

**SUMMARY OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS**  
**REGENTS AGENDA**  
**February 2012**

**ANN ARBOR CAMPUS**

- 1. Recommendations for approval of new appointments and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks, without tenure.**
  - (1) Halen, David, professor of music, without tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, effective September 1, 2012.
  
- 2. Recommendations for approval of reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected administrative staff.**
  - (1) Gutmann, Myron P., professor of information, without tenure, School of Information, effective September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2016 (also professor of history, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.)
  
- 3. Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic administrative staff.**
  - (1) Chavous, Tabbye M., associate dean for academic programs and initiatives, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, effective June 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016 (also associate professor of education, with tenure, School of Education.)
  - (2) Hitchcock, Peter F., associate dean for academic programs and initiatives, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016 (also professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences, with tenure, and professor of cell and developmental biology, without tenure, Medical School.)
  - (3) Lin, Jiandie, Ph.D., Bradley M. Patten Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, Medical School, effective February 1, 2012 through August 31, 2016 (also associate professor of cell and developmental biology, with tenure.)
  - (4) Miles, Tiya A., Elsa Barkley Brown Collegiate Professor of African American Women's History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2016 (also chair, Department of Afroamerican and African Studies, professor of Afroamerican and African studies, with tenure, professor of American culture, with tenure, professor of history, with tenure, and professor of women's studies, without tenure.)
  - (5) Mistretta, Charlotte M., associate dean for research, School of Dentistry, effective March 1, 2012 through November 30, 2013 (also William R. Mann Professor of Dentistry, and professor of dentistry, with tenure.)

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- (6) Suslow, Valerie Y., Louis and Myrtle Moskowitz Research Professor of Business and Law, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, effective March 1, 2012 through February 28, 2017 (also associate dean for graduate programs, and professor of business economics and public policy, with tenure.)
- (7) Szymczak, Nathaniel, Dow Corning Assistant Professor of Chemistry, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective February 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014 (also assistant professor of chemistry.)
- (8) Valdivia, Héctor H., M.D., Ph.D., professor of molecular and integrative physiology, without tenure, Medical School, effective February 1, 2012 (also Frank Norman Wilson Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, and professor of internal medicine, with tenure.)

**4. Recommendations for approval of leaves of absence for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff.**

- (1) Jahanian, Farnam, extension of a leave of absence, effective March 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013 (Edward S. Davidson Collegiate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and professor of electrical engineering and computer science, with tenure, College of Engineering.)
- (2) Kota, Sridhar, extension of a leave of absence, effective September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012 (professor of mechanical engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering.)

**5. Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic administrative positions.**

- (1) Approval to name an existing Collegiate Professorship as the Bernard W. Agranoff Collegiate Professorship in the Life Sciences, Medical School, effective February 1, 2012.

**6. Recommendations for approval of other personnel transactions for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff.**

- (1) Bull, Joseph L., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, effective July 1, 2012 (also associate professor of biomedical engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering.)
- (2) Haithcock, Michael L., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, effective July 1, 2012 (also professor of music, with tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance.)

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- (3) Inuzuka, Sadashi, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, effective July 1, 2012 (also professor of art, with tenure, School of Art and Design.)
- (4) Orr, Bradford G., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, effective July 1, 2012 (also chair, Department of Physics, and professor of physics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.)
- (5) Porter-Szücs, Brian, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, effective July 1, 2012 (also professor of history, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.)
- (6) Skerlos, Steven J., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, effective July 1, 2012 (also associate professor of mechanical engineering, with tenure, and associate professor of civil and environmental engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering.)
- (7) Transfer of tenure to the Office of the Dean, Medical School, effective January 2, 2012 (currently in Unit for Laboratory Animal Medicine):  
  
Rush, Howard G., to associate professor of laboratory animal medicine, with tenure  
Wilkinson, John, to associate professor of comparative pathology, with tenure
- (8) Correction to the title of a Collegiate Professorship as the James W. Albers Collegiate Professorship in Neurology, Medical School, effective December 1, 2011 (currently James W. Albers Collegiate Professorship.)
- (9) Villamor, Eduardo, transfer of tenure to associate professor of epidemiology, with tenure, and associate professor of environmental health sciences, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective February 1, 2012 (currently associate professor of environmental health sciences, with tenure, and associate professor of epidemiology, without tenure.)

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

- 7. Dearborn campus.

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Recommendations for approval of new appointments  
and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks,  
without tenure

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval  
NAME: David Halen  
TITLE: Professor of Music, School of Music, Theatre & Dance  
TENURE STATUS: Without Tenure  
EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2012  
APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance Executive Committee, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of David Halen as professor of music, without tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, effective September 1, 2012.

#### ACADEMIC DEGREES

David Halen earned his B.M. from Central Missouri State University, and his M.M. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He also had extensive and important study experience abroad. In 2004, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from Central Missouri State University, and in 2007, another honorary doctorate from the University of Missouri-Saint Louis. At the age of eighteen, he won the coveted Music Teachers National Association Competition and was granted a Fulbright scholarship for study in Germany with Wolfgang Marschner at the Freiburg Hochschule für Musik, the youngest-ever recipient of this award.

#### PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Mr. Halen's career has included titled positions with the Houston Symphony under Christoph Eschenbach, and he has served as concertmaster in St. Louis under the renowned music directors Leonard Slatkin, the late Hans Vonk, and currently David Robertson. He has appeared extensively as a soloist with the St. Louis Symphony and the Houston, San Francisco, and West German Radio (Cologne) symphonies. In addition to serving on the faculty and as concertmaster (under David Zinman) at the Aspen Music Festival, he is a visiting artist at Yale University, artistic director of the Innsbrook Institute, and a distinguished artist of the McDuffie Center for Strings at Mercer University.

#### SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Mr. Halen has visited the University of Michigan to conduct master classes, to universal and enthusiastic acclaim among students and string faculty. Transitions of major figures in the orchestral field, such as Mr. Halen, from professional leadership to academic appointments are coveted opportunities for music schools.

Mr. Halen provides the kind of leadership that aligns ideally with the School's plans to establish an innovative graduate specialist/M.M. program, with commensurate exposure for

undergraduates, in orchestral studies. This program, for students in strings, would be designed to cultivate, along with the formidable requisites in performance, a “tool kit” of leadership, advocacy and entrepreneurial skills necessary in a challenged field. His impact on the entire string area, including undergraduates, would be incalculable.

In these times, when students are looking with concern at circumstances such as those at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, with its fiscal crisis and uncertain prospects for survival, it is more clear than ever that the vision for careers in the arts is changing. We need to provide students the tools to become not only outstanding practitioners, but also arts advocates and entrepreneurs. In this context, teaching, advocacy, outreach and business know-how become core elements in the preparation of musicians. Mr. Halen, as a major figure in the orchestral field, a revered teacher of the violin, and a committed musical “citizen,” is the ideal role model for 21<sup>st</sup> century musicians.

#### EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Reviewer A: “I believe that Mr. Halen will be a well-rounded and versatile faculty member who will add to the solid performance identity of your faculty, who will challenge the students to perform optimally, who will think creatively as a mentor and who will be a spirited and engaged colleague.”

