I would place him at the very top of his cohort working in the field of political communications.”

## PUBLICATIONS

- “What triggers public opposition to immigration? Anxiety, group cues, and immigration threats,” with T. Brader and E. Suhay, *American Journal of Political Science*, 52(4), October 2008, pp. 959-978.
- “Is a worried citizen a good citizen? Emotions, political information seeking, and learning via the internet,” with V. L. Hutchings, et al., *Political Psychology*, 29(2), 2008, pp. 247-273.
- “The compassion strategy: Race and the gender gap in American politics,” with V.L. Hutchings, et al., *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 68, 2004, pp. 512-541.
- “Cues that matter: How political ads prime racial attitudes during campaigns,” with V.L. Hutchings and I.K. White, *American Political Science Review*, 96(1), March 2002, pp. 75-90.

## SUMMARY


Professor Valentino has an outstanding national reputation as a researcher. His dedication and rigor as a teacher combine and his deep commitment to collegiality to make him a valuable addition to our faculty. We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Nicholas A. Valentino as professor of communication studies, with tenure, and professor of political science, with tenure, in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2009.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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



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

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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: G. Michael Deeb, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Surgery, with tenure, and Herbert Sloan  
Collegiate Professor of Cardiac Surgery, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Herbert Sloan Collegiate Professor of Cardiac Surgery,  
Medical School

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

On the recommendation of Michael W. Mulholland, M.D., the Frederick A. Collier Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of G. Michael Deeb, M.D., as the Herbert Sloan Collegiate Professor of Cardiac Surgery, effective December 1, 2008.

This collegiate professorship was established in 2003 to recognize the achievements of Herbert Sloan, M.D., Professor Emeritus of Surgery and former head of the Section of Thoracic Surgery. This professorship supports the research and clinical efforts of a senior cardiac surgeon.

Dr. Deeb joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1986 and achieved the current rank of Professor of Surgery in 1996. He was designated as the first Herbert Sloan Collegiate Professor of Cardiac Surgery in 2003. He has directed the Heart Care Program at the University of Michigan since 1996 and also serves as the director of the Multidisciplinary Aortic Clinic.

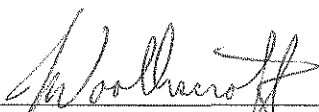
Dr. Deeb's research interests relate to the general area of endovascular repair of aortic aneurismal disease, and he serves as an investigator or co-investigator on five clinical trials focused in this area. He continues to be academically productive and since his appointment as the Sloan Collegiate Professor in 2003, he has published 15 articles related to cardiovascular surgery and aortic aneurismal disease. He was recognized at the University of Michigan Medical School with the 2007 Dean's Award for Outstanding Clinician. Nationally, Dr. Deeb has been honored by the American Heart Association with the 2008 Forest Dewey Dodrill Award for Excellence, Outstanding Clinician.

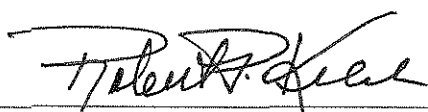



Dr. Deeb continues to fill the aspirations of the many contributors to the Herbert E. Sloan Professorship Fund. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the reappointment of G. Michael Deeb, M.D., as the Herbert Sloan Collegiate Professor of Cardiac Surgery.

Recommended by

Recommendation endorsed by

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

  
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Executive Vice President for  
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Teresa A. Sullivan, Ph.D., Provost  
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November 2008

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS' COMMUNICATION**

**ACTION REQUEST:** Faculty Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

**NAME:** John R. Heckenlively, M.D.

**CURRENT TITLES:** Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences,  
with tenure, and Paul R. Lichter Professor of Ophthalmic  
Genetics, Medical School

**TITLE BEING RENEWED:** Paul R. Lichter Professor of Ophthalmic Genetics,  
Medical School

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** December 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013

On the recommendation of Paul R. Lichter, M.D., the F. Bruce Fraclick Professor and Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of John R. Heckenlively, M.D., as the Paul R. Lichter Professor of Ophthalmic Genetics, effective December 1, 2008.

