ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

1. New appointments and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks, with tenure.

   (1) Blackwell, Timothy S., M.D., chair, Department of Internal Medicine, professor of internal medicine, with tenure, effective March 1, 2024, and as the John G. Searle Professor of Internal Medicine, effective March 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029.

   *(2) Jain, Nitin B., M.B.B.S., M.S.P.H., chair, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation, with tenure, professor of orthopaedic surgery, without tenure, effective February 12, 2024, and as the James W. Rae Collegiate Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Medical School, effective February 12, 2024 through June 30, 2029.

   *(3) Maddox, Ross K., Ph.D., associate professor of otolaryngology, with tenure, Medical School, effective January 1, 2024.

2. Reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.

   (1) Askew, Kelly M., chair, Department of Anthropology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026 (also Niara Sudarkasa Collegiate Professor of Anthropology and Afroamerican and African Studies, professor of anthropology, with tenure, professor of Afroamerican and African studies, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and professor of law, without tenure, Law School).

   (2) McKay, Timothy A., associate dean for undergraduate education, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 (also Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, professor of physics, with tenure, professor of astronomy, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and professor of education, without tenure, Marsal Family School of Education).

   (3) Overpeck, Jonathan T., professor of Earth and environmental sciences, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024 (also Samuel A. Graham Dean, professor of environment and sustainability, with tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability, and professor of climate and spaces sciences and engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering).

   (4) Schmaltz, Tad M., chair, Department of Philosophy, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 (also professor of philosophy, with tenure).
ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

3. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.

(1) Bishu, Shrinivas, M.D., H. Marvin Pollard Collegiate Professor of Gastroenterology IV, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024, through August 31, 2029 (also clinical assistant professor, Department of Internal Medicine).

(2) Brody, Matthew J., Ph.D., Pfizer Upjohn Early Career Research Professor of Molecular Pharmacology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028 (also assistant professor of pharmacology, and assistant professor of internal medicine).

(3) Chang, Andrew C., M.D., Cameron Haight Collegiate Professor of Thoracic Surgery, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028 (also professor of surgery, with tenure).

*(4) Cole, Joshua H., interim chair, Department of History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 (also professor of history, with tenure).

(5) DaSilva, Alexandre F.M., D.D.S., D.Med.Sc., professor of learning health sciences, without tenure, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 (also professor of dentistry, with tenure).

(6) de la Cruz, Deirdre Leong, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, effective July 1, 2024 (also associate professor of Asian languages and culture, with tenure, and associate professor of history, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).

(7) Erman, Sam, professor of history, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024 (also professor of law, with tenure, Law School).

(8) Girard, Anouck R., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, effective July 1, 2024 (also professor of robotics, with tenure, and professor of aerospace engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering).

(9) Henriksen, Nicholas C., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, effective July 1, 2024 (also associate professor of Spanish, with tenure, and associate professor of linguistics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).
ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

3. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.

(10) Hughes, David T., M.D., James Lynds, M.D. Research Professor, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024, through August 31, 2028 (also clinical associate professor, Department of Surgery).

(11) Jutkiewicz, Emily M., Ph.D., Pfizer Upjohn Research Professor in Translational Pharmacology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028 (also associate professor of pharmacology, with tenure).

(12) Meyer, Michael R., professor of physics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024 (also professor of astronomy, with tenure).

(13) Mirza, Kamran M., M.B.B.S., Ph.D., Godfrey D. Stobbe Professor of Pathology Education, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028 (also clinical professor, Department of Pathology).

*(14) Moore, Laurel E., M.D., interim senior associate dean for faculty and faculty development, Medical School, effective January 15, 2024 (also clinical professor, Department of Anesthesiology, and clinical professor, Department of Neurosurgery).

(15) Parks Taylor, Stephanie, M.D., M.S., J. Griswold Ruth, M.D. and Margery Hopkins Ruth Research Professor of Internal Medicine, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028 (also professor of internal medicine, with tenure).

(16) Ruetsche, Laura, acting chair, Department of Philosophy, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (also Louis E. Loeb Professor of Philosophy, and professor of philosophy, with tenure).

(17) Runge, Marschall S., M.D., Ph.D., McKay Professor, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028 (also executive vice president for medical affairs, chief executive officer, Michigan Medicine, dean, and professor of internal medicine, with tenure).

(18) Simmons, LaKisha M., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, effective July 1, 2024 (also associate professor of women’s and gender studies, with tenure, and associate professor of history, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).

*Interim approval granted
ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

3. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.

(19) Soderstrom, Sara B., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, effective July 1, 2024 (also associate professor of organizational studies, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, associate professor of environment and sustainability, without tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability, and associate professor of management and organizations, without tenure, Stephen M. Ross School of Business).

(20) Spence, Jason R., Ph.D., H. Marvin Pollard Professor of Gastrointestinal Sciences, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028 (also professor of internal medicine, with tenure, professor of cell and developmental biology, without tenure, Medical School, and professor of biomedical engineering, without tenure, Medical School and College of Engineering).

(21) Yoshihama, Mieko, Edith A. Lewis Collegiate Professor of Social Work, School of Social Work, effective June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2029 (also professor of social work, with tenure).

4. Leaves of absence for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff.

(1) Shen, Siqian M., extension of intergovernmental personnel assignment, effective February 27, 2024 through February 26, 2025 (professor of industrial and operations engineering, with tenure, and professor of civil and environmental engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering).

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

(1) Change in title of an existing administrative title as associate vice president for research-institutional capabilities and research intelligence, Office of the Vice President for Research, effective February 1, 2024 (currently executive director of research analytics).

(2) Establishment of an endowed professorship as the Willard C. Blackney Jr. and Geraldine LaTendresse Blackney Clinician-Educator Professorship in Geriatric Psychiatry, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

*Interim approval granted
ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

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

(3) Establishment of a research professorship as the Willard C. Blackney Jr. and Geraldine LaTendresse Blackney Research Professorship in Geriatric Psychiatry, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

(4) Establishment of a research professorship as the Kathy Fant Brzoznowski Research Professorship in Behavioral Health Technology Innovations, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

(5) Establishment of a research professorship as the Toby Brzoznowski Research Professorship in Behavioral Health Technology Innovations, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

(6) Establishment of a collegiate professorship as the Vivian L. Carpenter Collegiate Professorship in Industrial and Operations Engineering, College of Engineering, effective February 1, 2024.

(7) Renaming of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship as the Letha A. Chadiha Collegiate Professorship in Social Work, School of Social Work, effective April 1, 2024 (currently the Carol T. Mowbray Collegiate Professorship in Social Work).

(8) Establishment of a research professorship as the Alfred E. Chang, M.D. Research Professorship in Surgical Oncology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

(9) Establishment of a research professorship as the Philip B. and Myrna R. Fischer Research Professorship, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

(10) Establishment of an endowed professorship as the Stanley and Judith Frankel Professorship in Heart and Brain Health, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

*(11) Correction of title of an endowed professorship as the John H. Mitchell Professorship in Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024 (currently the John H. and Patricia Mitchell Professorship in Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media).
5. Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic and administrative positions.

   (12) Establishment of a research professorship as the Betty Spurway Nixon Leukemia Research Professorship, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.
   
   (13) Establishment of an endowed professorship as the Annemarie Sullivan Palincsar Endowed Professorship in the Learning Sciences, Marsal Family School of Education, effective February 1, 2024.
   
   (14) Naming of an unendowed collegiate professorship as the Filibert Roth Collegiate Professorship in Environmental and Sustainability, School for Environment and Sustainability, effective February 1, 2024.
   
   (15) Establishment of a research professorship as the Godfrey Dorr Stobbe Research Professorship in Translational Pathology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

6. Other personnel transactions for regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.

   (1) Burnstein, James S., correction of title of an appointment to an endowed professorship as John H. Mitchell Professor of Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024 through December 1, 2028 (also professor of film, television, and media, with tenure).

DEARBORN CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

7. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.

   (1) Everett, Susan A., interim chair, Department of Education, College of Education, Health, and Human Services, effective March 4, 2024 through June 30, 2024 (also professor of education, with tenure).
FLINT CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

8. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.

   (1) Munroe, Derwin S., acting chair, Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, College of Arts, Sciences and Education, effective January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (also Collegiate Lecturer, and lecturer IV, Department of Political Science).

FLINT CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

9. Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic and administrative positions.

   (1) Change in name of an existing academic administrative title as associate dean, College of Arts, Sciences and Education, effective March 1, 2024 (currently associate dean for faculty affairs).

   (2) Change in name of an existing endowed professorship as the Hagerman Professorship in Entrepreneurship and Innovation, School of Management, effective February 1, 2024 (currently the Hagerman Faculty Development Professorship in Entrepreneurship and Innovation).

10. Other personnel transactions for regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.

   (1) Kelley, Keith J., change in title to associate professor of international business and strategic management, with tenure, School of Management, effective January 1, 2024 (currently associate professor of international business, with tenure).

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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

NAME: Timothy S. Blackwell, M.D.

TITLES: John G. Searle Professor of Internal Medicine, Chair, Department of Internal Medicine, Professor of Internal Medicine, Medical School

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2024

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Timothy S. Blackwell, M.D. as chair, Department of Internal Medicine, professor of internal medicine, with tenure, effective March 1, 2024, and as the John G. Searle Professor of Internal Medicine, effective March 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029.

Academic Degrees:
Timothy Blackwell received his B.S. in 1983 from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, and his M.D. in 1988 from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, AL.

Professional Record:
Dr. Blackwell joined the faculty at Vanderbilt University in 1995 where he was appointed as an instructor of medicine, in 1996, he was appointed as an associate professor of medicine, and in 2000 as an assistant professor of cell and developmental biology. In 2001, he was promoted to associate professor of medicine, with tenure, and in 2004, to associate professor of cell and developmental biology, without tenure. In 2005, he was appointed as an associate professor of cancer biology, without tenure. In 2008, he was promoted to professor of medicine, with tenure, and to professor of cell and developmental biology, without tenure, and professor of cancer biology, without tenure.

Summary of Evaluation:
Dr. Blackwell is a very highly accomplished clinician-scientist who has achieved the highest level of excellence in teaching, research, and service, and is immensely qualified and accomplished for the role of the chair of the Department of Internal Medicine. He is internationally recognized as a superb pulmonologist and dedicated educator.

Dr. Blackwell is an outstanding physician-scientist in the field of pulmonary fibrosis as well as other forms of small airway disease. His research focuses on investigating the pathobiology of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, COPD, and acute lung injury using basic and translational science approaches including molecular genetics, mouse modeling, cell and molecular biology, cutting-edge immunology methods, and imaging techniques. He has demonstrated continued, long-standing independent funding throughout his career with numerous grants from the National
Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Defense (DOD), Veteran’s Affairs (VA), and foundations. He is currently supported as a principal investigator on a large VA Biomedical Laboratory R&D Senior Clinician Scientist Award to study the mechanisms driving airway inflammation in chronic lung disease, an R01 studying the thromboxane receptor signaling in pulmonary fibrosis, and a T32. He is also the principal investigator on a large award from Boehringer Ingelheim International ($4.8M). He has published 297 peer reviewed manuscripts, in top-tier journals such as the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, the *American Journal of Pathology*, and *Cancer Research*, and participated in four book chapters. He has been invited on 114 occasions to present his research nationally and internationally including in Iceland, Mexico, Russia, Japan, China, Italy, and Greece. Dr. Blackwell’s research has been recognized through receipt of a Scientific Achievement Award from the American Thoracic Society, the Parker B. Francis Lecturer at the American Thoracic Society, International Conference, induction into the American Society for Clinical Investigation, and as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Recent and Significant publications:


Dr. Blackwell has an excellent track record of teaching in the laboratory as well as in the clinical setting in the medical ICU, the pulmonary consultation service, and the pulmonary fellow clinic at the Nashville Veteran’s Affairs (VA) medical center, helping trainees meld basic scientific knowledge with contemporary clinical practice in the field of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. He has trained numerous research mentees at all levels including faculty members, post-doctoral fellows, graduate students, and undergraduate students. His trainees have moved on to very successful careers, a clear marker of a mentor’s success. He has served as a mentor on numerous career development grants. He directs the T32 program at Vanderbilt University which is now in its 16th year. Didactically, he was the course director for the VA Pulmonary Medicine elective for fourth-year medical students, course organizer for the Certificate Program in Molecular Medicine, Bench to Bedside Mini-Symposium on Pulmonary Fibrosis, and a lecturer for Inflammation and Cancer (BIO340) at Vanderbilt University. He has organized institutional courses and performed ad hoc lectures. His teaching evaluations are average, and the comments are laudatory. His mentorship contributions were recognized when he received both the Excellence in Mentoring Award from Vanderbilt University and nationally with the Andy Tager Award for Excellence in Mentoring, from the American Thoracic Society.

External Reviewers:
Reviewer A: “These datasets have been important resources for the field. There is no question that his science is highly regarded. He has approximately 300 peer-reviewed manuscripts, has given scores of scientific talks and presentations and has been well funded throughout his career from both NIH and VA sources, as well as industry. He publishes in some of the top journals in our field. He won the Scientific Achievement Award from the ATS in 2013 and was tapped to give the prestigious Parker B. Francis lecture at the international ATS conference 2 years later. He has also been inducted into the American Society of Clinical Investigation, is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and also a Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians. Importantly his research efforts have remained at a very high level throughout his career.”

Reviewer B: “Dr. Blackwell is a true servant leader. In addition to his Staff positions at Vanderbilt University Hospital and the Nashville Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Professorship at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, he has been the Medical Director for the Division of Allergy, Pulmonary, and Critical Care Medicine for seventeen years. Over the years, Dr. Blackwell found time to lead the creation of the Vanderbilt Lung Institute and serve on many professional committees, and advisory and review boards. Most notably, he served on the ATS Scientific Advisory Committee, and has been on the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation Scientific Advisory Board for over ten years.”