Reviewer B: “David Halen obviously has a distinguished career as a violinist. Anyone who has successfully held a position of such responsibility for many years deserves great respect and admiration. His years as a concertmaster with the St. Louis Symphony, his numerous appearances as a soloist with that orchestra, as well as appearances with the San Francisco Symphony and the West German Radio Symphony place David Halen in an elite category of performing musicians.”

Reviewer C: “David has proven himself to be one of the most gifted concertmasters in the country and has been an incredible asset to the organization. I believe that such a marvelous musician, compassionate teacher and delightful gentleman would be a wonderful addition to your faculty.”

Reviewer D: “I have been so impressed with Mr. Halen’s teaching that I occasionally ask my own students to play for him in a lesson situation. They invariably come back with high praise. David Halen is a team player. He has a tremendous energy level and his enthusiasm is contagious. His colleagues, many of the greatest musicians in the world, clearly have great respect and admiration for him.”

Reviewer E: “I consider him to be an exceptional colleague and committed musician who is consistently instrumental in shaping future generations of musicians. He is unquestionably a leader in the field for whom I cannot imagine a more worthy placement. Mr. Halen is relentless in his artistic ideals yet kind in musical approach and clever in his pedagogy. He is a deeply thoughtful teacher, treating each student as an individual, and supporting technical mastery with a flexible ideology that is adaptive and highly effective.”

Reviewer F: "David Halen is well known to me by repute and through many of my associates and colleagues who know him well. It was already quite clear to me, let alone from the supplemental information supplied me, that he has had by any standards a most fulfilling and nationally prominent career that would be the envy of many."

Reviewer G: "He is one of the finest human beings I have ever worked with. David is a wonderful violinist, impeccable musician and a highly skilled communicator. In addition, his instinctively nurturing personality makes him a highly desirable teacher. He is justifiably considered a jewel in the community."

Reviewer H: "The orchestral experience which Mr. Halen has had is extensive. He is an experienced concertmaster with a fine orchestra."

Reviewer I: "David Halen is a musician of distinction, a person of great warmth and intelligence, a teacher of great strength and sensitivity, an engaged community member, and an entrepreneur who has enriched musical life in our state. I cannot think of anyone in the orchestra world whose qualities, talents and values I respect more than those of David Halen."

Reviewer J: "I saw David grow not only into one of the great concertmasters in the United States, but one of the great community leaders as well. He continued to elevate the stature of the orchestra and at the same time became invaluable as a member of the cultural society. In addition to being one of the most genuinely nicest people I have ever met, he ingratiates himself to all he meets. The combination of experience and personality make David an ideal candidate for continued growth."

Reviewer K: "It was unanimously said that he was an excellent concertmaster and a first rate violinist. I heard him play chamber music concerts and agree that he is a truly professional musician. I believe he would take the students seriously and treat them with the same passion and dedication he had as his role as concertmaster."

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

The concertmaster position of a major American orchestra implies two things: first, an exceptional violinist and musician, able to function at a very high level under intense pressure, and second, a true leader who can inspire and motivate a very wide range of extremely accomplished musicians as role model, "boss," confidant and teacher. The role of teacher is especially challenging since the concertmaster is leading a string section made up of very advanced players, many of whom believe they are every bit as qualified to be the leader, many older and even more experienced. Those who succeed as concertmasters must not only have the "chops" to back up their leadership but must also have the humility to lead with grace and style.

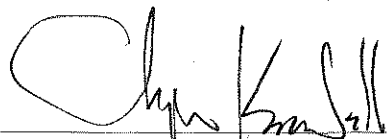
Mr. Halen exhibits this same combination of authority and humanity, universally respected not just as a fine player, but as a person, friend and "model." His position teaching at the prestigious Aspen Festival each summer exposes a large number of prospective students and young professional string players to this quality and makes him a very sought-after teacher. When we announced that he would be coming for a master class last winter, there was great excitement among our students. Usually performers must be "recruited" for master classes since it is a

stressful situation for them, but in Mr. Halen's case we had to fight off all the requests and could immediately have filled several classes. Every student who played sounded noticeably and significantly better at the end of the 30 minutes than before; they left with the tools to continue to improve, and even those who received criticism were also encouraged and emerged with a sense of a positive experience. Part of his effectiveness is that in addition to being deeply intelligent and an astute reader of people, Mr. Halen is also a manifestly "real" person, and will have a very positive personal impact on the community of the School.

#### SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION


The School of Music, Theatre & Dance Executive Committee and the Department of Strings enthusiastically agree that the recruitment of Mr. Halen will constitute a coup in the one of the most competitive and strategic areas of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance. This appointment is extremely important to the String Department and orchestral and chamber music programs in terms of leadership potential as well as recruitment. On behalf of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of David Halen as professor of music, without tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, effective September 1, 2012.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Christopher W. Kendall  
Paul Boylan Collegiate Professor of Music,  
and Dean, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



Philip J. Hanlon  
Provost and Executive Vice President for  
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Recommendations for approval of reappointments  
of regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
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ACTION REQUEST: Renewal of Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Myron P. Gutmann

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of History, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Information, without tenure, School of Information

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Professor of Information, without tenure, School of Information

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2016

With the support of the deans of the School of Information and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the renewal of the joint appointment of Myron P. Gutmann as professor of information, without tenure, School of Information, effective September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2016.

Myron Gutmann earned his B.A. from Columbia University in 1971, and his M.A. in 1973 and Ph.D. in 1976 from Princeton University. He was the director of the Population Research Center and a professor of history and geography at the University of Texas at Austin.

Professor Gutmann is an assistant director at the National Science Foundation (NSF), with responsibility for NSF's Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Directorate. At the University of Michigan, he is a professor of history, with tenure, in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and for years has held a joint appointment as professor of information in the School of Information. He is also a research professor in the Institute for Social Research (ISR) and prior to joining NSF was the director of the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) at the University of Michigan.

Professor Gutmann has broad interests in interdisciplinary historical research, especially health, population, economy, and the environment. As director of ICPSR, he was a leader in the archiving and dissemination of electronic research materials related to society, population, and health, with a special interest in the protection of respondent confidentiality. Professor Gutmann's research linking various data sets, including cross-section and longitudinal data, was seminal in understanding various historical trends in land use in the Great Plains area of the United States.

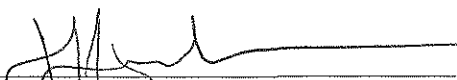
He has written or edited five books and more than eighty articles and chapters. He has also served on a number of national and international advisory committees and editorial boards.

We believe that Professor Gutmann will contribute significantly to the School of Information through his work on digital archiving and the dissemination of information, making important contributions to the School's archives and records management area.

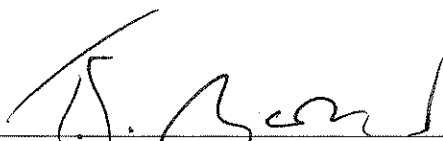
We respectfully recommend the renewal of the joint appointment of Myron P. Gutmann as professor of information, without tenure, School of Information, effective September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2016.