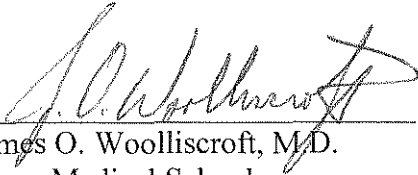
The Paul R. Lichter Professorship in Ophthalmic Genetics was established in 1990 through a generous gift from Mary U. and Edwin E. Meader. It was stipulated at that time that the gift be used for genetics research in the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences.

Dr. Heckenlively joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2003 as Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences and the Paul R. Lichter Professor of Ophthalmic Genetics. Since 2004, he has directed the department's Clinical Electrophysiology Laboratory and served as co-director of the Retina and Macular Degeneration Center in the Kellogg Eye Center.

Since 2005, Dr. Heckenlively has been director of the Foundation Fighting Blindness Research Center. In this role, he continues to make significant contributions to the study of retinal degenerations, ophthalmic genetics, retinal electrophysiology and mouse models of human eye disease. In 2007, Dr. Heckenlively, with colleagues, Drs. Debra Thompson and Hemant Khanna, took further steps with this research and formed a consortium for studying therapies. This collaboration includes three grants: transplantation of photoreceptor precursors, small molecule interventions, and assessment of therapies. Most recently, Dr. Heckenlively has begun to investigate the role that mitochondrial genetics plays in retinal degenerative diseases.

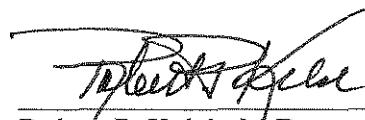
Dr. Heckenlively is recognized around the world as an outstanding clinician, scientist, and educator in the field of retinal degeneration. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend his reappointment as the Paul R. Lichter Professor of Ophthalmic Genetics.

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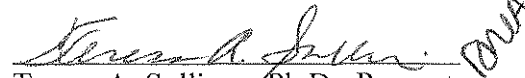


James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.  
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by



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



Teresa A. Sullivan, Ph.D., Provost  
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
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ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Dennis E. Lopatin, PhD

CURRENT TITLES: Senior Associate Dean, and Professor of Dentistry, with tenure, Department of Biologic and Materials Sciences, School of Dentistry

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Senior Associate Dean, School of Dentistry

TERM: Five Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013

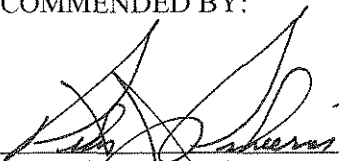
The Dean and the Executive Committee of the School of Dentistry are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Professor Dennis E. Lopatin as senior associate dean, School of Dentistry, effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013.

Professor Lopatin received his master's degree in 1972 and PhD in 1974 in immunochemistry from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He was recruited to the University of Michigan Dental Research Institute in 1974 as an assistant research scientist. In 1978, he was appointed as assistant professor of dentistry in the Department of Oral Biology. He was promoted to associate research scientist in 1986 and to professor of dentistry in 1990.

As senior associate dean, Professor Lopatin has made significant accomplishments in revamping policies and procedures for faculty development, recruitment, appointment and promotion, emergency awareness and safety. His leadership, counsel and thoughtfulness are invaluable to the operations of the School. Professor Lopatin is highly regarded by the faculty, staff and students of the School of Dentistry. He has demonstrated outstanding leadership throughout his academic career and has been a wonderful role model for our faculty.


I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Dennis E. Lopatin as senior associate dean, School of Dentistry, effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013.

RECOMMENDED BY:



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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

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Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments  
or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected  
academic administrative staff

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Approved by the Regents

November 20, 2008

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Lynn A. Johnson

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Dentistry, with tenure, School of Dentistry

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Assistant Dean for Informatics and Innovation, School of Dentistry

TERM: Five Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2013

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the School of Dentistry are pleased to recommend the appointment of Lynn A. Johnson as assistant dean for informatics and innovation, School of Dentistry, for a five-year term effective November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2013.