Reviewer C: “Everything that I know about him speaks to his outstanding credentials as a clinician, researcher and administrator. I think he will be an excellent leader for the University of Michigan…Another very positive aspect of Dr. Blackwell’s reputation is his strong commitment to mentoring. He has mentored 31 students or fellows and 8 junior faculty. Many of these trainees have gone on to successful and independent clinical and research careers… His commitment to mentoring can also be seen in the fact that he runs a successful T32 and has won several mentoring awards. Most notably, the 2019 - Andy Tager Award for Excellence in Mentoring from the RCMB
Assembly of the ATS and the Excellence in Mentoring Award, Edge for Scholars, from Vanderbilt University Medical Center award in the same year.”

Reviewer D: “I believe that Dr. Blackwell has been an excellent Leader at Vanderbilt for Allergy, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. He has demonstrated superb leadership qualities in this role. In comparison to peers and colleagues in our field, Dr. Blackwell is outstanding in terms of scholarly research contributions, administrative leadership, mentoring, and successful extra-mural NIH funding…I believe he will be a great credit to the School of Medicine at the University of Michigan…”

Reviewer E: “…I am impressed with the history of funding he has amassed and also the number of collaborative projects. He has a long standing VA Merit award, is currently PI of a RO1 to study thromboxane receptor signaling in lung fibrosis, leads a P01 on Mechanisms of Familial Pulmonary Fibrosis, and is PI of the T32 ‘Interdisciplinary Training Program in Lung Research.’ In addition, he has subcontracts on another P01 and a DOD grant. This really is an extraordinary degree of funding for someone in a heavy administrative role, and the quality of the work he performs with that funding is exceptionally high.”

Reviewer F: “Beyond his impressive research accomplishments, Dr. Blackwell has consistently demonstrated exemplary leadership skills. For the last 16 years, he has served as the Director of the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at Vanderbilt, where he successfully guided and expanded that unit into one of the very best in the country. Under his guidance, the division experienced remarkable growth in both clinical care and research productivity. Dr. Blackwell’s strategic vision, collaborative approach, and ability to foster a supportive and inclusive work environment is widely appreciated and has been instrumental in cultivating a culture of excellence within the division.”

Dr. Blackwell’s commitment to service is extensive including many roles institutionally, nationally, and internationally. Institutionally, he is clinically active at the Nashville VA Medical Center where he attends the Medical Intensive Care Unit, the pulmonary consult service, and staffs a pulmonary outpatient clinic. He is also the director of the Vanderbilt Lung Institute which brings together teams from Pulmonary Medicine and Thoracic Surgery to offer comprehensive and cutting-edge care for complex conditions that affect the lungs and breathing. He has served on multiple institutional and departmental committees as both a member and chair at Vanderbilt University. He served for nine years as a member of the Continuing Medical Education Committee for the Department of Medicine, chaired the Department of Medicine’s Compensation Plan Committee, and presently serves as a member of the Departmental Committee on Appointments and Promotions. Nationally, he serves on the scientific advisory board for the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation as well as the Board of External Experts for the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the NIH. He has served as a member and chair of several study sections at the NIH. He is an editor for the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine and performs ad hoc peer reviews for over 20 journals, including the New England Journal of Medicine and Nature, and is a member of seven professional societies. Internationally, he served as a study section reviewer for the Collaborative Research Centre 1181 “Checkpoints for Resolution of Inflammation” for Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, the German Research Foundation.
Summary of Recommendations:
Dr. Blackwell is recognized nationally and internationally for his contributions to the field of pulmonary fibrosis. His expertise has made a significant impact in this field by utilizing state-of-the-art expertise in molecular genetics, mouse modeling, and cell and molecular biology. He is an extraordinary educator and mentor, a prolific clinician-scientist, and is very active in service at the institutional, national, and international levels. He is a dynamic, high-impact leader who will be a valuable addition to the Medical School. Therefore, I enthusiastically recommend the appointment of Timothy S. Blackwell, M.D. as chair, Department of Internal Medicine, professor of internal medicine, with tenure, effective March 1, 2024, and as the John G. Searle Professor of Internal Medicine, Medical School, effective March 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029.

Recommended by:  
Marschall S. Runge, M.D, Ph.D.  
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs  
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:  
Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Nitin B. Jain, M.B.B.S., M.S.P.H. as chair, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation, with tenure, professor of orthopaedic surgery, without tenure, effective February 12, 2024, and as the James W. Rae Collegiate Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Medical School, effective February 12, 2024 through June 30, 2029.

Academic Degrees:
Nitin Jain received his M.B.B.S. in 1998 from Baroda Medical College, Maharaja Sayajirao University, India, and his M.S.P.H. in 2002 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Professional Record:
In 2005, Dr. Jain joined Harvard University and was appointed as an instructor of medicine, in 2011 he was appointed as instructor of orthopaedic surgery. In 2012, he was appointed as an assistant professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation and orthopaedic surgery, and in 2014, an assistant professor of environmental and occupational medicine and epidemiology. In 2014, he became a faculty member at Vanderbilt University as an associate professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation, of orthopedics, , without tenure, and of epidemiology. In 2018, he was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in all three departments. In 2020, he was appointed as a professor, with tenure, of physical medicine and rehabilitation, orthopedics, and population and data sciences at the University of Texas Southwestern (UTSW), and as adjunct professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Vanderbilt University.

Summary of Evaluation:
Dr. Jain is a very highly accomplished clinician-scientist who has achieved the highest level of excellence in teaching, research, and service, and is immensely qualified and accomplished for the role of the chair of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. He has gained
international recognition as a superb sports medicine specialist and is a dedicated educator.

Dr. Jain’s research focuses on shoulder pain and rotator cuff tears, knee pain, regenerative medicine, platelet-rich plasma therapies, ultrasound-guided injections for pain relief, and sports medicine. He has a strong track record of funding and is currently the principal investigator of a Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) grant that is an 18-center randomized controlled trial on arthroscopic rotator cuff repair versus physical therapy without surgery for atraumatic rotator cuff tears. He is also the principal investigator on a National Institutes of Health (NIH) R01 looking at the genetic epidemiology of rotator cuff tears and has a role in the University of Texas Southwestern NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) grant. He has been consistently funded by numerous grants including from the NIH, private, foundation, and institutional sources. Dr. Jain has authored over 100 peer reviewed publications and has presented his work nationally and internationally, including in Columbia, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Dubai, Jamaica, and Switzerland. He currently holds the Dallas Rehabilitation Institute Distinguished Chair in Orthopedic Rehabilitation at UT Southwestern. He received the Carolyn Braddock Ritzler Research Award from the Association of Academic Physiatrists, and the PASSOR Legacy Award and Lectureship from the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Recent and Significant publications:

Dr. Jain has a strong commitment to teaching that is reflected in all aspects of his academic career. He has trained many research mentees including undergraduate and graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, medical students, residents, and faculty members. As a direct result of his mentorship, many of his mentees have published first-author publications. He has participated in numerous workshops or lectures, including being the co-director of the ultrasound cadaver course and the co-director of the interventional sports ultrasound cadaver course. He has been invited to present on Medical Education in Psychiatry for the Association of Academic Physiatrists, and as a STEP US Skills Assess Examiner for the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.
External Reviewers:
Reviewer A: “Dr. Jain has an outstanding record of grant funding and research…His NIH grant has been funded since 2002, an amazing achievement of grant success. The PCORI grant is a complex multi-site clinical trial of surgical versus physical therapy treatment for rotator cuff injuries. He has over 100 peer-reviewed publications. These publications are in leading journals and provide a body of work that has advanced our understanding of rotator cuff injuries and provide evidence for appropriate treatment.”

Reviewer B: “My impressions about Nitin Jain’s works’ quality, quantity, focus, and scholarly impact are very good. He is an active member of our Scientific Societies, presenting papers, serving in committees and publishing high-quality papers…The scholarly publications he presented for this candidature are all of high value, if not outstanding.”

Reviewer C: “Not only has Dr. Jain excelled in research, but he has also provided important service contributions to our discipline. He has contributed significantly at his home institutions at Vanderbilt as well as at University of Texas Southwest through multiple institutional committees. He has also served at a national level at the Association of Academic Physiatrists (AAP) and other national organizations. The work on the research and education committees of the AAP represents significant time investment.”

Reviewer D: “…[he] has a demonstrated commitment to teaching. He is a veteran lecturer at the institutions at which he served on faculty in the past. He also has taught at several local courses for medical students, residents, fellows, and other trainees at the institutions where he served on faculty. Further, he has been invited to present at several dozen regional, national, and international conferences and courses…He provides clinical teaching in his outpatient clinics, as well. Notable are his significant contributions as a research mentor for trainees from a variety of backgrounds and at a variety of levels, including medical students, residents, allied health professionals, and graduate students.”

Reviewer E: “Dr. Jain’s national and international impact has been in the area of spinal cord injury as well as shoulder rotator cuff rehabilitation strategies amongst many other topics. Dr. Jain’s publications in JAMA on the epidemiology of spinal cord injury [are] outstanding as are his numerous publications in the Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery, and JAMA on rotator cuff tear treatment strategies…he is clearly in the top 5% in terms of academic productivity and [sic] national stature.”

Reviewer F: “Dr. Jain has a strong reputation in his field. On study section, for example, his perspectives are often well founded based on the literature and follow a logical thought process. His manuscripts are well received by his colleagues. And finally, he is a practicing scientist, which gives him credibility in the medical school community.”

Dr. Jain’s commitment to service is extensive including many roles both institutionally and nationally. Institutionally, he has numerous leadership positions at the University of Texas Southwestern, including as vice chair of the department of physical medicine and rehabilitation, chief of the musculoskeletal medicine and research section, director of outcomes research, co-director of the musculoskeletal and sports medicine service institutional clinical program, and
director of the musculoskeletal and sports medicine service institutional research program. He has served on the Prosthetics and Orthotics Chair Search Committee and the Promotion and Tenure Committee. He has received two awards for being in the top quartile as a manager from UTSW. Nationally, he has been on numerous study sections including the Department of Defense and the NIH, where he is now a standing member. He is currently the deputy editor of the American Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and associate editor of the Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery. He regularly reviews for 19 scientific journals and his excellence as an “elite reviewer” has been recognized by several journals. He is a member of multiple professional organizations and is on the Evidence-based Practice Shoulder Panel for the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM).

Summary of Recommendations:
Dr. Jain is recognized nationally and internationally for his contributions to the treatment of shoulder pain and rotator cuff tears, knee pain, regenerative medicine, platelet-rich plasma therapies, ultrasound-guided injections for pain relief, and sports medicine. He is an outstanding educator, a productive clinician scientist, and is active in service at the institutional and national levels. He is an outstanding mentor and a prolific clinician-scientist. He is a dynamic, high impact leader who will be a valuable addition to the Medical School. Therefore, I enthusiastically recommend the appointment of Nitin B. Jain, M.B.B.S., M.S.P.H. as chair, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation, with tenure, professor of orthopaedic surgery, without tenure, effective February 12, 2024, and as the James W. Rae Collegiate Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Medical School, effective February 12, 2024 through June 30, 2029.

Recommended by: Recommendation endorsed by:

Marschall S. Runge
Marschall S. Runge, M.D, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
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Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

January 2024

INTERIM APPROVAL
GRANTED
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Ross K. Maddox, Ph.D.

TITLE: Associate Professor of Otolaryngology, Medical School

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2024

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Ross K. Maddox, Ph.D. as associate professor of otolaryngology, with tenure, Medical School, effective January 1, 2024.

Academic Degrees:
Ross Maddox received his B.S. in sound engineering in 2006 from the University of Michigan, his M.S. in 2009, and his Ph.D. 2011, in biomedical engineering from Boston University, Boston, MA.

Professional Record:
In 2016, Dr. Maddox was appointed as an assistant professor of biomedical engineering and neuroscience, and in 2022, was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, at the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY.

Summary of Evaluation:
Dr. Maddox’s research interests focus on the auditory system, including how to improve signal-to-noise ratio, diagnosis of hearing loss in infants, and using modeling to understand human encoding of sounds at the subcortical level. He has developed novel methods to conduct this research, including an invention that reduces data collection time of hearing status. Currently, he is a multi-PI on an R21 from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the PI on an R01 and CAREER award from National Science Foundation (NSF). He has 27 peer-reviewed articles in leading journals such as the Journal of Clinical Neurophysiology, Trends in Hearing, and Frontiers in Science. Dr. Maddox also has four peer-reviewed conference proceedings, which alone, have 400 citations. He has 44 scientific abstracts or posters suggesting active dissemination of his work to the scientific community. He has been invited on 28 occasions to give extramural presentations nationally and internationally, including in Germany, Belgium, and the United Kingdom.

Recent and Significant publications:


Dr. Maddox has an extensive teaching portfolio that includes both didactic teaching and mentoring in research. He served as an instructor for several undergraduate courses in biomedical engineering, including, Signals and Systems (BME320), and Human Neurophysiological Measurement (BME425), and as a guest lecturer for three other courses in biomedical engineering and neuroscience. Dr. Maddox’s teaching evaluations are universally positive. He has mentored undergraduate and graduate students, a post-doctoral fellow, and one visiting scholar. In recognition of his teaching, he was selected by students in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Rochester as Professor of the Year twice (2021, 2022).

**External Reviewers:**

**Reviewer A:** “Dr. Maddox has made important contributions to the better understanding of how the auditory system codes and represents natural stimuli such as speech…He was among the first researchers to demonstrate that reliable auditory brainstem responses (ABR) can be deconvolved from natural speech…He has been very successful with grant applications as principal investigator and is currently the main supervisor of three doctoral students and several undergraduate students. He also collaborates extensively with other colleagues in the field.”