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Jeffrey K. MacKie-Mason  
Arthur W. Burks Collegiate Professor of  
Information and Computer Science  
Dean, School of Information

  
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Philip J. Hanlon  
Provost and Executive Vice President for  
Academic Affairs

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

NAME: Tabbye M. Chavous

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Initiatives, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies

EFFECTIVE DATES: June 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016

We are extremely pleased to recommend the appointment of Tabbye M. Chavous as associate dean for academic programs and initiatives, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, effective June 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016.

Tabbye Chavous earned her B.A. degree from the University of Virginia in 1993 and her Ph.D. from the University of Virginia in 1998. She joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1998 as an assistant professor, and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2004. Her main scholarly foci involve identity development among adolescents and young adults in secondary and higher education. Within this work, she focuses on race- and gender-related processes that influence students' achievement motivation and performance, and ways that educational settings can support positive academic identity and engagement among historically underserved populations and create inclusive climates for all students. She has published essays and journal articles in such publications as *Child Development*, *Developmental Psychology*, *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, *Journal of Black Psychology*, *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, *Race and Social Problems*, *Journal of Negro Education*, and the *American Journal of Community Psychology* and has contributed chapters to scholarly texts on culture and achievement motivation processes and racial identity development.

At the University of Virginia, Professor Chavous was the recipient of the Pathfinder Award for Outstanding Graduate Research (1997), National Research Service Award from the National Institutes of Health (1997), and American Psychological Association Dissertation Award (1998). Since arriving at the University of Michigan, she was a Rackham Summer Interdisciplinary Institute Fellow and received a Faculty Career Development Award in 2000, and in 2009 was given the Harold R. Johnson Faculty Diversity Service Award. In addition, she has obtained external funding for her research from the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, and Spencer Foundation, as well as internal funding through the National Center for Institutional Diversity and the Institute for Research on Women and Gender.

In addition to her academic achievements, Professor Chavous has extensive administrative experience at the University of Michigan, including service as research co-director of the

Program for Intergroup Relations (2001 to 2004), co-chair of the Combined Program in Education and Psychology (2005-2008), and as chair of the Combined Program in Education and Psychology since 2008. She has served on numerous university-level committees, such as the Advisory Board on Intercollegiate Athletics and the Academic Performance Committee (2008 to 2011), and most recently, the Harold R. Johnson Diversity Award Selection Committee, the Rackham Non-Traditional and Rackham Merit Fellowship Review Committee, and mentor for the UM African Presidential Scholars Postdoctoral Program. Since 2008, she has served as the principal investigator and co-director of the Center for the Study of Black Youth in Context, funded by the National Science Foundation to support research, student training, and community engagement. At the national level, Professor Chavous' service includes reviewer/editorial roles for over 20 journals in education and psychology. Currently, she is associate editor of *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology* and editorial board member of the *Journal of Black Psychology*. Also, she has served on national committees in professional organizations such as the American Educational Research Association and American Psychological Association, including roles supporting scholarly excellence among early career scholars from diverse social backgrounds.

Professor Chavous' teaching, research, and administrative service have equipped her well to carry out the duties of associate dean. We are confident that she will provide strong and effective encouragement and leadership for academic program development, interdisciplinary initiatives, and graduate education more generally. We are therefore pleased to recommend the appointment of Tabbye M. Chavous as associate dean for academic programs and initiatives, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, effective June 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016.

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RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



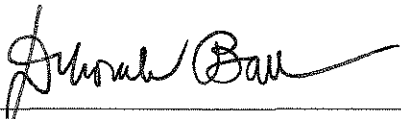
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Janet A. Weiss  
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Graduate  
Studies, and Dean, Horace H. Rackham  
School of Graduate Studies



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Philip J. Hanlon  
Provost and Executive Vice President  
for Academic Affairs



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

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

NAME: Peter F. Hitchcock, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, with tenure, and Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology, without tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Initiatives, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016

We are extremely pleased to recommend the appointment of Peter F. Hitchcock as associate dean for academic programs and initiatives, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016.

Peter F. Hitchcock earned his B.S. degree from Michigan State University in 1978 and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Alabama in Birmingham in 1983. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1986 as an assistant research scientist in the Department of Ophthalmology. He was promoted to assistant professor in 1986, to associate professor, with tenure, in 1995, and to professor in 2003 in the same department. In 1986 he received an additional appointment as an assistant professor in the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology (presently Cell and Developmental Biology). In 1996 he was promoted to associate professor, without tenure, and to professor in 2003 in the same department.

Professor Hitchcock has published articles in such publications as *Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Science*, *Visual Neuroscience*, *Human Molecular Genetics*, *The Journal of Comparative Neurology*, *the Journal of Neurobiology*, *Zebrafish*, and *Results and Problems in Cell Differentiation*. He is the world expert on retinal development, and his research on neuronal stem cells and wound healing promises to have direct bearing on the human central nervous system and will lead to therapeutic approaches, such as stem cell transplantation envisioned for treating injuries. Professor Hitchcock's research program has been continuously funded by NIH grants since 1987.

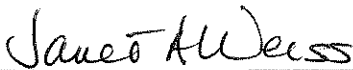
Professor Hitchcock was the recipient of the Senior Scientific Investigator Award from the Research to Prevent Blindness, Inc. in 2008, the Fogarty Senior International Research Scholar Award from the National Institutes of Health in 1997-98, a Research Sabbatical Award in 1997-98 and the William and Mary Greve International Research Scholar Award in 1994-95, both from the Research to Prevent Blindness, Inc. In addition to his academic achievements, he has extensive administrative experience at the University of Michigan. He was the founding director of the Office of Postdoctoral Studies at the Medical School in 2008 (a position he still holds),

served as a member of the Rackham Executive Board from 2008 to 2011, was the director of the Neuroscience Graduate Program from 2003-2007, has served as chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences' Research Committee since 2005, and has been a member of the University of Michigan fMRI Laboratory Steering Committee since 2004. Professor Hitchcock is the principal investigator and director of Michigan's Vision Research Training Program.

Professor Hitchcock's teaching, research, and administrative service have equipped him well to carry out the duties of associate dean. We are confident that he will provide strong and effective encouragement and leadership for academic program development, interdisciplinary initiatives, and graduate education more generally. We are therefore pleased to recommend the appointment of Peter F. Hitchcock as associate dean for academic programs and initiatives, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016.

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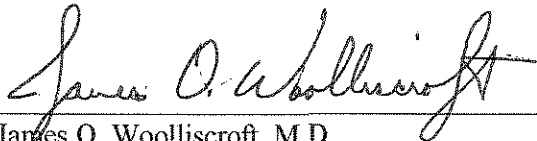
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Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Graduate Studies, and Dean, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies



Philip J. Hanlon  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs



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

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Approved by the Regents  
February 16, 2012

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ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Jiandie Lin, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology,  
with tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Bradley M. Patten Collegiate Professor in the Life  
Sciences, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2012 through August 31, 2016

On the recommendation of Alan R. Saltiel, Ph.D., the John Jacob Abel Collegiate Professor and the Mary Sue Coleman Director of the Life Sciences Institute, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Jiandie Lin, Ph.D. as the Bradley M. Patten Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, Medical School, effective February 1, 2012 through August 31, 2016.

