

**SUMMARY OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS
REGENTS INTERIM APPROVAL AGENDA
February 2026**

ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

- 1. New appointments and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks, with tenure.**
 - (1) Cairney, John, dean, effective August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2031, and professor of kinesiology, with tenure, School of Kinesiology, effective August 1, 2026.
 - * (2) Yang, Tiantian, associate professor of environment and sustainability, with tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability, effective January 1, 2026.

- 2. New appointments and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks, without tenure.**
 - (1) Setlur, Vidya, associate professor of information, without tenure, School of Information, effective August 25, 2026.
 - (2) Smith, Michael A., associate professor of clinical pharmacy, without tenure, College of Pharmacy, effective May 1, 2026.

- 3. Reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.**
 - * (1) Moje, Elizabeth B., George Herbert Mead Collegiate Professor of Education, Marsal Family School of Education, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030 (also dean, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, George Herbert Mead Collegiate Professor of Education, and professor of education, with tenure).
 - (2) Orr, Bradford G., associate vice president for research–natural sciences and engineering, Office of the Vice President for Research, effective September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027 (also Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and professor of physics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).

- 4. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.**
 - * (1) Allen, Todd R., associate dean for research, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030 (also Chihiro Kikuchi Collegiate Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, Glenn F. and Gladys H. Knoll Department Chair of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, and professor of nuclear engineering and radiological sciences, with tenure).

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

- (2) Bansal, Nikhil, professor of mathematics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 25, 2026 (also Patrick C. Fischer Professor of Theoretical Computer Science, and professor of electrical engineering and computer science, with tenure, College of Engineering).
- (3) Benjamin, Andrew, M.D., M.S., the Endowed Research Professor of Acute Care Surgery, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030 (also clinical associate professor, Department of Surgery).
- (4) Buis, Lorraine R., Ph.D., Dr. Max and Buena Lichter Research Professor of Family Medicine, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030 (also associate professor of family medicine, with tenure, Medical School, and associate professor of information, without tenure, School of Information).
- (5) Chugh, Rashmi, M.D., Maisel Research Professor of Translational/Clinical Oncology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030 (also clinical professor Department of Internal Medicine).
- (6) Cierpicki, Tomasz, Ph.D., Godfrey D. Stobbe Professor of Pathology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030 (also professor of pathology, with tenure, Medical School, and professor of biophysics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).
- * (7) DeBacker, Stephen M., Mahendra Parekh Director of the Center for Inquiry Based Learning, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2030 (also Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and professor of mathematics, with tenure).
- (8) Duffy, Meghan A., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, effective July 1, 2026 (also professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, with tenure).
- * (9) Edje, Louito C., M.D., M.H.P.E., vice dean for medical education, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026 (also David M. Wu, M.D. and Bernadine E. Wu, M.D. Professor, clinical professor, Department of Family Medicine, and clinical professor, Department of Learning Health Sciences).
- (10) Englesbe, Michael J., M.D., Jeremiah and Claire Turcotte Professor of Transplantation Surgery, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030 (also professor of surgery, with tenure).

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- (11) Finelli, Cynthia J., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, effective July 1, 2026 (also David C. Munson Jr Collegiate Professor of Engineering, professor of electrical engineering and computer science, with tenure, College of Engineering, and professor of education, without tenure, Marsal Family School of Education).
- (12) Hart, Philip S., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, effective July 1, 2026 (also professor of communication and media, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and professor of environment, without tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability and College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).
- (13) Henriksen, Nicholas C., professor in the Honors Program, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 25, 2026 (also Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, professor of Spanish, with tenure, and professor of linguistics, without tenure).
- *(14) Jeffers, Ann E., associate professor of mechanical engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2026 (also associate professor of civil and environmental engineering, with tenure).
- (15) Kaplan, Ariane, M.D., Terry J. Bergstrom Legacy Professor for Resident Education in Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030 (also clinical associate professor, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences).
- *(16) Kaplan, Matthew, associate vice provost for undergraduate education, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective January 1, 2026 (also executive director, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching).
- *(17) Kearfott, Kimberlee J., professor of biomedical engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School, effective January 1, 2026 (also professor of nuclear engineering and radiological sciences, with tenure, College of Engineering, and professor of radiology, without tenure, Medical School).
- *(18) Kettenbeil, Kenneth, interim vice president for communications, Office of the Vice President for Communications, effective January 3, 2026 (also vice chancellor for external relations, University of Michigan-Dearborn).
- (19) King, Nancy A., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, effective July 1, 2026 (also professor of music, with tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance).

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- * (20) Kunkel, Steven L., Ph.D., vice dean for research, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026 (also Peter A. Ward Distinguished University Professor of Pathology, Endowed Professor of Pathology Research, and professor of pathology, with tenure).
- * (21) Lee, Paul, M.D., J.D., vice dean for clinical affairs, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026 (also professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences, with tenure).
- * (22) Li, Peng, J. Bernard Machen Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, School of Dentistry, effective December 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030 (also associate professor of dentistry, with tenure, School of Dentistry, and associate professor of molecular and integrative physiology, without tenure, Medical School).
- * (23) Lindsey, Rebecca, Dow Early Career Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028 (also assistant professor of chemical engineering, assistant professor of nuclear engineering and radiological sciences, and assistant professor of materials science and engineering).
- * (24) Liu, Mingyan, T. C. Chang Professor of Engineering, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030 (also associate dean for academic affairs, and professor of electrical engineering and computer science, with tenure).
- (25) Magee, John C., M.D., Jeremiah and Claire Turcotte Research Professor of Transplantation Surgery, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030 (also professor of surgery, with tenure, professor of internal medicine, without tenure, and professor of pediatrics, without tenure).
- * (26) Mashour, George A., M.D., Ph.D., vice dean for faculty, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026 (also professor of anesthesiology, with tenure, and professor of pharmacology, without tenure).
- * (27) Milliron, Delia J., professor of chemistry, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2026 (also Anthony C. Lembke Department Chair of Chemical Engineering, James and Judith Street Professor of Chemical Engineering, and professor of chemical engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering).