**Reviewer B:** “Dr. Maddox has a history of programmatic research of the highest quality and rigor, and has demonstrated impressive productivity and scholarly leadership…[his] academic and professional service contributions to the field are impressive and making a difference…has developed an impressive track record in his short career to date and established himself as a rising leader in our field. He has clearly made impactful and systematic contributions to the field through his scholarly leadership…”

**Reviewer C:** “Ross’s [sic] strongest assets are his ability to combine seamlessly both a superb intuition and computational skills, with highly sophisticated experimental abilities…within the auditory science community, Ross’s [sic] work especially on the influences on speech perception of viewing lip motion, faces, and other visual cues is highly respected. His ideas and findings have been unconventional, always generating exciting follow up studies. Ross’s [sic] work in these areas is truly interesting and has proven to be a breadth of fresh air, unique both in his focus on the multisensory mechanisms of auditory processing of complex sounds, and in his multidisciplinary approach combining computational and neurophysiological methods.”
Reviewer D: “Dr. Maddox has also performed exceptionally well in acquiring federal funding to perform his research. He successfully converted his postdoctoral NIH K99 to an R00…obtained his first NIH R01 in 2019, and since then added an NIH 21 and an NSF CAREER award to his funding portfolio. These successes alone would confer a rank of associate professor with tenure at many institutions.”

Reviewer E: “Prof. Maddox’s publications will have a lasting input on the hearing-research, as well as human-inspired engineering, fields, because of his strong scientific rigor. His work is not incremental but rather presents clever and innovative ways to improve auditory physiology techniques, always well-founded with experimental validation or in-silico simulations. The quality of this work is presented in several high-level publications… and supported by a strong track record in attracting extramural funding…”

Dr. Maddox has a strong service record. Institutionally, he has served on several departmental committees at the University of Rochester, including as chair of the Graduate Admissions Committee, and as a member of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Committee, and was a grant reviewer for the University’s KL2 program. He has served on an impressive 20 dissertation committees, currently chairing three of these committees. Nationally, he has served on the External Relations Committee for the Association for Research in Otolaryngology, and the Psychological and Physiological Acoustics Technical Committee for the Acoustical Society of America. He has served as an ad hoc study section reviewer for an NIH panel and is a standing member of the Hearing Health Foundation. He performs ad hoc peer reviews for 16 scientific journals. At this early stage, Dr. Maddox will have no major service responsibilities. In his second year, he will be asked to serve on one departmental committee and this service will increase each year.

Summary of Recommendations:
Dr. Maddox is an exceptional researcher who is already making a lasting impact on auditory research. He has an impressive independent career and will be an important addition to the department and the university. He is an excellent teacher and mentor, and he has served on several departmental and national committees. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend Ross K. Maddox, Ph.D. as associate professor of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery, with tenure, Medical School, effective January 1, 2024.

Recommended by: Marschall S. Runge, M.D, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by: Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice
President for Academic Affairs

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Recommendations for approval of reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment

NAME: Kelly M. Askew

CURRENT TITLES: Chair, Department of Anthropology, Niara Sudarkasa Collegiate Professor of Anthropology and Afroamerican and African Studies, Professor of Anthropology, with tenure, Professor of Afroamerican and African Studies, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Law, without tenure, Law School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Chair, Department of Anthropology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Kelly M. Askew as chair, Department of Anthropology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

Kelly M. Askew received her Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1997. Following two years as an assistant professor of anthropology at Indiana University, she joined the Michigan faculty in 1999 as an assistant professor of anthropology and Afroamerican and African studies, was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2004, and to professor in 2015. She was appointed as a professor, without tenure, in the Law School in 2023. Professor Askew was the founding director of the African Studies Center at UM, a position she held from 2008–2018. She is the recipient of the 2009 Harold R. Johnson Diversity Service Award, the author of three monographs (with another under contract) and numerous journal articles and book chapters, and the director of several award-winning documentaries, including *Maasai Remix*, winner of the 2020 Dikalo Award for best feature-length documentary film from the Cannes Film Festival. Professor Askew is a dedicated teacher, and has performed extraordinary service for both her departments, the African Studies Center, the visual and performing arts community, and for anthropological scholars and the lay public alike. She has served as the department chair since 2021.
We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Kelly M. Askew as chair, Department of Anthropology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Kyle D. Logue
Interim Dean, Law School
Douglas A. Kahn Collegiate Professor

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

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ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment

NAME: Timothy A. McKay

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Professor of Physics, with tenure, Professor of Astronomy, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Education, without tenure, Marsal Family School of Education

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027

The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts is pleased to recommend the reappointment of Timothy A. McKay as associate dean for undergraduate education, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

Timothy McKay received his Bachelor of Science at Temple University in 1986 and his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago in 1992. Following a three-year post-doctoral fellowship at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Professor McKay joined the Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1995, was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2001, and to professor in 2007. He was appointed as an Arthur F. Thurnau Professor in 2005. Professor McKay began his career as an experimental physicist and has applied his talents to the analysis of very large data sets obtained using survey techniques in astronomy. He is a data scientist with a background of work in astrophysics, using data to explore topics from ultra-high energy cosmic rays to cosmology. In recent years, he has done more work in learning analytics: using data to understand and improve teaching and learning. He has served as the associate dean for undergraduate education since July 2019.
We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Timothy A. McKay as associate dean for undergraduate education, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

Recommended by: Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Recommendation endorsed by: Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Elizabeth Birr Moje, Dean
George Herbert Mead Collegiate Professor of Education, and Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
Marsal Family School of Education

February 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of a Joint Appointment

NAME: Jonathan T. Overpeck

CURRENT TITLES: Samuel A. Graham Dean, Professor of Environment and Sustainability, with tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability, Professor of Climate and Spaces Sciences and Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, and Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2024

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the College of Engineering and the School for Environment and Sustainability, we are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Jonathan T. Overpeck as professor of Earth and environmental sciences, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024.

Jonathan Overpeck earned his A.B. degree from Hamilton College in 1979 before attending Brown University where he earned his M.Sc. in 1981 and his Ph.D. in 1985. He was a post-doctoral research scientist at Columbia University jointly with the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Sciences (1985-1986), a research scientist at the Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory, now the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University (1985-1990), and a fellow in the Institute for Arctic and Alpine Research (1990-1999). From 1992-2000, he was an adjunct associate professor in the Department of Geosciences at the University of Arizona. In 1999, Professor Overpeck joined the Department of Geosciences at the University of Arizona, Tucson as a professor, with tenure. He joined the faculty in the School for Environment and Sustainability as a professor, with tenure, and as the Samuel A. Graham Dean in 2017.

Dean Overpeck is a paleoclimatologist who uses sedimentological and geochemical evidence to decipher past changes in environmental and hydrological conditions. He has authored more than 220 publications in climate and environmental sciences and served as a coordinating lead author for the Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fourth Assessment (2007). He was also a lead author of the IPCC Fifth Assessment Working Group 2 chapter on terrestrial and inland water systems and summary for policymakers (2014). He has active climate research programs on five continents that are focused on understanding drought and megadrought dynamics (and risk) the world over and has appeared and testified before Congress multiple times. He was awarded the U.S. Department of Commerce Bronze Medal (1994) and Gold Medal (1999), and the American Meteorological Society's Walter Orr Roberts award (2001) for his interdisciplinary research. Dean Overpeck was a Guggenheim Fellow and the American Geophysical Union Bjerknes Lecturer in 2005 and won, with co-authors, the 2008 NOAA Oceanic and Atmospheric Research Outstanding Scientific Paper Award. In 2012, he was appointed as a senior fellow in the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas in the U.S. Department of State. In 2013, he received the Quivira Coalition's Radical Center Award for his work with rural ranchers and land managers and was a fellow of the Victorian Centre for
Climate Change Adaptation Research at the University of Melbourne, Australia. He is also a fellow of AGU and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The majority of Dean Overpeck’s work over the past seven years has been serving the School for Environment and Sustainability in his role as dean. In 2022 he was a member of the BIG10 Academic Alliance Dean’s Leadership Program and he regularly coaches and trains new deans and professors. He has held a joint appointment in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences since 2018, and his expertise in climate and environmental sciences has proven invaluable to faculty and students. In addition to his service on numerous Provost and Presidential committees, Dean Overpeck has helped the department expand research and teaching opportunities, assisted in writing their strategic plan, and has participated in seminars, qualifying exams, and dissertation committees.

Dean Overpeck commits significant time at the interface between science and society to help promote understanding of science and help scientists appreciate broader views, particularly those of decision-makers who must deal with real-world climate variability and change. In this capacity, he is a member of the State of Michigan Governor’s Council on Climate Solutions, the City of Ann Arbor Energy, and Commission, and has been the university director of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Southwest Climate Science Center since 2011. He is a founding member of the Colorado River Research Group, an independent scientific voice for the future of the Colorado River, and serves as a science advisor for Climate Communication, a non-profit science and outreach project. He recently served as member of the U-M President’s Commission on Carbon Neutrality and was a co-principal investigator of the Climate Assessment for the Southwest Project (CLIMAS), one of the several NOAA Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessment (RISA) programs from 2002-2016. Dean Overpeck has been supported by the U.S. Department of Defense and is an active member of the National Academy of Science/National Research Council, serving on several boards and committees throughout his career.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Jonathan T. Overpeck as professor of Earth and environmental sciences, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:  
Anne Curzan, Dean  
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of  
English Language and Literature, Linguistics,  
and Education  
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor  
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:  
Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Steven L. Ceccio, Ph.D.  
Interim Dean  
Vincent T. and Gloria M. Gorguze Professor of Engineering  
College of Engineering

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ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment

NAME: Tad M. Schmaltz

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

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Chair, Department of Philosophy, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Tad M. Schmaltz as chair, Department of Philosophy, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

Tad M. Schmaltz received his Bachelor of Arts from Kalamazoo College in 1983 and his Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame in 1988. Professor Schmaltz began his teaching career as an adjunct assistant professor at Notre Dame (1988-1989) before joining the faculty at Duke University (assistant professor, 1989-1996; associate professor, 1996-2003; professor, 2003-2010) and served as the chair of their philosophy department from 2007-2009. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2010. He has served on numerous department and university committees and on the editorial board of many journals. He was the editor of the Journal of the History of Philosophy, the leading general journal in the field, from 2003-2010, and has been an associate editor of the Journal of the American Philosophical Association since 2014. Professor Schmaltz was appointed as the chair of the Department of Philosophy in 2019.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Tad M. Schmaltz as chair, Department of Philosophy, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of
English Language and Literature, Linguistics
and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Shrinivas Bishu, M.D.

CURRENT TITLE: Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Internal Medicine, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: H. Marvin Pollard Collegiate Professor of Gastroenterology IV, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028

On the recommendation of Raymond Yung, M.B., Ch.B., the Jeffrey B. Halter M.D. Collegiate Professor 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 appointment of Shrinivas Bishu, M.D. as the H. Marvin Pollard Collegiate Professor of Gastroenterology IV, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

The H. Marvin Pollard Collegiate Professorship in Gastroenterology was established in 1995 through contributions from the Ella Mahnken Trust, the Drusilla Farwell Foundation, and the H. Marvin Pollard Trust. In December 2023, this professorship underwent a name change to the H. Marvin Pollard Collegiate Professorship in Gastroenterology IV. Its purpose is to recognize a tenured faculty member specializing in gastroenterology and hepatology, and to support the H. Marvin Pollard Medical Research Institute and an endowed professorship bearing Dr. Pollard’s name. This collegiate professorship was created to support the research activities of the chief of gastroenterology and other initiatives within the division of gastroenterology. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Shrinivas Bishu received his medical degree from the University of Nebraska in 2003. He completed his nuclear medicine residency at the University of California, San Francisco in 2006. During this time, he developed a database of Positron Emission Tomography (PET) of lymphoma, leading to several publications on the utility of PET imaging in non-Hodgkin’s Lymphomas. Dr. Bishu joined the University of Michigan in 2015 as an assistant professor. He runs a lab focused on Th17 tissue resident memory (TRM) T-cells in the intestine. His clinical work is mainly focused on Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD). Dr. Bishu’s lab developed a murine model for Th17 TRM and was the first to link them with IBD. His work is currently funded on nine grants from the NIH, and other industry. They found that Th17 TRM are heterogeneous and contain anti-inflammatory subsets regulated by the intestinal microbiota. They also discovered that these cells engage and protect the intestinal epithelium from injury.
In terms of service, Dr. Bishu serves as the chief of IBD education, and the associate program director of the GI Fellowship in the Department of Internal Medicine. He has been active in other international and national service with committee service positions in the American College of Gastroenterology and the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation. Multiple editorial boards and journal review including the *Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer*, and *Science Immunology*. Service on committees both national and international. His vita lists 48 peer-reviewed publications, generally in high quality clinical journals, as well as four book chapters. He has established strong cross-collaborative networks in the field of GI and has established a national reputation for education and clinical IBD. He has forged strong relationships with the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation (CCF), resulting in leadership in a major CCF research program. Dr. Bishu has an established reputation for managing the clinical IBD program and has consequently been appointed as the clinical director of IBD where his focus has been on building on the considerable strengths of the IBD program and mentoring and supporting junior faculty.