The Bradley M. Patten Collegiate Professorship in the Life Sciences was established in January 2012 to honor Bradley M. Patten, Ph.D., who was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1935-1959. He was professor and chair of the Department of Anatomy and was known for his cinematography of the developing embryo and publication of many textbooks studying embryology, including Early Embryology of the Chick.

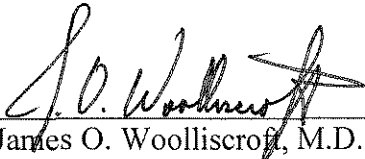
Dr. Lin received his Ph.D. from Northwestern University in 2000. He completed a fellowship at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School, and was appointed as an instructor at the University of Michigan in 2005. Dr. Lin rose through the ranks to associate professor of cell and developmental biology, with tenure, and research associate professor, in the Life Sciences Institute in 2011. He is an outstanding researcher-educator who is highly regarded by leading experts in his field. His research focuses on elucidating the mechanisms that regulate energy metabolism in normal and disease states, and the identification of therapeutic targets for the treatment of obesity and type 2 diabetes.

Dr. Lin's work has been continuously funded from external sources and he has published in numerous high-quality journals including *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Nature* and *Cell Metabolism*. He holds five patents. Dr. Lin received the Anthony Linnane Young Investigator Award in 2008 from the Mitochondrial Research Society. His organizational service includes five departmental committees, his role on the Cellular and Molecular Biology

Graduate Program Committee, and the Cell and Developmental Biology Seminar Committee. He is a reviewer for several journals and a grant reviewer for the American Diabetes Association, the Burroughs Wellcome Fund and the National Science Foundation.

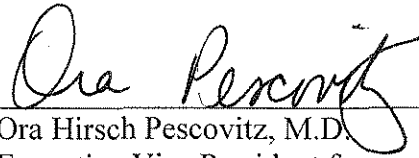
Dr. Lin has made substantial contributions to the university through his research and his service. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the appointment of Jiandie Lin, Ph.D. as the Bradley M. Patten Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, Medical School, effective February 1, 2012 through August 31, 2016.

Recommended by:

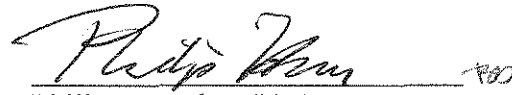


James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.  
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:



Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.  
Executive Vice President for  
Medical Affairs



Philip J. Hanlon, Ph.D., 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: Tiya A. Miles

CURRENT TITLES: Chair, Department of Afroamerican and African Studies, Professor of Afroamerican and African Studies, with tenure, Professor of American Culture, with tenure, Professor of History, with tenure, and Professor of Women's Studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Elsa Barkley Brown Collegiate Professor of African American Women's History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2016

With the endorsement of the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Tiya A. Miles as the Elsa Barkley Brown Collegiate Professor of African American Women's History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a five-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2016.

Elsa Barkley Brown was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1991 to 1997. The Elsa Barkley Brown Professorship in African American Women's History was named by the Regents in January 2012. A stipend funded from College resources will accompany this professorship.

Tiya Miles received her Bachelor of Arts from Harvard University in 1992, Master of Arts from Emory University in 1995, and Doctorate from the University of Minnesota in 2000. Professor Miles began her teaching career as an assistant professor at the University of California, Berkeley in 2000. She joined our faculty as an assistant professor in 2003 and was promoted through the ranks to professor in 2011. She was appointed chair of the Department of Afroamerican and African Studies in September 2011.

Professor Miles' scholarship lies in African American and Native American literature. She recently received the A. Elizabeth Taylor Prize for best article in southern women's history given by the Southern Association for Women Historians (2010), the National Council on Public History Book Award (2011), the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Ten Most Influential Books of the First Decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Prize (2011), and the Georgia Historical Society Lilla M. Hawes Book Award (2011). The House on Diamond Hill: A Cherokee Plantation Story, was published in 2010 by the University of North Carolina Press. Her first book, Ties That Bind: The Story of an Afro-Cherokee Family in Slavery and Freedom (University of California Press, 2005) was awarded the Frederick Jackson Turner prize by the

Organization of American Historians and the Lora Romero Distinguished First Book prize by the American Studies Association.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Tiya A. Miles as the Elsa Barkley Brown Collegiate Professor of African American Women's History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a five-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2016.

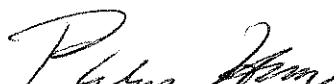
Recommended by:

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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Philip J. Hanlon, Provost and  
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2012

Approved by the Regents  
February 16, 2012

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Charlotte M. Mistretta

CURRENT TITLES: William R. Mann Professor of Dentistry, and Professor of Dentistry, with tenure, School of Dentistry

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Dean for Research, School of Dentistry

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 1, 2012 through November 30, 2013

With the endorsement of the Executive Committee of the School of Dentistry, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Charlotte M. Mistretta as associate dean for research, School of Dentistry, effective March 1, 2012 through November 30, 2013.

Professor Mistretta received her MS and PhD in biological science from the Florida State University in 1968 and 1970, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan, School of Dentistry as a senior research associate in 1972. She was appointed as an assistant research scientist in 1974, an associate research scientist in 1976, and a research scientist in 1982. In 1991 she was appointed as a professor in the School of Dentistry. She served as the director of the Oral Health Sciences PhD Program (1993-2010.) Additionally, Professor Mistretta has held appointments in the Center for Human Growth and Development on the primary research track (1975-1996), associate professor, with tenure, (1975-1983), professor (1983-2002) in the School of Nursing, and interim director of the Center for Nursing Research (1985-1988.) She was named the William R. Mann Professor of Dentistry in 2003. She was appointed associate dean for research and PhD training in November 2005. Subsequently, responsibility for PhD training has been reassigned and Professor Mistretta will focus efforts in the research arena.

Professor Mistretta is an outstanding researcher in the area of taste development and related areas of neurosensory and chemoreception phenomena. She is the recipient of numerous national awards including the 2010 Kerry-Manheimer Award for Significant Advances and Outstanding Scientific Achievement in Chemosensory Sciences. She has held continuous funding as the principal investigator on her NIH grant, Development of the Sense of Taste, since 1988 with prior funding for this project from NSF. Currently she is a co-principal investigator on two additional grants through NIH. In 2010, Professor Mistretta received a CRLT award for Developing a Thematic Core for Neurobiology in Oral Health and Disease in the Dental School DDS curriculum. Since 1971 she has a continuing record of peer-reviewed journal publications and an extensive number of invited lectures nationally and internationally.

Professor Mistretta is an active teacher, teaching in the predoctoral DDS program, but primarily serving as mentor to masters, PhD and postdoctoral students. She serves on several master's thesis and PhD dissertation committees.