Professor Johnson earned her Bachelor of Arts at Morningside College, Sioux City, IA, in 1975, her Master's (1975) and Doctorate (1993) degrees from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA. Professor Johnson was appointed as associate professor of dentistry and director of dental informatics and information technology in June 2002. She was promoted to professor of dentistry in 2007.


Since her appointment, the School has experienced remarkable improvement in both the level of sophistication and scope of what is being done in Dental Informatics. Professor Johnson has distinguished herself and the School of Dentistry as a significant contributor to the field of informatics. Her leadership in informatics is recognized campus-wide and internationally. As a new curriculum is being developed and implemented at the School of Dentistry, the demands for innovative uses of technology will surge and Professor Johnson's expertise will be crucial to its success.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Lynn A. Johnson as assistant dean for informatics and innovation, School of Dentistry, for a five-year term, effective November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2013.

Recommended by:

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

  
Teresa A. Sullivan, PhD, Provost and  
Executive Vice President for Academic  
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**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
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ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Michael D. Kennedy

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Ronald and Eileen Weiser Professor of European and Eurasian Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

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

We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Michael D. Kennedy as the Ronald and Eileen Weiser Professor of European and Eurasian Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective November 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011.

Michael Kennedy received his Bachelor of Arts from Davidson College in 1979. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he completed his Master of Arts in 1981 and his Doctorate in 1985. Professor Kennedy began his teaching career as an assistant professor at the University of Michigan in 1986; he was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 1992, and to professor in 2002. He was vice provost for international affairs and director of the International Institute (1999-2004), and director of several centers within the Institute over the last fifteen years.

Professor Kennedy's research has focused on the reproduction and transformation of Soviet-type and post-communist societies. He has also worked on the articulation of culture and global transformations through social movements, globalizing knowledge, and energy security in Europe and Eurasia.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Michael D. Kennedy as the Ronald and Eileen Weiser Professor of European and Eurasian Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective November 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011.

Recommended by:

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
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**ACTION REQUEST:** Additional Appointment to a Collegiate Professorship

**NAME:** Paula M. Lantz

**CURRENT TITLES:** Professor of Health Management and Policy, with tenure, and Chair of the Department of Health Management and Policy, School of Public Health

**ADDITIONAL TITLE:** S. J. Axelrod Collegiate Professor of Health Management and Policy

**TERM:** Five Years

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** December 1, 2008 through November 30, 2013

With the approval of the Executive Committee of the School of Public Health, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Paula M. Lantz as the S. J. Axelrod Collegiate Professor of Health Management and Policy, School of Public Health, effective December 1, 2008 through November 30, 2013.

The S. J. Axelrod Collegiate Professor of Health Management and Policy was established by the Regents in October 2008. Securities to support this professorship were provided by donors who wish to remain anonymous. This award is for five years and is renewable.

Professor Lantz received a B.S. (sociology) from St. Olaf College in 1981 and a M.A. (sociology) from Washington University in 1983. She received her M.S. (epidemiology) and Ph.D. (sociology) degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1991. From 1989 to 1992, she held the position of epidemiologist with the Wisconsin Division of Health and also served as a senior research specialist in the Center for Demography and Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. From 1992 to 1994, she held the position of senior researcher with the Marshfield Medical Research and Education Foundation, and served as a research fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy from 1994 to 1996. Professor Lantz joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor of health management and policy in 1996, was promoted to associate professor in 2001, and to professor in 2006. She was appointed as chair of the Department of Health Management and Policy in 2005. Professor Lantz also serves as a research professor in the Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research.