Dr. Bishu has proven to be a dedicated clinical physician, researcher, and educator. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Shrinivas Bishu, M.D. as the H. Marvin Pollard Collegiate Professor of Gastroenterology IV, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

Recommended by: 

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by: 

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Early Career Professorship

NAME: Matthew J. Brody, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Assistant Professor of Pharmacology, and Assistant professor of Internal Medicine, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Pfizer Upjohn Early Career Research Professor of Molecular Pharmacology, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028

On the recommendation of Lori Isom, Ph.D., the Maurice H. Seevers Professor and chair of the Department of Pharmacology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Matthew J. Brody, Ph.D. as the Pfizer Upjohn Early Career Research Professor of Molecular Pharmacology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

The Pfizer Upjohn Early Career Research Professorship in Molecular Pharmacology was established in October 2023 and stems from a gift from the Pfizer Professorship Fund to support the research efforts of tenure track faculty members with the Department of Pharmacology whose research efforts includes clinical or translational work. This professorship will recognize the contributions of the former Upjohn company (now Pfizer) in understanding basic mechanisms of human disease, developing pharmacological agents to treat and prevent human disease, and supporting the former Upjohn Center and Clinical Pharmacology program at the University of Michigan. This professorship is to be held by an assistant professor on the tenure track in the Department of Pharmacology. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Matthew Brody received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 2013. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2019 as an assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacology, with an additional appointment in the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine. Dr. Brody’s research program focuses on understanding the molecular basis of cardiac disorders, including heart failure and hypertrophy, with a specific focus on the role of novel posttranslational modifications such as prenylation and acylation of small G proteins. He has successfully established a well-funded and expertly staffed laboratory. He provides outstanding mentorship to trainees and is an effective didactic teacher. He is establishing a national scientific reputation as a thought leader in cardiovascular pharmacology. Dr. Brody will relinquish his professorship upon promotion to associate professor with tenure, in compliance with Medical School policy.
Dr. Brody is an accomplished researcher, and teacher and mentor. We anticipate and look forward to witnessing his continued growth in an already well-developed early career as his research projects grow and his clinical and teaching opportunities are developed. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Matthew J. Brody, Ph.D. as the Pfizer Upjohn Early Career Research Professor of Molecular Pharmacology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

Recommended by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
On the recommendation of Justin B. Dimick, M.D., M.P.H., the Frederick A. Coller 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 appointment of Andrew C. Chang, M.D. as the Cameron Haight Collegiate Professor of Thoracic Surgery, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

The Cameron Haight Collegiate Professorship in Thoracic Surgery was established in October 2011 through the generosity of alumni and friends of Thoracic Surgery with a gift fund which resides within the section of Thoracic Surgery. It is intended to support the clinical efforts of a tenured member of the section of Thoracic Surgery within the Department of Surgery. The appointment period may be up to five years, and the appointment may be renewed.

Dr. Chang completed medical training at The Johns Hopkins University and residency in general surgery at Vanderbilt University where he served as a chief resident. He completed Thoracic Surgery Residency at the University of Michigan, followed by fellowships in congenital cardiac surgery and general thoracic surgery. Dr. Chang joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2002 as a lecturer in cardiac surgery. He rose through the ranks to professor in 2019. In 2011, he was appointed as the section head for thoracic surgery, and in 2015, as the director for the Thoracic Surgery Integrated Residency Program. He is recognized for his work with lung and esophageal disease. His clinical interests encompass all aspects of general thoracic surgery including thoracic oncology, pulmonary transplantation, minimally-invasive surgery and interventional endoscopy. His research focuses on thoracic oncology, specifically the tumorigenesis of esophageal cancer. Dr. Chang’s research has been well-funded through the NIH, foundation and institutional grants. He has published 150 peer-reviewed articles, and has received numerous awards, including the Academy for Excellence and Scholarship Award in 2015, and the Mark B. Orringer, M.D. Resident Teaching Award in 2018.
Dr. Chang has held a number of clinical and administrative leadership roles including serving as the chair of the Advisory Committee on Appointments, Promotion and Tenure for the Medical School, program director for the Thoracic Surgery residencies and most recently as the head, Section of Thoracic Surgery. He has held a number of national leadership positions for the Society of Thoracic Surgeons and American Association for Thoracic Surgery. He is recognized internationally for his contributions to esophageal cancer care.

Dr. Chang continues to be a highly regarded educator, researcher, and clinician. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Andrew C. Chang, M.D. as the Cameron Haight Collegiate Professor of Thoracic Surgery, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

Recommended by: Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.  Laurie K. McCauley
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs  Provost and Executive Vice Dean, Medical School  President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Joshua H. Cole

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Interim Chair, Department of History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts are pleased to recommend the appointment of Joshua H. Cole as interim chair, Department of History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

Joshua Cole received his doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley in 1991. He began his tenure-track career as an assistant professor at the University of Georgia in 1993 and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2000. He joined the Michigan faculty in 2004 as an associate professor, with tenure, and was promoted to professor in 2014. Professor Cole is a specialist in the social and cultural history of France in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. He is a prolific author of journal articles and book chapter publications, as well as two books, and is a dedicated teacher and mentor. An active member of the LSA community, Professor Cole has served on the Executive Committees of History, Anthro-History, and the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies, as director of the Center for European Studies (2012-2014), and as the acting director of both the Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies (2014) and the International Institute (2018). He is currently the director of graduate studies for the Department of History.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Joshua H. Cole as interim chair, Department of History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

January 2024

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On the recommendation of Charles P. Friedman, Ph.D., Josiah Macy, Jr. Professor and chair of the Department of Learning Health Sciences, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Alexandre F. DaSilva, D.D.S., D.Med.Sc. as professor of learning health sciences, without tenure, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

Professor DaSilva has mentored learners at all levels. Specifically, he has mentored Ph.D. candidates, M.A. candidates, pre-doctoral candidates, undergraduates, and post-doctoral fellows. He has also served on dissertation committees and faculty advisory committees. He has also been active in numerous formal didactics serving as a lecturer, director, and organizer, both at an institutional and national level.

Professor DaSilva’s research focus is on using state-of-the-art neuroimaging techniques to study neuroplasticity and investigate novel therapeutic approaches and mechanisms in chronic trigeminal pain disorders with TMD as the main focus. He has been well funded throughout his career and currently serves as the principal investigator on two R01s from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and a co-investigator on an R35. He has a long history of funding from the NIH, the Center for Human Growth as well as other private and foundation funding. He has published 64 peer reviewed manuscripts, with 46 as first or last author, and has authored 11 book chapters. His work has also been recognized through invitations to deliver over 50 national and 30 international research seminars and presentations. He has received three patents based on his work.

Professor DaSilva has an outstanding service record. Nationally, he is a member of five professional societies, including The American Academy of Orofacial Pain, and the Society for Neuroscience. He serves on many international and national committees. He is on the editorial board of the Journal of Pain Research and performs peer reviews for over 30 journals. He serves as a standing member of the NIH Neurobiology of Pain study section. Additionally, he is the director of the Headache and Orofacial Pain Effort (H.O.P.E.) Lab in the School of Dentistry and director of the UM School of Dentistry Learning Health Systems. He is also the co-founder
and chief scientific officer of MoxyTech. He was just inducted as a faculty member of Chi Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the equivalent of AOA in medicine.

With this joint appointment, Professor DaSilva will strengthen existing research collaborations, and cultivate new ones. He will participate in the teaching and mentorship of students in the Department of Learning Health Sciences. We are pleased, therefore, to recommend the joint appointment of Alexandre F. DaSilva, D.D.S., D.Med.Sc. as professor of learning health sciences, without tenure, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

Recommended by: Marschall S. Runge, M.D, Ph.D. Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by: Laurie K. McCauley Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Jacques E. Nör Dean, School of Dentistry

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ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship

NAME: Deirdre Leong de la Cruz

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

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 her extraordinary achievements, I am delighted to recommend that Deirdre Leong de la Cruz be designated a Thurnau Professor.

A dynamic and popular teacher, Professor de la Cruz creates courses that interweave complex multimedia content related to the histories of Asia, religion, and popular culture. She has developed an impressive number of new and engaging courses in both History and in Asian Languages and Cultures (ALC) that are anchored in her deep expertise in the history of the Philippines, religion, and U.S. colonialism. In both departments, she has made fundamental contributions to the rethinking and development of undergraduate curricula. In ALC, she pushed beyond the department’s traditional focus on language and literature, opening a truly interdisciplinary and exciting teaching space and resulting in a sharp uptake in students interested in Southeast Asia. Professor de la Cruz also played an instrumental role in the creation of History 202, “Doing History,” a large course that exposes principally non-majors to methods, materials, and analytical frameworks employed to understand historical patterns and narratives. Finally, through digital projects such as an online exhibit focused on UM’s involvement in U.S. imperial projects in the Philippines, Professor de la Cruz emphasizes the benefits of collaborative work and the importance of scholarly reflection on the past. Her students come to understand how archives can speak, to ask whose voices are missing, and to question the premises behind the acquisition of a collection. As a result, she is seen as a mentor who “serves as a compass for personal, academic, and professional journeys” for her students.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Sam Erman

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of History, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2024

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of History and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the Law School, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Sam Erman as professor of history, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024.

Sam Erman received his Bachelor of Arts from Harvard University in 2000, his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 2007, and his Ph.D. in American culture from the University of Michigan in 2010. He clerked for Judge Merrick Garland on the D.C. Circuit (2009-2010), and for Justices John Paul Stevens and Anthony Kennedy at the Supreme Court (2010-2011). After his clerkships, Professor Erman spent time at Harvard as the Raoul Berger-Mark DeWolfe Howe Legal History Fellow (2011-2012), and at the Smithsonian Institution as a Latino Studies Fellow (2012-2013). He subsequently joined the faculty at the University of Southern California Law School as an assistant professor, where he was promoted to an associate professor, with tenure, in 2016, and to professor in 2019. He joined the University of Michigan Law School faculty as a professor in 2022.

Professor Erman is a leading legal historian whose research is engaged in the field of U.S. history, focusing on the relationship between the constitution, empire, race, and citizenship. He is the author of Almost Citizens: Puerto Rico, the U.S. Constitution and Empire (Cambridge University Press, 2018). The book, which grew out of his dissertation project, lays out the tragic story of how the United States denied Puerto Ricans full citizenship following annexation of the island in 1898. Professor Erman’s research has also branched out into the legal history of ways that U.S. officials manipulated status categories to conceal and defend shameful policies concerning slavery, indigeneity, race, empire, and immigration, as well as the history of birthright nationality in England, France, and the United States.

Because of his research interests and background, Professor Erman is uniquely positioned to co-lead the U-M Program in Race, History, and Law. This program has become an important bridge between the Department of History and the Law School in recent years and with his leadership, he hopes to build it into a space of even greater interaction and collaboration. The
Law School opens a variety of its courses to History graduate students, and all of Professor Erman’s courses (Legal History Workshop; Race, Law, and History; Critical Race Theory; Status Manipulation and Immigration History; Constitutional Law) are among them. This appointment will position him as a resource and mentor for emerging legal historians. He is also interested in extending his teaching repertoire to undergraduate students in the department.

Professor Erman is active in the American Society for Legal History, serving on several committees since 2014 and, most recently, on the board of directors since 2022. He joined the Culp Colloquium in 2023 and regularly reviews manuscripts for top journals and presses. During his tenure at the University of Southern California, Professor Erman served as the chair or co-chair of a variety of committees and as a member of provost task forces and working groups.

We are very pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Sam Erman as professor of history, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY: Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY: Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Kyle D. Logue
Interim Dean, Law School
Douglas A. Kahn Collegiate Professor

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship

NAME: Anouck R. Girard

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Robotics, with tenure, and Professor of Aerospace Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

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 her extraordinary achievements, I am delighted to recommend that Anouck R. Girard be designated a Thurnau Professor.

Professor Girard’s innovative teaching and deep engagement with outreach have created profound changes in the aerospace engineering curriculum and the new robotics major. In response to student interest, she redesigned the introductory aerospace engineering course (AEROSP 201) in 2021, shifting the focus from aircraft to spacecraft and incorporating best practices for hybrid teaching. Covering a stunning breadth of topics, the course now prepares students for success in required 300-level courses. As a result, students are now capable of much more sophisticated designs by their senior year. As enrollments have risen, so too has the workload of grading project-based assignments. She has met this challenge by creating clear rubrics and enlisting the support of a team of undergraduate instructional assistants and graders. During her career, she has mentored 45 undergraduate students in independent research projects, and she promotes and relies on their capabilities. With undergraduate students, Professor Girard has put together high-profile and effective K-12 initiatives to attract more diverse students to engineering. Undergraduates develop new activities and conduct most workshops, leading one student to write, “working for her has increased my self-confidence, developed my leadership skills, shaped my professional actions, and continues to feed my drive for knowledge.” More than 2,500 K-12 participants have explored engineering since 2017 through creative and innovative activities like “Quadcopter Quidditch.” These efforts have garnered College of Engineering awards that recognize her groundbreaking accomplishments and contributions to STEM through outreach.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship

NAME: Nicholas C. Henriksen

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Spanish, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Linguistics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

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 Nicholas C. Henriksen be designated a Thurnau Professor.

Professor Henriksen’s pedagogy skillfully integrates research, teaching, curricular development, and DEI initiatives. He cultivates students’ enthusiasm for Spanish language study and nurtures their capacity for linguistics research. A carefully crafted course sequence moves students from analyzing linguistic patterns to understanding phonetics and phonology. In his advanced courses, students explore the social significance of language variation and forms of linguistic injustice that intertwine with race, indigeneity, gender, disability, class, and nationality. Students thus develop a comprehensive understanding of linguistics within their social and cultural contexts. His efforts have significantly boosted enrollments in linguistics and diversified the curriculum for Spanish majors and minors. He has secured teaching grants and built collaborations to provide hand-on research experiences for students. In 2015, Professor Henriksen co-founded the Speech Production Lab, through which more than 150 students have engaged in research through independent studies, honors theses, the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, work-study programs, or paid internships. This body of work has generated 12 publications co-authored with current and former undergraduate students. Professor Henriksen also has served on several committees within his department and across the college that promote a more welcoming, supportive, and inclusive academic community for all students. This includes pioneering work on gender inclusivity in language instruction. Reflecting on his advocacy for teaching nonbinary language forms, one student notes, “Not only does this change reflect real-world shifts in romance languages, but it welcomes students who previously felt excluded by a strict gender binary.”

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: David T. Hughes, M.D.