Professor Mistretta has a long record of service at the university, national and international levels. Most recently, she has served as member to the National Institute of Deafness, National Committee Development of Plasticity Federal Liaison Committee. At the university level, she has recently served on the Provost's University Advisory Committee for School of Nursing, Postdoctoral Network Group at Rackham Graduate School, and the North Campus Research Complex Research Program Peer Review Committee. At the School of Dentistry, the Dean's Vision Implementation Team, Academic Review Board I and many *ad-hoc* committees.

Professor Mistretta plays an important role in advancing the School's research efforts and its mission of academic excellence. She brings extensive experience in the research and graduate community at the university and national and international levels. She plays a crucial role in creating an environment to foster research success and excellence for the faculty and students of the School of Dentistry.

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Charlotte M. Mistretta as associate dean for research, School of Dentistry, effective March 1, 2012 through November 30, 2013.

Recommended by:



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

Recommendation endorsed by:



Philip J. Hanlon, PhD  
Provost and Executive Vice President  
for Academic Affairs

February 2012

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Valerie Y. Suslow

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Dean for Graduate Programs, and Professor of Business Economics and Public Policy, with tenure, Stephen M. Ross School of Business

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Louis and Myrtle Moskowitz Research Professor of Business and Law, Stephen M. Ross School of Business

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 1, 2012 through February 28, 2017

On the recommendation of the Dean and Executive Committee of the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Valerie Y. Suslow as the Louis and Myrtle Moskowitz Research Professor of Business and Law, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, effective March 1, 2012 through February 28, 2017.

The Louis and Myrtle Moskowitz Research Professorship was established in 1989 with a gift from Republic National Bank of New York (now HSBC Bank USA) in honor of former Chairman Louis Moskowitz and in memory of his wife Myrtle Moskowitz. The endowment was created to provide a cornerstone for joint endeavors in the areas of law, economics and finance, with an emphasis on banking and commercial finance. Originally, the appointment rotated annually between the Schools of Business and Law. The endowment also supported a joint symposium or conference every third year. Starting in 2010, HSBC Bank USA, broadened the use of these funds – no longer rotating annually – to support faculty members in both Law and Business whose scholarship or instruction has both a law and business dimension, and the symposium or conference year will no longer take place.

Valerie Suslow received her BA in economics from the University of California at Berkeley in 1979. In 1984, she received her PhD in economics from Stanford University. She joined the Stephen M. Ross School of Business as an assistant professor in 1984, was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 1992 and to professor in 2008. Professor Suslow served in an outstanding way as the academic director of the evening MBA program from 1995 to 1999 managing the group's overall experience. She also served as the associate dean for degree programs from 2007 to 2010 and has served as the associate dean for graduate programs since 2011.

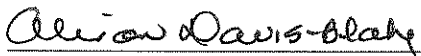
In her prior role as associate dean for degree programs, Professor Suslow had primary responsibility for the School's bachelors and masters degree programs. Her leadership in this role made a real difference, and she is already making major contributions as the associate dean for graduate programs.


Professor Suslow is a dedicated and conscientious researcher whose work has had a major impact. Her recent research, appearing in the leading academic journals, focuses on the operation of international cartels. Professor Suslow has a strong record of publications in prestigious journals and invited conference proceedings. She is a superb teacher demonstrating great skill in communicating technical concepts and the utmost attention to student concerns.

We wish to honor Professor Suslow for her outstanding record and to support her professional endeavors by appointing her as the Louis and Myrtle Moskowitz Research Professor of Business and Law, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, effective March 1, 2012 through February 28, 2017.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

  
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Alison Davis-Blake  
Edward J. Frey Dean of Business  
Stephen M. Ross School of Business

  
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Philip J. Hanlon, Provost and  
Executive Vice President for Academic  
Affairs

February 2012



THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship  
NAME: Nathaniel Szymczak  
CURRENT TITLE: Assistant Professor of Chemistry, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts  
ADDITIONAL TITLE: Dow Corning Assistant Professor of Chemistry, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts  
EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Chemistry and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Nathaniel Szymczak as the Dow Corning Assistant Professor of Chemistry, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective February 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.

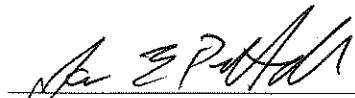
As a result of a grant received from the Dow Corning Foundation, the Dow Corning Assistant Professorship in Chemistry was established by the Regents in February 1989. This endowed faculty position was created with the intention of retaining or recruiting a distinguished junior professor in chemistry.

Nathaniel Szymczak received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 2002 and his Doctorate from the University of Oregon in 2007. Following two post-doctoral appointments (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2007-2009, and California Institute of Technology, 2009-2010), Professor Szymczak joined our faculty as an assistant professor in 2010.

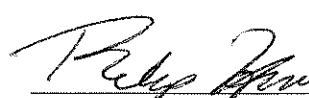
Professor Szymczak's area of expertise lies in the field of inorganic chemistry and centers on the fundamental study of novel metal ion-ligand complexes as catalysts. These catalysts can be used for electrochemical reactions related to hydrogen gas storage and for reactions to recycle chemical feedstocks into useful products without significant energy requirement. Professor Szymczak has published fifteen research articles with one submitted for review. His work appears in the top journals in his field. He received the prestigious Young Investigator Award (2006) from the Division of Inorganic Chemistry of the American Chemical Society.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Nathaniel Szymczak as the Dow Corning Assistant Professor of Chemistry, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective February 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

  
Philip J. Hanlon, Provost and  
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2012

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Héctor H. Valdivia, M.D., Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Frank Norman Wilson Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Medical School

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2012

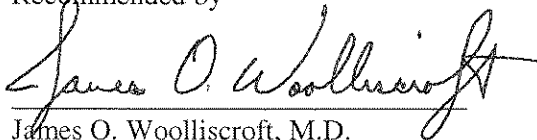
On the recommendation of M. Bishr Omary, M.D., Ph.D., the H. Marvin Pollard Professor of Gastroenterology and Chair of the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, I am pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Héctor H. Valdivia, M.D., Ph.D. as professor of molecular and integrative physiology, without tenure, Medical School, effective February 1, 2012.

Dr. Valdivia received his M.D. degree from the National Autonomous University of Mexico School of Medicine in 1984. He received his Ph.D. degree in biochemistry from the National Autonomous University of Mexico School of Medicine and Baylor College of Medicine in 1988, where he was appointed as a research associate in the Department of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics. He was appointed as an associate scientist in the Department of Physiology at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine from 1989-1992. From 1992-1994, Dr. Valdivia was appointed as a research assistant professor in the Department of Physiology at the University of Maryland Medical School. In 1994, Dr. Valdivia returned to the University of Wisconsin as an assistant professor of physiology. He was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 1999, and to professor in 2004. He came to the University of Michigan in November 2011 as a professor, with tenure, in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Valdivia is working on the mechanisms of cardiac arrhythmia. With this additional appointment, he will be provided with a basic science home where he will contribute to the teaching and mentoring of students. In addition, he will collaborate with several of the department's faculty including Drs. Dan Michele and Anatoli Lopatin.