Professor Lantz is an outstanding colleague, excellent teacher and a highly productive scholar. Her national funding record is outstanding. She is highly regarded for her work with post-doctoral scholars and her administrative capabilities. Her courses consistently receive excellent evaluations and she is a conscientious mentor to both masters and doctoral students. She works with the leading researchers in the field and on campus. Professor Lantz brings credit to our reputation, excellence to our teaching, and major contributions to that aspect of our mission devoted to improving health care of the disadvantaged and at-risk populations.



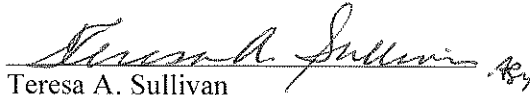
It is a pleasure to recommend the appointment of Professor Paula Lantz as the S. J. Axelrod Collegiate Professor of Health Management and Policy, School of Public Health, effective December 1, 2008 through November 30, 2013.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Kenneth E. Warner  
Dean, School of Public Health

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



Teresa A. Sullivan  
Provost and Executive Vice-President for  
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**ACTION REQUEST:** Faculty Appointment to Research Professorship

**NAME:** Larsen E. Louder

**TITLE:** T. H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor of  
Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

**TERM:** Three Years, Non-Renewable

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** November 1, 2008 through May 31, 2011

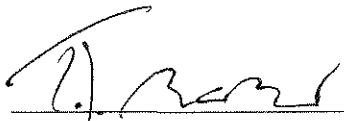
On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Mathematics and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Larsen E. Louder as a T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor of Mathematics for a three-year non-renewable term, effective November 1, 2008 through May 31, 2011.

The T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professorships are awarded in honor of T.H. Hildebrandt, who long served the Department of Mathematics as professor and chair, and whose work brought much distinction upon the University. Individuals named as a T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor are given a reduced teaching load to allow them to concentrate to a greater degree on their research. In nominating mathematicians for the T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professorships, preference is given to those candidates whose doctorate was received within the last two years.

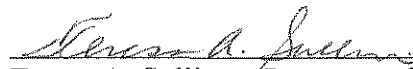
Larsen Louder attended the University of Utah where he completed his Bachelors of Science in 2001, Master of Philosophy in 2003, and Doctorate in 2007. His current research interests include geometric group theory, limit groups, and low dimensional topology.

We are pleased to recommend that Larsen E. Louder as a T.H. Hildebrandt Research Assistant Professor of Mathematics for a three-year non-renewable term, effective November 1, 2008 through May 31, 2011.

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  
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ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Current Faculty Member  
NAME: Nicholas W. Lukacs, Ph.D.  
CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Pathology, with tenure, Medical School  
ADDITIONAL TITLE: Assistant Dean for Research Faculty, Medical School  
EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2008

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Nicholas W. Lukacs, Ph.D., as Assistant Dean for Research Faculty, Medical School, effective November 1, 2008. Dr. Lukacs replaces Dr. Jayne Thorson who retired on July 1, 2008.

Dr. Lukacs received the Ph.D. degree in immunology from Wayne State University in 1991. He came to the University of Michigan in 1992 to pursue a one-year postdoctoral research fellowship in the Department of Pathology and was appointed a Research Investigator in Pathology in 1993, advancing to the rank of Associate Research Professor in 2000. His expertise as an educator and investigator was quickly acknowledged, and he joined the instructional track faculty in 2001 as Associate Professor of Pathology, with tenure. In 2006, Dr. Lukacs was promoted to his present rank of Professor of Pathology.

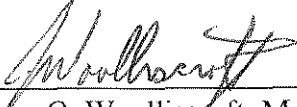
Dr. Lukacs is well known to the Medical School Administration as he was a member of the Advisory Committee for Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure (ACAPT) from 2004-2007, serving as Committee Chair during 2006-2007. He also has served on the Curriculum Committee for the Program in Biological Sciences (PIBS), the Admissions Committee for Immunology Graduate Program, as well as the Immunology Training Grant T-32 (National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases) Steering Committee.