CURRENT TITLE: Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: James Lynd, M.D. Research Professor, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028

On the recommendation of Justin B. Dimick, M.D., M.P.H., the Frederick A. Coller 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 appointment of David T. Hughes, M.D. as the James Lynd, M.D. Research Professor, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

The James Lynd, M.D. Research Professorship was established in October 2023 and stems from the James Lynd, M.D. Research Professorship Fund to support the research, clinical, and outreach efforts of a distinguished faculty member within the Department of Surgery with a preference given to graduates of the University of Michigan Medical School. This professorship will recognize James Lynd’s contribution to the Department of Surgery and be held by a distinguished faculty member in the Department of Surgery. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

David Hughes received his medical degree from the Creighton University School of Medicine with Alpha Omega Alpha honors in 2003. He completed his internship and residency in general surgery at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in New Hampshire in 2009. After completing the Norman Thompson Endocrine Surgery Fellowship at the University of Michigan, he served as an assistant professor of Surgery at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, New York. Dr. Hughes joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as a clinical assistant professor in the Department of surgery in 2012 and has risen through the ranks to become a clinical associate professor in 2018.

During his time at Michigan, Dr. Hughes has played a leadership role in helping create a surgery training program that is one of the most diverse, inclusive, and forward-thinking programs in the country. This program is known nationally to represent a model for surgical training because it has a positive culture, provides exceptional education and is supportive of our residents in their professional and personal journey towards becoming surgeons and leaders throughout their careers. His scholarly work in medical education has helped other programs throughout the country mirror what has been done to the betterment of surgical training nationally.
Dr. Hughes’ clinical interests include surgical diseases of the endocrine system including the thyroid, parathyroids, adrenals and pancreas. He has a particular interest and experience in the diagnosis and treatment of papillary thyroid cancer and has a surgical practice focused solely upon the treatment of routine and complex endocrine disorders. Dr. Hughes receives research funding from the University of Michigan Medical School GME Innovations Program. His research has been published in prominent journals such as the *World Journal of Surgery*, *Annals of Surgical Oncology*, and the *Journal of American Surgery*. He lists 47 peer reviewed journals, alongside 10 book chapters. He is an active member of several national societies, including the American Association of Endocrine Surgeons, the American College of Surgeons, and the American Thyroid Association.

Dr. Hughes has proven to be an outstanding researcher, educator, and clinician. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of David T. Hughes, M.D. as the James Lynds, M.D. Research Professor, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

Recommended by: 

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by: 

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Emily M. Jutkiewicz, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Pharmacology, with tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Pfizer Upjohn Research Professor of Translational Pharmacology, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028

On the recommendation of Lori Isom, Ph.D., the Maurice H. Seegers Professor and chair of the Department of Pharmacology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Emily M. Jutkiewicz, Ph.D. as the Pfizer Upjohn Research Professor in Translational Pharmacology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

The Pfizer Upjohn Research Professorship in Translational Pharmacology was established in October 2023 and stems from a gift from the Pfizer Professorship Fund to support the research efforts of tenure track faculty members with the Department of Pharmacology whose research efforts includes clinical or translational work. This professorship will recognize the contributions of the former Upjohn company (now Pfizer) in understanding basic mechanisms of human disease, developing pharmacological agents to treat and prevent human disease, and supporting the former Upjohn Center and Clinical Pharmacology program at the University of Michigan. This professorship is to be held by a tenured faculty member of the Department of Pharmacology. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Emily Jutkiewicz received her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 2004 and joined our tenure track faculty in 2013 as an assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacology and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2019. She is also an associate chair in the Department of Pharmacology. Her research has made important contributions to our understanding of opioid mechanisms contributing to analgesia and depression, the role of endogenous opioid peptides and delta opioid receptors in generating and maintaining the salience of drug-paired cues to perpetuate addiction and induce relapse, and the long-term consequences of exposure to drugs of abuse during adolescence. She discovered that the delta opioid receptor system can modulate behavior and neurobiological activity related to emotional control and reward processes.
In addition to leading a productive research program and providing outstanding mentorship to trainees, Dr. Jutkiewicz provides outstanding service to the Department of Pharmacology, the Program in Biomedical Sciences, and Rackham Graduate School as an associate chair for education in pharmacology and chair of the Pharmacology Graduate Program and Pharmacology Education Leadership Committees. She has 71 peer-reviewed publications, generally in high quality clinical journals, with a high percentage of first and senior author publications. She also holds two patents and serves on multiple committees on both the national and international level.

Dr. Jutkiewicz has proven to be an accomplished researcher and educator. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Emily M. Jutkiewicz, Ph.D. as the Pfizer Upjohn Research Professor in Translational Pharmacology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

Recommended by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

February 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Michael R. Meyer

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Physics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2024

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Physics and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Michael R. Meyer as professor of physics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024.

Michael Meyer received his Bachelor of Arts at Washington University, St. Louis in 1989, his Master of Science at the University of Missouri, St. Louis in 1991, and his doctorate at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 1996. Professor Meyer began his research career as a member of the scientific staff at the Max-Planck-Institut für Astronomie in Heidelberg (1995-1997) and as a research fellow at the Steward Observatory, University of Arizona (1997-2000). He was appointed as an assistant professor and astronomer at the University of Arizona in 2000 and promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2006. In 2009, he accepted an appointment as a professor of star and planet formation at the Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule (ETH) in Zürich. He joined our faculty as a professor in 2016.

Professor Meyer has extensive international research experience in infrared astronomy, galactic astrophysics, and star and planet formation, as well as exoplanet research including instrumentation experience for several ground and space-based telescope instruments. He was the PI of one of the first Spitzer Space Telescope Legacy Science Programs “Formation and Evolution of Planetary Systems” (2001-2009), and the deputy PI for the University of Arizona Laplace node of the NASA Astrobiology Institute (2003-2008). Professor Meyer is the recipient of several awards, most recently as part of a team who received the European Space Agency Commendation in 2020. His training as a physicist, previous appointment in the physics department at ETH Zürich, and his lab space in Homer Neal uniquely position him to enhance research collaboration efforts with faculty in the department.

Professor Meyer is a distinguished teacher and mentor. He has taught twenty-four distinct courses for non-science majors, upper division physics and astronomy majors, and graduate students during his career. He has spoken twice at Saturday Morning Physics and currently leads
an effort to create an inclusive space for Pell Grant holders, first-generation college students, and community college transfer students. Professor Meyer has also mentored over forty Ph.D. students and post-doctoral fellows since 2001, including physics students in recent years.

Professor Meyer currently serves as the chair of the executive committee of the NASA Exoplanet Analysis Group (ExoPAG), the NASA Astrophysics Division Advisory Committee, and the Scientific Oversight Committee of the Dutch Space Agency (SRON). He serves on the US-ELT Program Advisory Committee, the National Science Foundation Optical/Infrared (Ground-based Astronomy) Laboratory Strategic Advisory Committee, and two International Science Definition Teams for the TMT Project. He has served on the Department of Astronomy’s DEI committee for three years—and has chaired the group twice—and as the department’s DEI representative for the college. In addition to his extensive service to the department as the undergraduate advisor, associate chair of the graduate program, and chair and member of several committees including the Extremely Large Telescope Initiative Committee, Professor Meyer has also served on the Faculty Senate Assembly and as a member of the University of Michigan Space Institute Leadership Team from 2017-2020.

We are very pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Michael R. Meyer as professor of physics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:  

Anne Curzan, Dean  
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education  
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor  
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:  

Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Kamran M. Mirza, M.B.B.S., Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLE: Clinical Professor, Department of Pathology, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Godfrey D. Stobbe Professor of Pathology Education, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028

On the recommendation of Charles A. Parkos, M.D., Ph.D., the Carl V. Weller Professor and chair of the Department of Pathology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Kamran M. Mirza, M.B.B.S., Ph.D as the Godfrey D. Stobbe Professor of Pathology Education, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

The Godfrey D. Stobbe Professorship in Pathology Education was established in March 1995 through a bequest from the estate of Godfrey D. Stobbe, M.D. Dr. Stobbe was a 1939 Medical School graduate who had a long affiliation with the Department of Pathology at the University of Michigan. Throughout his career, Dr. Stobbe attended continuing medical education programs sponsored by the Department of Pathology. This professorship was established to honor Dr. Stobbe’s commitment to medical education. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Kamran Mirza received his M.B.B.S. from Aga Khan University Medical College, Krachi, Pakistan in 2003 and his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2010. He completed his residency training in anatomic and clinical pathology at the University of Chicago in 2012 and fellowship training in Hematopathology and Medical Education at the University of Chicago in 2014. Upon completion of residency and fellowship training, Dr. Mirza joined the faculty at Loyola University Health System in 2015 where he most recently served as the medical director in Medical Laboratory Science, hematopathology fellowship director and vice chair of education and academic affairs in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. Dr. Mirza joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in January 2024, as a clinical professor in the Department of Pathology and director of the division of education programs.

Dr. Mirza has received many honors including the ASCP Foundation Laboratory Science Program Director Grant (2018), inaugural recipient of the M. Brownell Anderson Award for New and Emerging Educators from the AAMC (2020), H.P. Smith Award for Distinguished Pathology Educator, American Society of Clinical Pathology (2021) and the 2023 Steve and Rebecca Chen...
Endowed Lectureship, University of New Mexico. Dr. Mirza is board certified in anatomic and clinical pathology and hematology/Hematopathology.

As the director of the division of education programs and assistant chair of education, Dr. Mirza will provide administrative leadership for pathology’s graduate, residency, and fellowship programs. Dr. Mirza brings international recognition as a leader in his field, has lectured widely and published 58 peer-reviewed articles, two books and 36 book chapters and 49 abstracts/posters.

Dr. Mirza is an internationally renowned pathologist and is a fitting recipient of this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Kamran M. Mirza, M.B.B.S., Ph.D. as the Godfrey D. Stobbe Professor of Pathology Education, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

Recommended by: Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by: Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

February 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Laurel E. Moore, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Clinical Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, and Clinical Professor, Department of Neurosurgery, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Interim Senior Associate Dean for Faculty and Faculty Development, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 15, 2024

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Laurel E. Moore, M.D. as interim senior associate dean for faculty and faculty development, Medical School, effective January 15, 2024.

Laurel Moore received her M.D. degree in 1986 from the University of Michigan Medical School. She completed an internship year at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, MI (1987) before attending Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, MD to complete a residency in anesthesiology (1990) and a fellowship in neuroanesthesia/neurocritical Care (1991). Dr. Moore was appointed to the faculty at Johns Hopkins as an instructor of anesthesiology in 1991 and was promoted to assistant professor in 1992. In 2007, she joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as a clinical assistant professor and was promoted to clinical associate professor in 2013. She was jointly appointed to the Department of Neurosurgery in 2016. Dr. Moore was promoted to clinical professor in 2019.

Dr. Moore has been involved extensively in administrative and service activities. She served as the director of the Division of Neuroanesthesiology (2012-2020) and was the MPlan medical director for University Hospital Operating Rooms (2019-2023). Dr. Moore is currently the associate clinical director for the Department of Anesthesiology and the assistant dean for clinical faculty at the Medical School.

I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the appointment of Laurel E. Moore, M.D. as interim senior associate dean for faculty and faculty development, Medical School, effective January 15, 2024.

Recommended by: Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D. Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by: Laurie K. McCauley Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

INTERIM APPROVAL GRANTED
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Stephanie Parks Taylor, M.D., M.S.

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: J. Griswold Ruth, M.D. and Margery Hopkins Ruth Research Professor of Internal Medicine, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028

On the recommendation of Raymond Yung, MB, ChB, the Jeffrey B. Halter M.D. Collegiate Professor 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 appointment of Stephanie Parks Taylor, M.D., M.S. as the J. Griswold Ruth, M.D. and Margery Hopkins Ruth Research Professor of Internal Medicine, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

The J. Griswold Ruth, M.D. and Margery Hopkins Ruth Research Professorship in Internal Medicine was established in December 2023 from a split of excess funds from the J. Griswold Ruth, M.D. and Margery Hopkins Ruth Professorship in Internal Medicine. This professorship will recognize and support a faculty member with research in internal medicine. This professorship is to be held by faculty member in the Department of Internal Medicine. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Stephanie Parks Taylor received her medical degree from the University of South Florida College of Medicine in 2006 as the valedictorian. She would later receive her MSc in 2013 from the same university. Dr. Parks Taylor completed her residency training in Diagnostic Radiology but quickly discovered her passion for Internal Medicine and its ample clinical research prospects. In 2009, she successfully completed her Internal Medicine Residency, assuming the role of chief medical resident, and obtained her master’s degree in clinical and translational research in 2012. Her studies focused on analyzing large data sets, developing prediction models, and researching into behavioral economics. Following faculty positions at the University of South Florida and at Wake Forest School of Medicine, Dr. Parks Taylor joined the University of Michigan in 2023, where she was appointed as a professor, with tenure, and as the chief of the Division of Hospital Medicine.

Dr. Parks Taylor’s research improves outcomes for patients with sepsis. By embedding research into routine clinical care, she produces results that translate knowledge into direct improvements in patient care. She uses advanced modeling to develop accurate diagnoses for sepsis and to understand and mitigate health disparities in care. Dr. Parks Taylor develops and implements interventions to improve recovery for sepsis survivors. Her innovative Sepsis Transition and
Recovery program is the first intervention to improve mortality and rehospitalization among sepsis survivors. Since 2018, Dr. Parks Taylor has had NIH funding for her work. She lists 70 peer reviewed publications and provides service to multiple committees on both the national and institutional level.