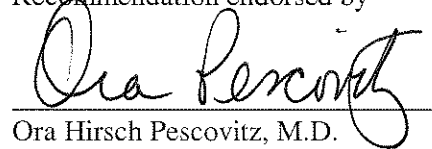
I am confident that this additional appointment will enhance his commitment to research and teaching. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the additional appointment of Héctor H. Valdivia, M.D., Ph.D. as professor of molecular and integrative physiology, without tenure, Medical School, effective February 1, 2012.

Recommended by



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

Recommendation endorsed by



Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.  
Executive Vice President for  
Medical Affairs



Philip J. Hanlon, Ph.D., Provost  
and Executive Vice President for  
Academic Affairs

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Recommendations for approval of leaves of absence  
for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

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

NAME: Farnam Jahanian

CURRENT TITLES: Edward S. Davidson Collegiate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with tenure, College of Engineering

TYPE OF LEAVE: Extension of a One-Year Leave

DATES OF CURRENT LEAVE: March 1, 2011 through February 29, 2012

TIME EXTENSION REQUESTED: March 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013

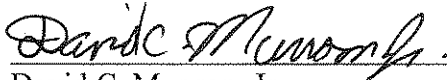
It is recommended that Farnam Jahanian be granted an extension of leave of absence, effective March 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013.

Professor Jahanian is currently with the NSF serving as an assistant director for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE). In this role, he will continue to guide the CISE Directorate in its mission to uphold the nation's leadership in computing and communication through its support of fundamental and transformative advances. He will also continue to serve as co-chair of the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Subcommittee of the National Science and Technology Council Committee on Technology, providing overall coordination for the R&D activities of 14 government agencies. We believe the University of Michigan will benefit from Professor Jahanian's continued involvement in these initiatives.

We request approval of this extension of leave of absence for Professor Farnam Jahanian.

Recommended by:

Recommendation endorsed by:



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



Philip J. Hanlon  
Provost and Executive Vice President  
for Academic Affairs

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February 2012

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REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Extension of Leave for a Faculty Member  
NAME: Sridhar Kota  
CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Mechanical Engineering, with tenure,  
College of Engineering  
TYPE OF LEAVE: Extension of a One-Year Leave  
DATES OF CURRENT LEAVE: September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011  
TIME EXTENSION REQUESTED: September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012

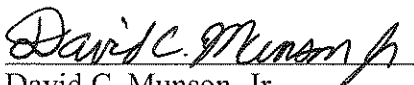
It is recommended that Sridhar Kota be granted an extension of leave of absence, effective September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012.

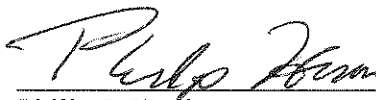
Professor Kota is currently serving as assistant director of advanced manufacturing at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). Professor Kota works directly with three additional assistants to the president – the chief technology officer, the science and technology advisor and the special counselor for manufacturing policy. These interactions provide experience in science and technology-related policy-making at a high level, and also in implementing strategic priorities across various federal agencies. In his current assignment, Professor Kota coordinates federal advanced manufacturing research and development and addresses issues related to innovation and technology transfer. He also identifies gaps in current federal research and development in advanced manufacturing, develops strategies and implements policies to enhance competitiveness of existing manufacturing industries and creating new industries through innovation-based manufacturing of emerging technologies. Professor Kota's assignment with OSTP fits well with Mechanical Engineering's strategic direction. We believe the University of Michigan will benefit from Professor Kota's continued involvement in these initiatives.

We request approval of this extension of leave of absence for Professor Sridhar Kota.

Recommended by:

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

  
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Philip J. Hanlon  
Provost and Executive Vice President  
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Establishing and renaming professorships and selected  
academic administrative positions.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Approval to Name an Existing Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Bernard W. Agranoff Collegiate Professorship  
in the Life Sciences, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2012

The Medical School seeks to name an existing collegiate professorship for Bernard W. Agranoff, who was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1960 until his retirement in 2003.

The holder of this professorship will be a distinguished tenured faculty member of the Medical School, named by the dean. The initial term of the individual designated to hold the Bernard W. Agranoff Collegiate Professorship in the Life Sciences will be five years, and the appointment may be renewed.

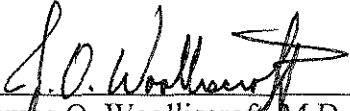
Dr. Agranoff received his B.S. degree from the University of Michigan in 1946, and his M.D. from Wayne State University in 1950. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1960 as a research scientist and rose through the ranks to professor of biochemistry in 1965 and professor of psychiatry in 1983. Dr. Agranoff was the director of the Mental Health Research Institute from 1985-1995, and the director of the Neuroscience Laboratory from 1983-2002.

Early in his career, Dr. Agranoff demonstrated a requirement for protein synthesis in the goldfish brain for the formation of long-term memory, which was a major advance in neuroscience. His research extended to optic nerve regeneration and led to identification of molecular markers of neuroplasticity. Basic Neurochemistry, a book he co-edited, is considered to be the authoritative treatise on neurochemistry.

Throughout his career, Dr. Agranoff has received numerous awards and honors. In 1984, he received the University of Michigan Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award, in 1986, the Distinguished Faculty Lectureship in Biomedical Research, and in 1988, the Henry Russel Lectureship. He was a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, served as Fogarty Scholar-in-Residence at the National Institutes of Health, and was a fellow of the Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2003, Dr. Agranoff retired as professor emeritus from the University of Michigan, completing 43 years of distinguished service.

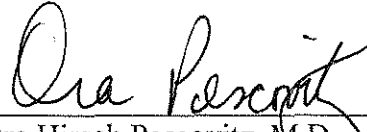
Dr. Agranoff is a unique individual who had a strong commitment to the programs within the university. We are pleased, therefore, to name an existing collegiate professorship as the Bernard W. Agranoff Collegiate Professorship in the Life Sciences, Medical School.

Recommended by:



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

Recommendation endorsed by:



Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.  
Executive Vice President for  
Medical Affairs



Philip J. Hanlon, Ph.D., Provost  
and Executive Vice President  
for Academic Affairs

February 2012



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Recommendations for approval of other personnel transactions  
for regular instructional staff and selected  
academic administrative staff

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship

NAME: Joseph L. Bull

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

In 1988, the Board of Regents established the Arthur F. Thurnau Professorships to recognize and reward faculty for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education. Based on his extraordinary achievements, I am delighted to recommend that Professor Bull be designated a Thurnau Professor.

Through both teaching and administrative positions, Professor Bull has been a champion of undergraduate education in Biomedical Engineering for the past 10 years. He is regarded as one of the most passionate and caring instructors in the department. He infuses his courses with project-based learning experiences, and students praise his ability to break down difficult concepts into manageable parts. As one student describes, "He is patient and attentive to the students – questions are always addressed, and students never leave lecture frustrated with a topic." In addition, Professor Bull has played an integral role in the development of the undergraduate program in Biomedical Engineering. His contributions began in the first year of the undergraduate studies program when he designed Introduction of Biofluid Mechanics, a course now viewed as a cornerstone of the undergraduate curriculum. Later, as the associate chair and director of the Undergraduate Studies in Biomedical Engineering, Professor Bull further developed the program, encouraging other faculty members to incorporate experiential learning into their courses and assuming a leadership role in the college's recent reaccreditation process. In recognition of these efforts, he received the College of Engineering's John F. Ullrich Education Excellence Award. In describing the significance of Professor Bull's work on teaching and learning in the department, the chair of the Biomedical Engineering says, "Simply put, Joe has had a hand in nearly every activity that impacts our current and future undergraduate program."