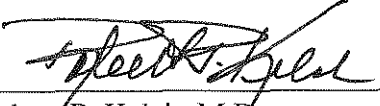
Dr. Lukacs' experience as a faculty member in both the research track and the instructional track makes him very knowledgeable to assist and to oversee the programs associated with the Medical School's research track faculty. I am pleased, therefore, to

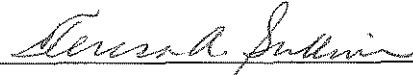
recommend the appointment of Nicholas W. Lukacs, Ph.D., as Assistant Dean for Research Faculty, Medical School.

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Dean, Medical School

  
Robert P. Kelch, M.D.  
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ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Ronald Grigor Suny

CURRENT TITLES: Charles Tilly Collegiate Professor of Social and Political History, and Professor of History, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Richard Hudson Research Professor of History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

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

On the recommendation of the Department of History and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Ronald Grigor Suny as the Richard Hudson Research Professor of History, effective November 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

The Richard Hudson Research Professorship in History is a rotating professorship. Professor Suny's colleagues have recommended that he be awarded this chair, freeing him from teaching duties.

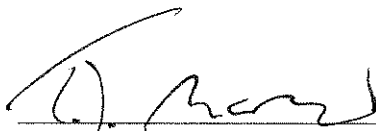
Ronald Suny received his Bachelor of Arts from Swarthmore College in 1962. He attended Columbia University where he earned his Master of Arts in 1965 and Doctorate in 1968. He began his teaching career as an assistant professor at Oberlin College in 1968 and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 1973. He joined our faculty as the Alex Manoogian Professor of Modern Armenian History in 1981 and went to the University of Chicago in 1994 and returned to Michigan in 2006.

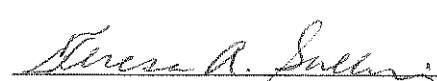
Professor Suny is an extraordinary scholar whose theoretical work on the development of nations and nationalisms has made a significant impact on interdisciplinary scholarship examining nation-building and national identity. He is the premier historian of Soviet nationalities and is widely considered to be one of the two most preeminent historians of modern Russia and the Soviet Union in the country. His commitment to public engagement has made him a powerful voice of reason in the contentious nationalist movements of the Caucasus and Turkey. His work continues to evolve in new and innovative directions. Without question, he is an intellectual of tremendous stature.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Ronald Grigor Suny as the Richard Hudson Research Professor of History, effective November 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

Recommended by:

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

  
Teresa A. Sullivan, Provost and  
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Recommendations for approval of leaves of absence  
for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff

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Approved by the Regents

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ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Extension of Leave for a  
Faculty Member

NAME: Anand Swaroop, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences,  
with tenure, and Professor of Human Genetics,  
without tenure, Medical School

DATES OF CURRENT LEAVE: September 7, 2007 through September 6, 2008

TIME EXTENSION REQUESTED: September 7, 2008 through September 6, 2009

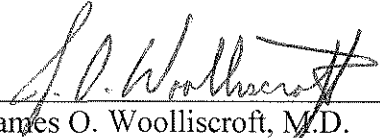
On the recommendation of Paul R. Lichter, M.D., the F. Bruce Fralick Professor and Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend an extension of a leave for Anand Swaroop, Ph.D., for the period September 7, 2008 through September 6, 2009.

Dr. Swaroop received the Ph.D. degree from the Indian Institute of Science in 1982. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1990 as Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology and Assistant Professor of Human Genetics and was promoted to his current rank of Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences and Professor of Human Genetics in 2000.

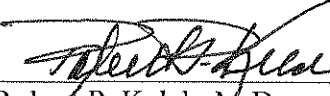
In 2007, Dr. Swaroop was granted a leave of absence to accept an invitation to become Chief of the Neurobiology, Neurodegeneration and Repair Laboratory at the National Eye Institute of the National Institutes of Health. His National Eye Institute R01 grants and several other large awards from private funding agencies remained at the University of Michigan, and the principal investigator responsibilities for these various projects and collaborations, including a national consortium, were formally assigned to departmental colleagues during his absence. These faculty members have continued to make good and steady progress on the research, and Dr. Swaroop has returned to the University of Michigan on numerous occasions to participate as an advisor and collaborator. The projects under consideration are all focused on genetic aspects of eye disease, especially retinal dystrophies; in particular, retinitis pigmentosa and age-related macular degeneration.