Dr. Parks Taylor has proven to be a dedicated clinical physician, researcher, and educator. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Stephanie Parks Taylor, M.D., M.S. as the J. Griswold Ruth, M.D. and Margery Hopkins Ruth Research Professor of Internal Medicine, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

Recommended by: Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:
Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts are pleased to recommend the appointment of Laura Ruetsche as acting chair, Department of Philosophy, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Laura Ruetsche received her Bachelor of Arts from Carleton College in 1987, her Bachelor of Philosophy from Oxford University in 1989, and her Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh in 1995. She began her teaching career as an assistant professor at Middlebury College in 1995 and was appointed as an assistant professor at the University of Pittsburgh in 1996, where she was promoted to associate professor in 2003. She joined the Michigan faculty in 2008 as a professor. Her book, Interpreting Quantum Theories (Oxford University Press), won the 2013 Lakatos Award, the highest international award in philosophy of science. She regularly publishes in Philosophy of Science, the leading philosophy journal in the world. Her research essays are considered required reading for graduate students. Professor Ruetsche brings a rare degree of versatility to her teaching, with courses in feminist epistemology, logic, philosophy of language, and philosophy of mind. She previously served as the chair of the Department of Philosophy from 2011-2014.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Laura Ruetsche as acting chair, Department of Philosophy, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D., as the McKay Professor, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

The McKay Professorship was established in September 2023 through a split from the Frank D. McKay and Agnes C. McKay Medical Research Foundation Endowment, in support of general medical research to further the greater good of humanity. This professorship supports a faculty member performing medical research within the Medical School. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Marschall Runge earned his bachelor’s degree in biology and a Ph.D. in molecular biology from Vanderbilt University. He received his M.D. from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, where he also completed an internship and residency in internal medicine. He completed fellowship training in cardiology at Massachusetts General Hospital and joined the faculty of Harvard Medical School as an instructor in medicine, before moving to Emory University in 1989 as an associate professor of medicine. In 1994, Dr. Runge joined the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston as a professor of internal medicine, and he also served as director of cardiology and director of the Sealy Center for Molecular Cardiology. Dr. Runge was later appointed as the chair of medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and subsequently as executive dean of the School of Medicine and director of the North Carolina Translational and Clinical Sciences Institute. Dr. Runge joined the University of Michigan in March 2015 as the executive vice president for medical affairs and chief executive officer of the health system, and professor of internal medicine, with tenure, in the Medical School. He was appointed as the dean of the Medical School in January 2016.

Dr. Runge is recognized for his research in the area of oxidative stress and atherosclerosis. He has received over $30 million in grant funding, has published more than 200 articles, and holds five patents related to his research. His expertise is additionally evidenced by 139 external invited presentations and participation on several editorial boards, including *Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis*
and Vascular Biology, Biochemistry, Blood, Circulation, Circulation Research, JAMA, and the New England Journal of Medicine. In 2010, Dr. Runge received the American College of Cardiology Distinguished Translational Scientist Award. It is among a bevy of awards garnered throughout his career that include the Johns Hopkins University Distinguished Alumni Award (2019) and being named one of Becker’s Great Healthcare Leaders (2023) and to C-Suite’s Top 25 Hospital Executives (2023). Dr. Runge is the past president of the American Heart Association, Galveston Island Division, and the Paul Dudley White Society at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. Runge is an exceptionally accomplished clinician, scientist, and academic leader with outstanding impact on academic medicine, including his profound contributions to advancing research, education and clinical care at the University of Michigan and Michigan Medicine. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D. as the McKay Professor, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST:  Additional Appointment to an Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship

NAME:  LaKisha M. Simmons

CURRENT TITLES:  Associate Professor of Women’s and Gender Studies, with tenure, and
Associate Professor of History, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE:  Arthur F. Thurnau Professor

EFFECTIVE DATE:  July 1, 2024

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 LaKisha M. Simmons be designated a Thurnau Professor.

Named a Distinguished Lecturer by the Organization of American Historians, Professor Simmons is transforming scholarship and students in powerful ways by centering voices that were historically hard to hear. Over the course of 10 semesters, she has taught 10 different undergraduate courses, ranging from small seminars to 300-student lectures. She is particularly interested in cultivating students’ knowledge about American history and the development of the concept of U.S. citizenship in relationship to sexism, racism, and colonialism. Her courses invite students to connect their own family histories to larger social and political changes, to craft narratives about underrecognized Black historical figures and experiences, and to contribute to public platforms where history is discussed. In one project, students researched prominent Black American women and composed Wikipedia articles to address the gap in representation. Students commented on the feeling of authority these assignments gave them. For students of color who felt themselves to be on the margins of the university, it was an opportunity to author public history. Professor Simmons’s influence on undergraduate education extends beyond her own classroom. She teaches two courses on history pedagogy for graduate student instructors. She makes time to mentor numerous undergraduates and conduct outreach initiatives in the community, and she is working with the State of Michigan’s Department of Education to develop a webinar series with new resources and perspectives on teaching comprehensive history for elementary and secondary school educators.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship

NAME: Sara B. Soderstrom

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Organizational Studies, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, Associate Professor of Environment and Sustainability, without tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability, and Associate Professor of Management and Organizations, without tenure, Stephen M. Ross School of Business

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

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 their extraordinary achievements, I am delighted to recommend that Sara B. Soderstrom be designated a Thurnau Professor.

A celebrated teacher and expert on corporations and environmental sustainability, Professor Soderstrom challenges her students to find answers that will allow both businesses and our biosphere to thrive. She has supported their ability to do this work by building a campus infrastructure in little more than a decade while simultaneously earning six different teaching awards. She proved the existence of considerable untapped student demand when her Business and the Environment (OS 208) course scaled from 67 students in 2014 to around 200 students each winter. One student described her teaching as “able to take a notoriously nebulous topic–sustainability–and create structure that was both concrete and provided space for creativity.” Her reworked Sustainable Campus (ENV 391) course fosters project-based relationships between groups of students and university organizations. Furthermore, she has directly mentored over 160 students as research assistants, on independent studies, for honors theses, and for applied internship research. She also created Business, Sustainability, and Justice (ENV 419), a seminar where students engage with questions of power and privilege and envision a future of equitable sustainability. In 2020, she inaugurated the Erb Undergraduate Fellows Program, thereby opening to undergraduates an initiative of the Ross School of Business and the School of Environment and Sustainability that has served masters students for 25 years. Recently appointed as the director of the Program in the Environment, she is encouraging collaboration among schools to increase the quantity and quality of undergraduate education in sustainability across UM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
On the recommendation of Raymond Yung, MB, ChB, the Jeffrey B. Halter M.D. Collegiate Professor 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 appointment of Jason R. Spence, Ph.D. as the H. Marvin Pollard Professor of Gastrointestinal Sciences, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

The H. Marvin Pollard Professorship in Gastrointestinal Sciences was established in 2008 through funds generated from the H. Marvin Pollard Professorship endowment. This professorship supports the activities of an internationally recognized expert in gastrointestinal sciences. The purpose of this professorship is to recognize a tenured faculty member specializing in gastroenterology and hepatology.

Jason Spence completed his Ph.D. in 2006 from Miami University (Ohio). Following his Ph.D., he conducted a post-doctoral research fellowship in the laboratory of Jim Wells at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, where he shifted his research focus to understanding mechanisms of embryonic development in endoderm-derived tissue, such as the pancreas, liver, and intestine. In 2011, Dr. Spence became a faculty member at the University of Michigan Medical School as an assistant professor and rose to the rank of professor in 2021. He also has appointments in the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology and the Department of Biomedical Engineering. Additionally, Dr. Spence serves as the director of the Translational Tissue Modeling Laboratory (TTML), which focuses on enabling researchers within the Michigan Medicine community to incorporate human tissue models into their research program.
Dr. Spence’s research interests lie in the fields of developmental biology and regenerative biology. His laboratory focuses on understanding the process of embryonic development, including how undifferentiated cells make decisions to become specific cell or tissue types, how cells work together to form complex tissues, and how cellular communication regulates biological processes. To further this understanding, the Spence lab manipulates human stem cells to generate lung and intestinal organoids, which are three-dimensional models of human tissue grown in a culture dish. These organoids serve as valuable tools for studying human development, diseases, and testing potential treatments. Dr. Spence has made significant contributions to stem cell biology and organoid culture, resulting in numerous scientific publications and several patents (or pending patents) related to these innovative technologies. His groundbreaking research has gained recognition both nationally and internationally, establishing him as a leader in the field of stem cells and human organoids. He has secured substantial funding from foundations and government agencies and has formed commercial partnerships with multiple companies.

One of Dr. Spence’s primary interests is guiding graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. He has effectively mentored numerous individuals who have achieved successful careers in both academia and industry. He also lists 127 peer reviewed articles, along with seven patents. Dr. Spence actively participates in graduate education and co-directs a hybrid graduate course that focuses on teaching students about organogenesis, stem cells, and grant writing.

Dr. Spence has continued his distinguished career as a leader in the field of gastroenterology. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Jason R. Spence, Ph.D. as the H. Marvin Pollard Professor of Gastrointestinal Sciences, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

Recommended by: Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.  Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs  Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by: Laurie K. McCauley  Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Unendowed Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Mieko Yoshihama

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Social Work, with tenure, School of Social Work

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Edith A. Lewis Collegiate Professor of Social Work, School of Social Work

EFFECTIVE DATES: June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2029

With the approval of the Executive Committee of the School of Social Work, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Mieko Yoshihama as the Edith A. Lewis Collegiate Professor of Social Work, School of Social Work, for a five-year renewable term, effective June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2029.

This professorship was established in the Provost Office and was named the Edith A. Lewis Collegiate Professorship in Social Work in November 2021. This esteemed professorship is a tribute to the illustrious professional and academic trajectory of Edith A. Lewis, a distinguished figure in the field of social work and a revered member of the School of Social Work faculty. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Mieko Yoshihama earned her B.A. in literature and linguistics from Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan, in 1984, her M.S.W. from the University of California, Los Angeles, and her Ph.D. in social welfare from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1996. In 2020, she attained an Executive Master’s in consultation and coaching for change from INSEAD (Institut Européen d’Administration des Affaires) in Fontainebleau, France.

Professor Yoshihama boasts a distinguished career in the field of academic social work, particularly renowned for her contributions to the study of domestic violence and its prevention, both within the United States and on the international stage. Her research methodologies are characterized by their diversity, rigor, and creativity, often employing participatory approaches with ties to social action and activism. Her prolific publication record includes extensive contributions, and noteworthy among them is an article recognized as the Best Violence Research Article in the highly selective journal, Psychology of Violence.

Professor Yoshihama joined the School of Social Work in 1996 as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor in 2002, and to professor in 2010. Throughout this period, she undertook additional roles, serving as a visiting professor at the Université Paris Diderot in Paris, France, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Furthermore, Professor Yoshihama held appointments as a visiting scholar at the Japan Lutheran College Graduate School of Social Work and the Ochanomizu University Frontiers of Gender Studies (F-GENS) in Tokyo, Japan.

Since her inception at the School of Social Work, Professor Yoshihama has played a pivotal role in spearheading initiatives related to diversity, equity, and inclusion, not only within the school but also across the broader university. Her exceptional contributions in this domain have garnered recognition,
with the prestigious Sarah Goddard Power Award and the Harold R. Johnson Diversity Service Award from the University of Michigan being among the accolades she has received for her dedicated service.

Professor Yoshihama is revered as both a beloved teacher and mentor, showcasing exemplary leadership in the development of global pathways. Her influential role extends to the cultivation of knowledge aimed at guiding the implementation of Privilege, Oppression, Diversity, and Social Justice in curriculum and teaching. In a testament to her outstanding contributions, Professor Yoshihama was bestowed with the esteemed Distinguished Faculty Award by the School of Social Work in 2021. This accolade stands as a recognition of her unwavering dedication to scholarship, teaching, and exceptional service to both the school and its students.

Professor Yoshihama’s research endeavors are concentrated on the multifaceted realms of violence against women and immigrants, mental health, and community organizing. Over the past 25 years, she has seamlessly amalgamated research and social action at local, state, national, and international levels. Professor Yoshihama’s primary focus lies in the prevention of gender-based violence and the advancement of safety and well-being for marginalized populations and communities.

In her extensive research portfolio spanning both the U.S. and Japan, Professor Yoshihama employs diverse methodological approaches. Her methodologies range from participatory action research to surveys with intricate sampling designs, from epidemiologic investigations to intervention/prevention research. Notable projects include a nationwide survey in Japan, a study of Japanese American women in Los Angeles, and Life History Calendar studies of battered women in Michigan, Tokyo, and San Francisco.

Within Michigan, Professor Yoshihama directs participatory action research projects, rallying local community members to organize and mobilize for collective action against domestic violence. A recent initiative involves the development, implementation, and evaluation of a comprehensive communications campaign in a local Indian community. Beyond her academic pursuits, Professor Yoshihama actively contributes to the field, serving on the steering committee of the Asian and Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence and participating in advisory committees for various organizations dedicated to ending domestic violence.

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Mieko Yoshihama as the Edith A. Lewis Collegiate Professor of Social Work, School of Social Work, for a five-year renewable term, effective June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2029.

Recommended by:  

Beth Angell  
Dean and Professor of Social Work  
School of Social Work

Recommendation endorsed by:

Laurie McCauley,  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
Recommendations for approval of leaves of absence
for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Extension of Leave of Absence

NAME: Siqian M. Shen

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering, with
tenure, and Professor of Civil and Environmental
Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

TYPE OF LEAVE: Intergovernmental Personnel Assignment

DATES OF CURRENT LEAVE: February 27, 2023 through February 26, 2024

TIME EXTENSION REQUESTED: February 27, 2024 through February 26, 2025

It is recommended that Siqian M. Shen be granted an extension of leave of absence, effective
February 27, 2024 through February 26, 2025.

Professor Shen has been on a leave of absence serving as a program director for the ENG
Directorate/CMMI Division’s Civil Infrastructure Systems program at the National Science
Foundation (NSF). She will continue in this role, managing proposals submitted to this program
and related solicitations at the NSF. We believe the University of Michigan will benefit from her
continued involvement in this initiative.

We request approval of this extension of leave of absence for Siqian M. Shen.