For his exceptional teaching and dedication to undergraduate students, I recommend him for a Thurnau Professorship.

Respectfully submitted,



Philip J. Hanlon  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2012

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship  
NAME: Michael L. Haithcock  
CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Music, with tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance  
RECOMMENDED TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and Professor of Music, with tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance  
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

In 1988, the Board of Regents established the Arthur F. Thurnau Professorships to recognize and reward faculty for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education. Based on his extraordinary achievements, I am delighted to recommend that Professor Haithcock be designated a Thurnau Professor.

As director of bands and conductor of the Symphony Band, Professor Haithcock has a remarkable impact on students at the School of Music, Theatre & Dance through his dedicated teaching and transformative leadership. He works tirelessly to provide unique learning experiences and develop strong relationships with students, attending each student's individual recital and writing over 100 recommendation letters each year. According to students, Professor Haithcock "redefines what it means to be conscientious, organized, and professional," creating "a feeling of shared responsibility in which the students are inspired to be the best they can be." Professor Haithcock frequently commissions new compositions so his students gain experience working with living composers and debuting new pieces. These performances are often followed by intensive recording sessions resulting in six commercial recordings by the Symphony Band over the past 10 years. In addition, Professor Haithcock seeks out opportunities for his students to perform in major venues across the world, including Carnegie Hall in New York City, the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, and, most recently, in venues throughout China. In preparation for this most recent tour, he organized a seminar series on Chinese history and culture for participating students, led required rehearsals, and designed an itinerary that balanced performances with educational excursions to significant cultural sites. The dean of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance has described Professor Haithcock's work as "teaching as total student advocacy, as complete concern for the development of the student – intellectually, artistically, professionally, and personally."

For his exceptional teaching and dedication to undergraduate students, I recommend him for a Thurnau Professorship.

Respectfully submitted,



Philip J. Hanlon  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2012

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship

NAME: Sadashi Inuzuka

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Art, with tenure, School of Art and Design

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and Professor of Art, with tenure, School of Art and Design

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

In 1988, the Board of Regents established the Arthur F. Thurnau Professorships to recognize and reward faculty for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education. Based on his extraordinary achievements, I am delighted to recommend that Professor Inuzuka be designated a Thurnau Professor.

Professor Inuzuka has been a pioneer in the design and implementation of community engagement courses in the School of Art and Design, "providing valuable experiences for students and a model for his colleagues in integrating education and society." For over a decade, Professor Inuzuka has established and nurtured relationships with community organizations to create courses that enable students to see first-hand the role that art can play in social change. His seminars and workshops on "The Many Ways of Seeing and Touching the Spirit" pair U-M students with visually impaired or blind youth and adults to create ceramic pieces. His course on "Considering the Future of the Great Lakes" encourages students to use art to explore environmental issues. Through each of these experiences, students develop "communication skills, a reflection on the role of art-making in other people's lives, and an appreciation of alternate modes of perception." Within these courses, Professor Inuzuka expresses a deep passion for his students, respecting each student's unique approach to working with the medium and gently guiding students in their artistic exploration. Students recognize this genuine concern for their personal and artistic development and consider Professor Inuzuka to be one of the most influential faculty members of their collegiate careers. As one colleague writes, "He is a warm and caring humanist who regards each student and colleague as special and encourages each to be a better human being, artist, and citizen."

For his exceptional teaching and dedication to undergraduate students, I recommend him for a Thurnau Professorship.

Respectfully submitted,



Philip J. Hanlon  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2012

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship

NAME: Bradford G. Orr

CURRENT TITLES: Chair, Department of Physics, and Professor of Physics, with tenure,  
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Chair, Department of Physics, and Professor  
of Physics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

In 1988, the Board of Regents established the Arthur F. Thurnau Professorships to recognize and reward faculty for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education. Based on his extraordinary achievements, I am delighted to recommend that Professor Orr be designated a Thurnau Professor.

Professor Orr's excellent teaching and impressive record of curricular innovation within the Department of Physics has earned numerous teaching awards including the LSA Excellence in Education Award, the Lockwood Distinguished Instructor Award, and the 2010 Provost's Teaching Innovation Prize. His creativity and commitment to the improvement of undergraduate education began in 1993 with the creation of a course entitled Everyday Physics, an introductory course that uses authentic, experiential learning to make physics accessible to all students. This course is now the most popular within the department, and students enthusiastically promote its influence on their academic careers. As one student exclaimed, "I can definitely say I learned more in this class than the rest of the science classes I've ever taken – combined!" Later on, as chair of the department, Professor Orr initiated a comprehensive overhaul of the introductory Honors course sequence, integrating computational methods and doubling enrollment. Colleagues agree that the new content "gets students analyzing the world computationally from the beginning of their first class," a critical element of a successful Physics program. Professor Orr has also assumed leadership roles in the development of academic support programs including the Learning Assistant Program, a peer educator program for large lecture courses, and E2Coach, an electronic advising system for students at risk of failing introductory coursework. Professor Orr's passion for undergraduate education extends to students of all backgrounds and preparation levels, and he has been "an outstanding teacher of physics and a tireless mentor at all levels for over two decades at Michigan."

For his exceptional teaching and dedication to undergraduate students, I recommend him for a Thurnau Professorship.

Respectfully submitted,



Philip J. Hanlon  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship

NAME: Brian Porter-Szűcs

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

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and Professor of History, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

In 1988, the Board of Regents established the Arthur F. Thurnau Professorships to recognize and reward faculty for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education. Based on his extraordinary achievements, I am delighted to recommend that Professor Porter-Szűcs be designated a Thurnau Professor.

Professor Porter-Szűcs is described by colleagues as “one of the History department’s most committed, conscientious, innovative, and successful teachers.” Students and faculty alike praise him for his dedication to students and his efforts to improve the department’s undergraduate program. Over the last 15 years, Professor Porter-Szűcs has taught the department’s introductory survey courses and designed several courses within his areas of expertise, including the history of Poland and the history of Catholicism. He has been a pioneer in the use of technology in the classroom and has served as a mentor to colleagues who also wish to incorporate new media, blogs, and student response systems into their courses. Known for his exemplary teaching throughout the department, Professor Porter-Szűcs was asked to chair the Undergraduate Curriculum Working Group last winter to revamp the undergraduate History program. Under his leadership, the group developed a new advising system, created a searchable course that identifies thematic clusters for undergraduate study, and designed two new introductory courses in response to student feedback. While each of these curricular innovations has dramatically improved undergraduate education within the department, Professor Porter-Szűcs’ most significant legacy may be his individual interactions with students. Former students provide countless examples of the ways in which he supported their intellectual curiosity and extended himself for their benefit. “Even as his undergraduate advisee, a twenty-year old novice, I always felt like he was invested in me, that I had something to contribute, and that my career was something we would build together.”