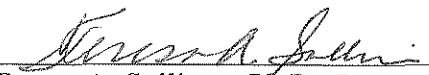
Dr. Swaroop is an integral member of the Medical School's basic research faculty, and his involvement in these research projects is critical to their success. Therefore, I am pleased to recommend an extension of his leave for the period September 7, 2008 through September 6, 2009.

Recommended by

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

Recommendation endorsed by

  
Robert P. Kelch, M.D.  
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Establishing and renaming professorships and selected  
academic administrative positions.

Approved by the Regents

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

**ACTION REQUEST:** Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

**PROPOSED NAME:** Louis Evans Professorship in History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 1, 2008

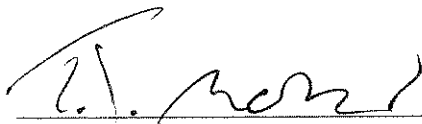
With the approval of the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of the Louis Evans Professorship in History, effective November 1, 2008.

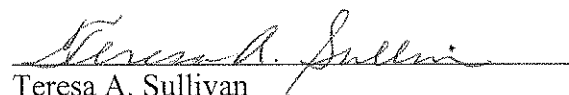
The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts has received a generous gift of \$1.5 million from David S. Evans and Joan E. Evans for the purpose of establishing the Louis Evans Professorship in the Department of History. This professorship is to be named in honor of Louis Evans, David's grandfather, and will be supported with annual distributions from an endowment fund established with the gift from David S. Evans and Joan E. Evans. The professorship will be made available on the recommendation and at the direction of the dean of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and the chair of the Department of History.

In recognition of this significant gift from David S. Evans and Joan E. Evans, we recommend that the Regents formally establish the Louis Evans Professorship in History, effective November 1, 2008.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

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

PROPOSED NAME: H. Marvin Pollard Professorship in Gastrointestinal  
Research, Medical School

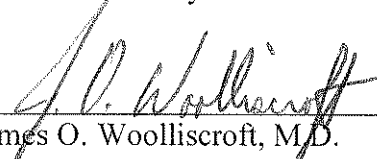
EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2008

On the recommendation of John Del Valle, M.D., Professor of Internal Medicine 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 establishment of the H. Marvin Pollard Professorship in Gastrointestinal Research, effective November 1, 2008.

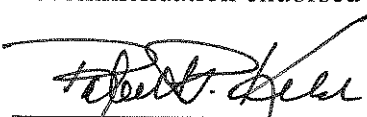
In 1993, the H. Marvin Pollard Professorship in Gastroenterology was established through a generous gift from the Shirley M. McLaughlin Trust to support the activities of an internationally recognized expert in gastroenterology. Monies generated from the initial endowment permitted the creation of the H. Marvin Pollard Professorship in Internal Medicine in 2006. Sufficient funding is available at this time to establish a third endowed professorship in memory of Dr. Pollard.


Dr. Pollard, who was nationally recognized for his contributions to pancreatic cancer, served as Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology at the University of Michigan from 1940-1972. I am very pleased to recommend the establishment of a third endowed professorship in his name, the H. Marvin Pollard Professorship in Gastrointestinal Research.

Recommended by

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

Recommendation endorsed by

  
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Executive Vice President for  
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**ACTION REQUEST:** Change in Funding Status of an Existing Term-of-Years Professorship to an Endowed Professorship

**CURRENT TITLE:** Ravitz Foundation Professorship in Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases, Medical School

**RECOMMENDED TITLE:** Ravitz Foundation Endowed Professorship in Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases, Medical School

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 1, 2008

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the change in funding status of the Ravitz Foundation Professorship in Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases to the Ravitz Foundation Endowed Professorship in Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases, effective November 1, 2008.