RECOMMENDED BY: RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Steven L. Ceccio, Ph.D. Laurie K. McCauley
Interim Dean Provost and Executive Vice
Vincent T. and Gloria M. Gorguze Professor President for Academic Affairs
of Engineering
College of Engineering

February 2024
Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic and administrative positions.
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Change in Title of an Existing Administrative Title

CURRENT TITLE: Executive Director of Research Analytics, Office of the Vice President for Research

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Associate Vice President for Research-Institutional Capabilities and Research Intelligence, Office of the Vice President for Research

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2024

The Office of the Vice President for Research wishes to recommend a change in title of an existing administrative title from executive director of research analytics, to associate vice president for research-institutional capabilities and research intelligence, Office of the Vice President for Research, effective February 1, 2024.

The Office of the Vice President for Research works with internal and external partners to catalyze, support, and safeguard research and scholarship across UM and seeks to strengthen and improve the university’s research competitiveness and ultimately, the societal impact of scholarship. Through the use of responsive, rigorously developed, integrated data, the associate vice president for research-institutional capabilities and research intelligence will partner with the vice president for research and innovation and other members of university leadership to understand and address emerging problems and opportunities relevant to the university’s research, scholarly, and creative mission. This position reports to the vice president for research and innovation. Expanded responsibilities will include the oversight of the Research Analysis and Data Integration Office based in the Office of the Vice President for Research, production of data and visualizations to support the cyclical reporting needs of stakeholders, interpretation and reporting of long-term retrospective and prospective evaluation studies of programmatic investments in research by the university and other funders, and consultation with research leaders and research development professionals to contribute expertise to and support decision-making for both strategic purposes and specific projects or initiatives, including understanding and assessing existing institutional capabilities related to UM’s research mission.

Appointments to the associate vice president for research-institutional capabilities and research intelligence will be made by the vice president for research and innovation. We therefore recommend the change in title of an existing administrative title from executive director of research analytics, to associate vice president for research-institutional capabilities and research intelligence, Office of the Vice President for Research, effective February 1, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rebecca Cunningham
Vice President for Research and Innovation

February 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Willard C. Blackney Jr. and Geraldine LaTendresse Blackney Clinician-Educator Professorship in Geriatric Psychiatry, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2024

On the recommendation of Gregory W. Dalack, M.D., the Daniel E. Offutt III Professor and chair of the Department of Psychiatry, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment in the Department of Psychiatry of an endowed professorship as the Willard C. Blackney Jr. and Geraldine LaTendresse Blackney Clinician-Educator Professorship in Geriatric Psychiatry, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

The Willard C. Blackney Jr. and Geraldine LaTendresse Blackney Clinician-Educator Professorship in Geriatric Psychiatry stems from a generous gift from Geraldine LaTendresse Blackney. Geraldine Blackney held both a bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Michigan. This professorship will recognize and support a faculty member who demonstrates excellence as a geriatric psychiatry clinician and educator. This professorship honors the legacy of Geraldine LaTendresse Blackney, a grateful patient of the geriatric psychiatry clinic, and her late husband, Willard C. Blackney, Jr. The holder of this professorship will be a tenured or senior clinical track faculty member of the Department of Psychiatry. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

I am pleased to recommend the establishment of an endowed professorship in the Department of Psychiatry as the Willard C. Blackney Jr. and Geraldine LaTendresse Blackney Clinician-Educator Professorship in Geriatric Psychiatry, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

Recommended by: Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by: Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Research Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Willard C. Blackney Jr. and Geraldine LaTendresse Blackney Research Professorship in Geriatric Psychiatry, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2024

On the recommendation of Gregory W. Dalack, M.D., the Daniel E. Offutt III Professor and chair of the Department of Psychiatry, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment in the Department of Psychiatry of a research professorship as the Willard C. Blackney Jr. and Geraldine LaTendresse Blackney Research Professorship in Geriatric Psychiatry, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

The Willard C. Blackney Jr. and Geraldine LaTendresse Blackney Research Professorship in Geriatric Psychiatry stems from a generous gift from Geraldine LaTendresse Blackney. This professorship honors the legacy of Geraldine LaTendresse Blackney, a grateful patient of the geriatric psychiatry clinic, and her late husband, Williard C. Blackney, Jr. This professorship will recognize and support a faculty member whose research focuses on geriatric psychiatry. The holder of this professorship will be a tenured faculty member of the Department of Psychiatry. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship in the Department of Psychiatry as the Willard C. Blackney Jr. and Geraldine LaTendresse Blackney Research Professorship in Geriatric Psychiatry, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

Recommended by: Recommendation endorsed by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Research Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Kathy Fant Brzoznowski Research Professorship in Behavioral Health Technology Innovations, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2024

On the recommendation of Gregory W. Dalack, M.D., the Daniel E. Offutt, III Professor and chair of the Department of Psychiatry, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the Kathy Fant Brzoznowski Research Professorship in Behavioral Health Technology Innovations, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

The Kathy Fant Brzoznowski Research Professorship in Behavioral Health Technology Innovations stems from a generous gift from Toby and Kathy Brzoznowski. This professorship honors Kathy Fant Brzoznowski, a passionate and devoted mental health advocate. This professorship will support a faculty member whose research focuses on behavioral health technology innovations. The holder of this professorship will be a tenured faculty member of the Department of Psychiatry. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the Kathy Fant Brzoznowski Research Professorship in Behavioral Health Technology Innovations, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

Recommended by: Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

February 2024

Recommendation endorsed by:
Laurie K. Mc Cauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Research Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Toby Brzoznowski Research Professorship in Behavioral Health Technology Innovations, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2024

On the recommendation of Gregory W. Dalack, M.D., the Daniel E. Offutt, III Professor and chair of the Department of Psychiatry, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the Toby Brzoznowski Research Professorship in Behavioral Health Technology Innovations, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

The Toby Brzoznowski Research Professorship in Behavioral Health Technology Innovations stems from a generous gift from Toby and Kathy Brzoznowski. This professorship honors Toby Brzoznowski, an entrepreneur and visionary for mental health technology innovations. This professorship will support a faculty member whose research focuses on behavioral health technology innovations. The holder of this professorship will be a tenured faculty member of the Department of Psychiatry. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the Toby Brzoznowski Research Professorship in Behavioral Health Technology Innovations, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

Recommended by: Recommendation endorsed by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D. Laurie K. McCauley
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs Provost and Executive Vice
Dean, Medical School President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Vivian L. Carpenter Collegiate Professorship in Industrial and Operations Engineering, College of Engineering

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2024

The interim dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering are pleased to recommend the establishment of a collegiate professorship as the Vivian L. Carpenter Collegiate Professorship in Industrial and Operations Engineering, College of Engineering, effective February 1, 2024.

The professorship will be funded by the College of Engineering. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Vivian Carpenter is a writer, motivational speaker, and teacher. She has earned three degrees from the University of Michigan. She was the first African American female to graduate from the Department of Industrial and Operations Engineering (IOE), receiving her BSE in 1973. She also earned her MBA and PhD from the School of Business (now the Stephen M. Ross School of Business). She served as a visiting professor in IOE from 1990 and 1992. Her academic career also includes an appointment as assistant professor at Wayne State University, and she was an assistant dean, associate professor, and director of academic programs at Florida A&M University.

As an academic, Professor Carpenter has won several awards and grants for her scholarly work in institutional theory from the National Science Foundation, Governmental Accounting Standards Board, Kellogg Foundation, and the Ford Foundation. In 2003, Professor Carpenter was selected as the outstanding graduate of the 1973 College of Engineering class. She served on the Alumni Board of the Ross School of Business. As a business professional, she served as a deputy state treasurer of the State of Michigan and served as chairperson of the board of MotorCity Casino in Detroit, Michigan.

Professor Carpenter is the recipient the National Achievement Award – Accounting Educator Award by the National Association of Black Accountants, the Authors Award from the Association of Government Accountants, and the Decision Sciences Institute’s 1991 Best Interdisciplinary paper award.
The College of Engineering is pleased to have an opportunity to honor Vivian L. Carpenter by establishing a professorship in her name. We are pleased to recommend the establishment of a collegiate professorship as the Vivian L. Carpenter Collegiate Professorship in Industrial and Operations Engineering, College of Engineering, effective February 1, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:  

Steven L. Ceccio, Ph.D.  
Interim Dean  
Vincent T. and Gloria M. Gorguze Professor of Engineering  
College of Engineering

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:  

Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
The School of Social Work is pleased to recommend the renaming of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship from the Carol T. Mowbray Collegiate Professorship in Social Work, to the Letha A. Chadiha Collegiate Professorship in Social Work, School of Social Work, effective April 1, 2024.

This professorship was established in the Provost Office and was named the Carol T. Mowbray Collegiate Professorship in Social Work in August 2017. It was intended to honor the distinguished professional academic career of Carol T. Mowbray, professor of social work and a distinguished member of the School of Social Work faculty. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Letha A. Chadiha received her B.S. (1965) degree from Tuskegee University, her M.A. (1970) degree from Washington State University, and her M.S.W. (1985) and Ph.D. (1989) degrees from the University of Michigan. She served on the faculty of Washington University in St. Louis from 1990-2002. Professor Chadiha joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 2002 and was promoted to professor in 2012. She was appointed as the Rose C. Gibson Collegiate Professor of Social Work in 2015. She retired from the university in 2016.

Professor Chadiha is a renowned gerontologist specializing in family caregiving by African American women to older African American urban and rural residents and in recruiting and retaining ethnically diverse elders in research. Her work is significant for closing a gap in the knowledge about the experiences of caregivers of older African Americans, particularly those in rural areas who are rarely studied. Professor Chadiha has extensively mentored faculty, post-doctoral trainees, and graduate students.

Professor Chadiha is the author of over 50 scientific publications. An accomplished and well-funded researcher, she was the principal investigator on research grants funded by the National Institute on Aging, the National Science Foundation, and the John A. Hartford Foundation. Her
accomplishments in research, scholarship and service have earned her such recognitions as being an elected fellow to the Social Research, Policy and Practice Section of the Gerontological Society of America in 2007, elected chair of this section in 2009, and elected fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine in 2012. She has received numerous awards in recognition of her many achievements, including the Outstanding Mentorship Award from the Gerontological Society of America’s Task Force on Minority Issues in 2008, the Harold R. Johnson Diversity Service Award from the University of Michigan in 2013, and the Distinguished Faculty Award from the School of Social Work in 2014.

The School of Social Work is pleased to recommend the renaming of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship from the Carol T. Mowbray Collegiate Professorship in Social Work, to the Letha A. Chadiha Collegiate Professorship in Social Work, School of Social Work, effective April 1, 2024.

Recommended by:

Beth Angell
Dean and Professor of Social Work
School of Social Work

Recommendation endorsed by:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Research Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Alfred E. Chang, M.D. Research Professorship in Surgical Oncology, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2024

On the recommendation of Justin B. Dimick, M.D., M.P.H., the Frederick A. Coller 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 establishment of a research professorship as the Alfred E. Chang, M.D. Research Professorship in Surgical Oncology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

The Alfred E. Chang, M.D. Research Professorship in Surgical Oncology stems from a generous gift from Alfred E. Chang and Lana Chang. This professorship honors the career of Dr. Alfred E. Chang, and his commitment to patient care, research, and teaching. This professorship will honor the achievements of and support the research, clinical, and outreach efforts of a distinguished faculty member within the Department of Surgery whose work includes a focus on surgical oncology. The holder of this professorship will be a distinguished faculty member within the Department of Surgery. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the Alfred E. Chang, M.D. Research Professorship in Surgical Oncology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

Recommended by: Recommendation endorsed by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D. Laurie K. McCauley
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs Provost and Executive Vice Dean, Medical School President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Research Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Philip B. and Myrna R. Fischer Research Professorship, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2024

On the recommendation of Dawn Kleindorfer M.D., the Robert W. Brear Professor and chair of the Department of Neurology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the Philip B. and Myrna R. Fischer Research Professorship, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

The Philip B. and Myrna R. Fischer Research Professorship stems from gifts from Frank Newman, Andrea Fischer-Newman, and Hill and Mark Rachesky. This professorship will recognize the achievements of a faculty member within the Department of Neurology. This professorship is to be held by faculty member with a primary appointment in the Department of Neurology. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the Philip B. and Myrna R. Fischer Research Professorship, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

Recommended by: Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by: Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Stanley and Judith Frankel Professorship in Heart and Brain Health, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2024

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of an endowed professorship as the Stanley and Judith Frankel Professorship in Heart and Brain Health, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

The Stanley and Judith Frankel Professorship in Heart and Brain Health stems from a generous gift from the Stanley and Judith Frankel Family Foundation. This professorship will recognize and honor Stanley and Judith Frankel and their commitment to funding research at Michigan Medicine, in particular research related to heart and brain health. The professorship is intended to support faculty members with a close relationship with the institute, such as a past or current director, institute member, etc., so the University may transfer the professorship fund to other departments or divisions, as appropriate. This professorship will support a faculty member with a primary focus on heart and/or brain health research in the Stanley and Judith Frankel Institute for Heart and Brain Health. The dean of the Medical School may recommend appointees at the director level, or a faculty member in the institute or may be recommended by the director and approved by the dean. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the Stanley and Judith Frankel Professorship in Heart and Brain Health, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

Recommended by: Recommendation endorsed by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D. Laurie K. McCauley
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs Provost and Executive Vice
Dean, Medical School President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Correction of the Title of an Endowed Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: John H. and Patricia Mitchell Professorship in Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2024

In the October 2023 Regents Communication requesting the establishment of the John H. and Patricia Mitchell Professorship in Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, the title was noted incorrectly. The correction follows:

PROPOSED NAME: John H. Mitchell Professorship in Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Please accept this correction and our apologies for the inconsistency in the title.