For his exceptional teaching and dedication to undergraduate students, I recommend him for a Thurnau Professorship.

Respectfully submitted,



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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment to Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship

NAME: Steven J. Skerlos

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

In 1988, the Board of Regents established the Arthur F. Thurnau Professorships to recognize and reward faculty for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education. Based on his extraordinary achievements, I am delighted to recommend that Professor Skerlos be designated a Thurnau Professor.

For the past decade, Professor Skerlos has dedicated time, energy, and creativity to undergraduate learning both within and outside the classroom. Under his leadership, the capstone design course in Mechanical Engineering has consistently received the highest student ratings of any required course within the department. According to a student who took the course, "Dr. Skerlos exhibited a remarkable ability to connect with the students and to cater his communication and teaching style to each of us." Despite the incredible effort required to organize and implement such a course, Professor Skerlos sought out additional opportunities to improve undergraduate education. He co-developed the nine-credit undergraduate program in sustainable engineering in order to expose students to the principles of sustainable design. He also co-created the undergraduate minor in multidisciplinary design, which awards credit to students engaged in design projects across the college. In 2008, Professor Skerlos co-founded the BLUElab, a large, student-run organization whose mission is to find sustainable solutions to challenging development problems locally and abroad. BLUElab has attracted over 800 students from all engineering fields and has been particularly popular among female students. Professor Skerlos also routinely mentors undergraduate students through the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, working with over 20 students to date. His significant impact on students is best expressed by this comment from a colleague: "There are very few professors who have been as broadly and deeply involved with undergraduate students as Professor Skerlos; as an instructor, a mentor, and a leader in education."

For his exceptional teaching and dedication to undergraduate students, I recommend him for a Thurnau Professorship.

Respectfully submitted,



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February 16, 2012

ACTION REQUEST: Transfer of Tenure

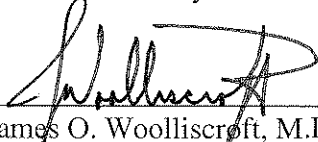
EFFECTIVE DATE: January 2, 2012

Concurrent with the reorganization of the Unit for Laboratory Animal Medicine, I am pleased to recommend the transfer of tenure from the Unit for Laboratory Animal Medicine to the Office of the Dean, Medical School, effective January 2, 2012. The appointments of the following faculty will be affected:

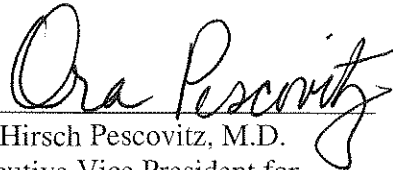
Howard G. Rush, D.V.M., associate professor of laboratory animal medicine, with tenure  
John Wilkinson, Ph.D., D.V.M., associate professor of comparative pathology, with tenure

Direct responsibility for the oversight of the Unit for Laboratory Animal Medicine will continue to reside with the director of the unit. The faculty members affected by this transfer of tenure will retain all rights and responsibilities to which they are entitled as faculty members in the Medical School. No future appointments of instructional faculty on the tenure-track will be made in the Unit for Laboratory Animal Medicine and no requests to award tenure to current faculty assigned to the Unit for Laboratory Animal Medicine will be brought forward for Regental approval.

Recommended by:



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



Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.  
Executive Vice President for  
Medical Affairs



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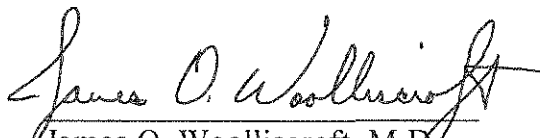
ACTION REQUEST: Correction to Title of a Collegiate Professorship

In the December 2011 Regents Communication we requested that a collegiate title be established as the James W. Albers Collegiate Professorship. However, this title contained an error. The correction follows:


PROPOSED NAME: James W. Albers Collegiate Professorship in  
Neurology, Medical School

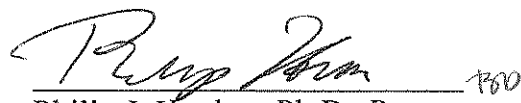
Please accept this correction to the Regents communication.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

  
Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.  
Executive Vice President for  
Medical Affairs

  
Philip J. Hanlon, Ph.D., Provost  
and Executive Vice President for  
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ACTION REQUEST: Transfer of Tenure of a Faculty Member

NAME: Eduardo Villamor, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Environmental Health Sciences, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Epidemiology, without tenure, School of Public Health

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Associate Professor of Epidemiology, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Environmental Health Sciences, without tenure, School of Public Health

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2012

On the recommendation of the Dean and Executive Committee of the School of Public Health, we are pleased to recommend the transfer of tenure for Eduardo Villamor, M.D. from associate professor of environmental health sciences, with tenure, and associate professor of epidemiology, without tenure, to associate professor of epidemiology, with tenure, and associate professor of environmental health sciences, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective February 1, 2012.

Dr. Villamor received his M.D. degree in 1993 from the National University of Colombia Medical School, Bogotá. He earned a Master of Public Health degree from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 1996 and a Doctor of Public Health degree from Harvard University in 2001.

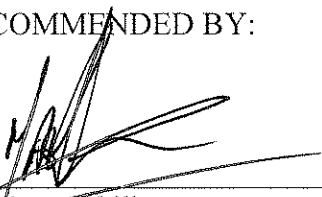
Dr. Villamor joined the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) faculty as an assistant professor in 2005. From 2001-2005 he served the HSPH as a research fellow, a research associate, and an instructor. He joined the University of Michigan as an associate professor of environmental health sciences, without tenure, in September 2009 and was jointly appointed as an associate professor of epidemiology in 2010. He was granted tenure in environmental health sciences in 2011.

Dr. Villamor's research addresses nutritional determinants of maternal and child health from an epidemiological perspective. This work can be described within three domains: nutritional immunology, reproductive epidemiology, and the health of school children and adolescents. Given the epidemiological emphasis of his research and his expertise in teaching courses in nutritional epidemiology and epidemiologic field methods, it was agreed that the Department of Epidemiology would be a better long term home for Dr. Villamor's teaching and scholarly gifts. The change would also allow him to train Ph.D. students in his research laboratory which is focused on nutritional epidemiology. Dr. Villamor is the co-principal investigator of an NHLBI-

funded initiative to establish a Center for Excellence for training and research in the prevention of cardiovascular disease in the Mesoamerican region, headquartered at the Institute for Nutrition for Central America and Panama (INCAP) in Guatemala City. This initiative promises to bring about substantial research opportunities and will be an avenue to attract talented students from the region to our graduate programs.

We are pleased to recommend the transfer of tenure for Eduardo Villamor, M.D. from associate professor of environmental health sciences, with tenure, and associate professor of epidemiology, without tenure, to associate professor of epidemiology, with tenure, and associate professor of environmental health sciences, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective February 1, 2012.


RECOMMENDED BY:



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Martin A. Philbert  
Dean, School of Public Health

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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Philip J. Hanlon  
Provost and Executive Vice President for  
Academic Affairs

February 2012