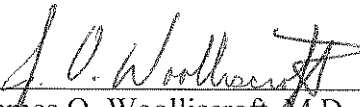
This term-of-years professorship, established in 2004, was supported by gifts made by the Ravitz Foundation to an expendable fund and was designated to support the activities of the Chair of the Department of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases. As stipulated in the gift agreement "at any time on or before December 31, 2007 the Donor may give sufficient gifts to their previously established endowed fund to fully support the Professorship". In December 2005, the Ravitz Foundation indicated its desire to fully fund the professorship and met this requirement in March 2006.

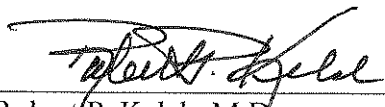
The Ravitz Foundation was established as part of the estate of Edward Ravitz, a Kalamazoo, Michigan native who began his career as a skilled carpenter. Eventually, over a 30-year period, he amassed a fortune as a residential developer in southeastern Michigan and elsewhere in the Midwest. Mr. Ravitz passed away in 1999. His Foundation's gift of a professorship for the Chair of the Department of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases at the University of Michigan follows on an earlier gift of \$500,000 to support the construction of a new children's hospital and \$100,000 to support research on neuroblastoma, a deadly form of children's cancer.

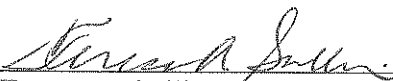
This professorship continues to support our efforts to make an already strong Department of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases one of the best in the nation. It also recognizes the leadership in Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases at this institution by supporting the activities of the department chair. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the change in the funding status of this professorship to create the Ravitz Foundation Endowed Professorship in Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases.

Recommended by

Recommendation endorsed by

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

  
Robert P. Kelch, M.D.  
Executive Vice President for  
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Teresa A. Sullivan, Ph.D., Provost  
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Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments  
or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected  
academic administrative staff

November 20, 2008

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member  
NAME: Brian W. DiBlassio  
CURRENT TITLE: Assistant Professor of Music, College of Arts and Sciences  
ADDITIONAL TITLE: Interim Chair, Department of Music, College of Arts and Sciences  
EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2009 through April 30, 2009

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 Music recommend the appointment of Brian W. DiBlassio as interim chair of the Department of Music, College of Arts and Sciences, effective January 1, 2009 through April 30, 2009.

Professor DiBlassio received his B.A. degree from the University of Florida in Miami in 1991 and his M.A. degree from the University of Michigan in 1999. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan-Flint as a lecturer in 2000 and was appointed as an assistant professor in 2006.

Since joining the faculty at the University of Michigan-Flint, Professor DiBlassio has served his department in areas of evaluating student auditions, juries, recitals, class performances, and piano proficiency exams; coordinating the logistics for the annual MusiCollage; revising the department's music theory placement test for incoming freshmen and transfer students; and working with the Flint Cultural Center and the International and Global Studies Program in bringing the Somalian music/dance troupe *ILAYS* to campus. He has organized performances of student groups for the Flint Golf Club, Greater Flint Arts Council, and numerous UM-Flint activities.

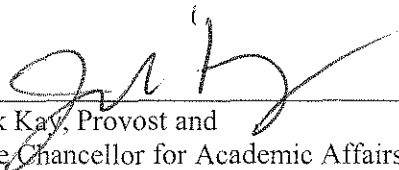
Professor DiBlassio will be an effective leader. We are pleased to recommend his appointment as interim chair of the Department of Music, College of Arts and Sciences, effective January 1, 2009 through April 30, 2009.

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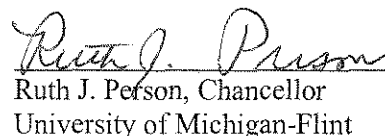


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College of Arts and Sciences

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



Jack Kay, Provost and  
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Ruth J. Person, Chancellor  
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