RECOMMENDED BY: RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

[Signatures]
Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

January 2024

INTERIM APPROVAL GRANTED
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Research Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Betty Spurway Nixon Leukemia Research Professorship, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2024

On the recommendation of Eric R. Fearon, M.D., Ph.D., the Emanuel N Maisel Professor and director of the University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the Betty Spurway Nixon Leukemia Research Professorship, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

The Betty Spurway Nixon Leukemia Research Professorship stems from the generosity of the late Betty Spurway, whose generous estate gift is funding a variety of programs at the University of Michigan and the Rogel Cancer Center. Selection of the professorship holder will be made jointly by the Rogel Cancer Center director and the executive vice dean for research in the University of Michigan Medical School and other Rogel Cancer Center and University of Michigan Medical School leaders, as needed. This research professorship will support an outstanding University of Michigan Medical School faculty member, holding an appointment at the associate professor or professor rank, who is pursuing innovative and impactful research in the leukemia field. The holder of this professorship will be a faculty member specializing in the field of leukemia who also is a member of the Rogel Cancer Center. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the Betty Spurway Nixon Leukemia Research Professorship, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

Recommended by: Recommendation endorsed by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.  Laurie K. McCauley  
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs  Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dean, Medical School

February 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Annemarie Sullivan Palincsar Endowed Professorship in the Learning Sciences, Marsal Family School of Education

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2024

With the approval of the Executive Committee of the Marsal Family School of Education, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the Annemarie Sullivan Palincsar Endowed Professorship in the Learning Sciences, Marsal Family School of Education, effective February 1, 2024.

The college has been the recipient of a generous gift of $5,000,000 from Eileen Lappin Weiser (MMus ’75) to establish two endowed professorships. This is a portion of the $14,700,000 gift from Weiser and the Weiser Charitable Foundation to establish the Eileen Lappin Weiser Center for the Learning Sciences, which will invest in research, curriculum development, and evaluation and support structures that facilitate collaboration across learners, practitioners, researchers, and institutions. This first professorship will be used to honor the center director. Appointment periods may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Appointments to the Professorship will be made by the dean of the Marsal Family School of Education upon the recommendation of the school’s Executive Committee.

In recognition of this significant gift from Eileen Lappin Weiser, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the Annemarie Sullivan Palincsar Endowed Professorship in the Learning Sciences, Marsal Family School of Education, effective February 1, 2024.

Recommended by:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Naming of an Unendowed Collegiate Professorship

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Filibert Roth Collegiate Professorship in Environment and Sustainability, School for Environment and Sustainability

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2024

We are pleased to recommend the naming of an unendowed collegiate professorship as the Filibert Roth Collegiate Professorship in Environmental and Sustainability, School for Environment and Sustainability, effective February 1, 2024.

This professorship was established in the Provost Office. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Filibert Roth was a professor emeritus and founder of the School of Forestry at the University of Michigan predecessor to what is now the School for Environment and Sustainability. His ideas regarding the conservation of natural resources provided foundation and guidance for the forestry program at the University of Michigan.

Filibert Roth was born in Wurtemburg, Germany in 1858, and came to the United States in 1871. Graduating from the University of Michigan in 1890, he had a B.A. and enough graduate training that he was one of the country’s leading authorities on the new field called “timber physics” — the study of the structure of trees and wood. He quickly found top jobs in forest management at the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and the Interior. His publication, “Timber,” in 1895 was early recognized as a first step toward the dissemination of scientific knowledge concerning wood in America. As the chief of the new Forestry Division at Interior’s General Land Office, he was charged with reforming the management of federal forests, long overrun by inefficiency and corruption. He designed a thorough revision of forestry practices, but it ran into snarls of red tape, so he was ready when academe reached out once more.

Professor Roth spent two years at the Cornell School of Forestry, (1898-1901), then was recruited back to Michigan in 1903, where the Regents had established the Department of Forestry, the first university forestry program in the Midwest, and appointed Professor Roth to run it. The State of Michigan gave him a second job — state forester, with a mandate to restore 34,000 acres of cut-over land around Higgins and Houghton Lakes. He began a career-long campaign to bring responsible forest management not just to Michigan’s depleted woodlands but to forests across the country, public and private. He urged federal over state control of disputed woodlands, fearing that states would cede authority back to the private lumber companies responsible for the ravages of clear-cutting in the 1800s.
Professor Roth’s main impact on forestry grew from his impact on the generation of foresters whom he trained. As an instructor he was superb — an expert’s expert, yet always down to earth and able to unpack the difficulties of understanding a forest. Professor Roth was admired for his recognized ability; his friends and particularly his students remembered him for his individual geniality. He was appointed as an emeritus professor at his retirement in 1923.

Posthumously, Camp Filibert Roth was named for him (1929-1988), and was the summer training camp for University of Michigan Forestry students, where forestry students gained practical experience with timber management, firefighting skills, and lumber harvesting methods.

We owe Professor Roth our appreciation for his stimulating influence in a scientific study of the American forests and forest conditions; for his initial accomplishments in forestry for the Lake States; and for his attainments in national affairs and splendid service to the entire country for his part in shaping past and future American forest policies.

We are pleased to recommend the naming of an unendowed collegiate professorship as the Filibert Roth Collegiate Professorship in Environmental and Sustainability, School for Environment and Sustainability, effective February 1, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:  
Jonathan T. Overpeck  
Samuel A. Graham Dean  
School for Environment and Sustainability

RECOMMENDED ENDORSED BY:  
Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Research Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Godfrey Dorr Stobbe Research Professorship in Translational Pathology, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2024

On the recommendation of Charles A. Parkos, M.D. Ph.D., the Carl V. Weller Professor and chair of the Department of Pathology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the Godfrey Dorr Stobbe Research Professorship in Translational Pathology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

The Godfrey Dorr Stobbe Research Professorship in Translational Pathology stems from a split of funds from the Stobbe endowed professorship account. This professorship honors the achievements of Godfrey D. Stobbe, M.D., who trained in the Department of Pathology under Carl Vernon Weller, M.D. for six months in 1938-39. This professorship will support the teaching and research efforts of the holder of this research professorship in the Department of Pathology. The holder of this professorship will be a tenured faculty member of the Department of Pathology and will make significant contributions to the teaching and research programs within the Department. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the research professorship as the Godfrey Dorr Stobbe Research Professorship in Translational Pathology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024.

Recommended by: Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D. Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by: Laurie K. McCauley Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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Recommendations for approval of other personnel transactions
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST:  Correction of the Title of an Endowed Professorship Appointment

NAME:  James S. Burnstein

CURRENT TITLE:  Professor of Film, Television, and Media, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE:  John H. and Patricia Mitchell Professor of Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES:  January 1, 2024 through December 1, 2028

In the December 2023 Regents Communication requesting James S. Burnstein’s additional appointment to an endowed professorship, the John H. and Patricia Mitchell Professor of Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, the title was noted incorrectly. The correction follows:

ADDITIONAL TITLE:  John H. Mitchell Professor of Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Please accept this correction and our apologies for the inconsistency in James S. Burnstein’s title.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 2024
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - DEARBORN

Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff
ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Susan A. Everett

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Education, with tenure, College of Education, Health, and Human Services

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Interim Chair, Department of Education, College of Education, Health, and Human Services

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 4, 2024 through June 30, 2024

On the recommendation of the dean of the College of Education, Health, and Human Services, and the provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Susan A. Everett as interim chair, Department of Education, College of Education, Health, and Human Services, effective March 4, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

Susan Everett received her Bachelor of Arts in elementary education in 1994 from the University of Iowa, with State of Iowa Teacher Certification for K-6 classroom teacher and K-6 general science. She earned her Master of Science in science education in 1997 and Ph.D. in science education in 1999, both through the University of Iowa. Professor Everett joined the faculty at the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 2003 as an assistant professor. She was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2009, and to professor in 2015.

Professor Everett’s research interests include teacher preparation, especially focused on science teaching. She has published numerous articles featuring STEM activities for middle level science teachers. Professor Everett previously served as the chair for the Department of Education in the College of Education, Health, and Human Services from 2014 to 2021.

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Susan A. Everett as interim chair, Department of Education, College of Education, Health, and Human Services, effective March 4, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

Recommended by:

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Domenico Grasso, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

February 2024
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - FLINT

Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Derwin S. Munroe

CURRENT TITLES: Collegiate Lecturer, and Lecturer IV, Department of Political Science, College of Arts, Sciences and Education

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Acting Chair, Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, College of Arts, Sciences and Education

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

The interim dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Arts, Sciences and Education at the University of Michigan-Flint, with the endorsement of the Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, are pleased to recommend the appointment of Derwin S. Munroe as acting chair, Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, College of Arts, Sciences and Education, effective January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Derwin S. Munroe received his Master of Philosophy in social sciences from the University of the West Indies in 1989. He teaches a variety of political science courses and is actively engaged in service at the department, college, and university level, previously serving as the chair of Department of Political Science. He was awarded the title of collegiate lecturer in 2020.

We believe that Professor Munroe will continue to be an effective leader. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Derwin S. Munroe as acting chair, Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, College of Arts, Sciences and Education, effective January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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Jeannette Stein, Interim Dean
College of Arts, Sciences and Education

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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Yener Kandogan, Interim Dean
School of Management and Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor
for Academic Affairs

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Donna Kay Fry, Interim Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - FLINT

Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic and administrative positions.
ACTION REQUEST: Change in Title of an Existing Academic Administrative Title

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, College of Arts, Sciences and Education

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Associate Dean, College of Arts, Sciences and Education

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2024

The College of Arts, Sciences, and Education is pleased to recommend a change in title of an existing academic administrative title from associate dean for faculty affairs, College of Arts, Sciences and Education, to associate dean, College of Arts, Sciences and Education, effective March 1, 2024.

Given the current size and scope of the college, the administrative structure of the college will only require a single associate dean for the foreseeable future. The person serving in this role will be involved in a variety of tasks related to college operations, as well as faculty and student affairs at the undergraduate and graduate level.

We are, therefore, pleased to recommend a change in title of an existing academic administrative title from associate dean for faculty affairs, College of Arts, Sciences and Education, to associate dean, College of Arts, Sciences and Education, effective March 1, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:

[Signature]
Jeannette Stein, Interim Dean
College of Arts, Sciences and Education

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

[Signature]
Yener Kandogan, Interim Dean
School of Management and Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

[Signature]
Donna Kay Fry, Interim Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

February 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Change in Name of an Existing Endowed Professorship

CURRENT TITLE: Hagerman Faculty Development Professorship in Entrepreneurship and Innovation, School of Management

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Hagerman Professorship in Entrepreneurship and Innovation, School of Management

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2024

We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing endowed professorship from the Hagerman Faculty Development Professorship in Entrepreneurship and Innovation, School of Management, effective February 1, 2024. The Hagerman Faculty Development Professorship in Entrepreneurship and Innovation was established in February 2015. Philip Hagerman is the epitome of what every entrepreneur hopes to accomplish. Mr. Hagerman is a respected leader in both pharmacy and executive management throughout the state and nationally. Among many honors, in 2012, he was invited by the White House Business Council and Business Forward to attend a one-day forum on jobs and the economy. In 2010, he was named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year for the Michigan and Northwest Ohio Region and in 2011, was named Grant Thornton Leader and Innovator of the Year by the Great Lakes Innovation and Technology Report. Additionally, he is a past recipient of the Blue Chip Award for Outstanding Business Practices from the United States Chamber of Commerce. In 2018, Mr. Hagerman received the University of Michigan-Flint Medal of Excellence for Leadership and Service. Mr. Hagerman currently serves as the CEO of Forum Health Enterprises, Inc. Forum Health, founded in February 2019, focuses on building a network of integrative and functional medical practices across the nation and includes a nutraceutical division, Inwell Biosciences and a technology division, Power2Practice. In 2023, the University of Michigan awarded Mr. Hagerman an honorary Doctor of Laws.

We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing endowed professorship from the Hagerman Faculty Development Professorship in Entrepreneurship and Innovation, to the Hagerman Professorship in Entrepreneurship and Innovation, School of Management, effective February 1, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY: 
Yener Kandogan, Interim Dean
School of Management and Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:
Donna Kay Fry, Interim Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

February 2024
Recommendations for approval of other personnel transactions for regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Change in Title

NAME: Keith J. Kelley

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of International Business, with tenure, School of Management

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Associate Professor of International Business and Strategic Management, with tenure, School of Management

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2024

I am pleased to recommend a change in title for Keith J. Kelley from associate professor of international business, with tenure, to associate professor of international business and strategic management, with tenure, School of Management, effective January 1, 2024.

Keith Kelley received his Ph.D. in business administration, with a focus on strategy and international business, from Florida International University in 2013. During his doctoral studies at Florida International University, Professor Kelley worked in the Department of Management and International Business and taught the following courses: Strategic Management, Strategic Management in the multinational corporations, International Business, Entrepreneurship, Management and Organization. Since joining the University of Michigan-Flint in 2014, he has taught the following graduate and undergraduate courses for both the Department of Accounting, Finance, and International Business and the Department of Management and Marketing: Applied Research Methods and Design, Global Strategy, Global Dimensions of Management, International Management, Reputation Management, International Management, and International Business. Professor Kelley’s research is also heavily weighted toward strategic management, with articles focusing on themes such as reputation management, diversity management, and strategies for creating shared organizational value, being published in mainstream business and management journals such as the Journal of Business Research, the Journal of General Management, and Corporate Reputation Review. Further, his publications in international business journals such as the International Journal of Emerging Markets, Thunderbird International Business Review, and Multinational Business Review, have included strategic management themes such as: global supply chain management strategies, strategies for managing political risk, and the effects of resources and capabilities on merger and acquisition locations. Professor Kelley has also published a book chapter in Global Aspects of Reputation and Strategic Management, in Research in Global Strategic Management.
I am pleased to recommend the change in title for Keith J. Kelley from associate professor of international business, with tenure, to associate professor of international business and strategic management, with tenure, School of Management, effective January 1, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Yener Kandogan, Interim Dean
School of Management and Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Donna Kay Fry, Interim Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

February 2024