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- (28) Moniz, Michelle, M.D., M.Sc., John R. G. Gosling Legacy Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030 (also associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology, with tenure).
- (29) Moon, James J., chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy, effective February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2029 (also J.G. Searle Professor, professor of pharmaceutical sciences, with tenure, College of Pharmacy, and professor of biomedical engineering, Medical School and College of Engineering).
- *(30) Nikolla, Eranda, professor of materials science and engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2026 (also professor of chemical engineering, with tenure).
- (31) Pilewskie, Melissa L., M.D., Maud T. Lane Research Professor of Translational Science, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030 (also clinical associate professor, Department of Surgery).
- *(32) Rai, Swapnil, associate professor of women's and gender studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2026 (also associate professor of film, television and media, with tenure, and associate professor of communication and media, without tenure).
- *(33) Raiman, Stephen S., Charles and Elizabeth Schrock Faculty Development Professor, College of Engineering, effective December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2028 (also assistant professor of nuclear engineering and radiological sciences, and assistant professor of materials science and engineering).
- (34) Regenbogen, Scott E., M.D., M.P.H., James Lynds, M.D. Research Professor of the Surgical Sciences, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030 (also professor of surgery, with tenure).
- (35) Rogala, Lori, Thomas C. Jones Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, effective May 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029 (also Teaching Professor and lecturer IV).
- (36) Rosemberg, Marie-Anne S., associate dean for faculty affairs and faculty development, School of Nursing, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029 (also associate professor of nursing, with tenure).

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- (37) Schroeder, Lee F., M.D., Ph.D., John G. Batsakis Professor of Pathology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030 (also clinical professor, Department of Pathology).
- (38) Schumacher, Kurt R., M.D., M.S., Amnon Rosenthal Legacy Professor of Pediatric Cardiology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030 (also clinical professor, Department of Pediatrics).
- (39) Schwarz, Thomas A., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, effective July 1, 2026 (also professor of physics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).
- *(40) Shapiro, Matthew D., Lawrence R. Klein Collegiate Professor of Economics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030 (also professor of economics, with tenure).
- *(41) Stephens, Jr, Melvin, interim chair, Department of Economics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective December 22, 2025 through June 30, 2026 (also professor of economics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and professor of public policy, without tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy).
- *(42) Sun, Xiaodong, interim chair, Department of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, College of Engineering, effective February 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 (also professor of nuclear engineering and radiological sciences, with tenure).
- (43) Taylor, Stephanie P., M.D., M.A., professor of learning health sciences, without tenure, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 (also J. Griswold Ruth M.D. and Margery Hopkins Ruth Research Professor, and professor of internal medicine, with tenure).
- *(44) Williams, Martin J., associate professor of public policy, without tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective January 1, 2026 (also associate professor of organizational studies, with tenure, and associate professor of political science, without tenure).
- (45) Wilson, Thomas E., M.D., Ph.D., Legacy Professor of Pathology Research, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030 (also professor of pathology, with tenure, and professor of human genetics, without tenure).

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- * (46) Wu, Zhenke, associate professor of global public health, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective January 1, 2026 (also associate professor of biostatistics, with tenure).

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

- (1) Collins, Susan M., extension of a governmental leave, effective March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2030 (Edward M. Gramlich Collegiate Professor of Public Policy, professor of public policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and professor of economics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).
- * (2) Weinstein, Debra F., M.D., extension of personal leave, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 (professor of learning health sciences, with tenure, Medical School).

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

- * (1) Change in title of an existing academic administrative position as vice dean for clinical affairs, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026 (currently senior associate dean for clinical affairs).
- * (2) Change in title of an existing academic administrative position as vice dean for faculty, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026 (currently senior associate dean for faculty and faculty development).
- * (3) Change in title of an existing academic administrative position as vice dean for medical education, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026 (currently senior associate dean for medical education).
- * (4) Change in title of an existing academic administrative position as vice dean for research, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026 (currently executive vice dean for research).
- (5) Change in name of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship as the Edward F. Domino Collegiate Professorship in Neuroscience, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 (currently the Cyrus Levinthal Collegiate Professorship in the Life Sciences).

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

- (6) Establishment of a research professorship as the Linda M. Graham, M.D. Research Professorship in Vascular Surgery, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026.
- * (7) Establishment of an endowed professorship as the Margolies Family Professorship in the Life Sciences, Life Sciences Institute, effective January 1, 2026.
- * (8) Establishment of an endowed professorship as the Rowena G. Matthews Professorship in the Life Sciences, Life Sciences Institute, effective January 1, 2026.
- (9) Establishment of a research professorship as the Andrea Fischer Newman and Frank Newman Research Professorship in Neurosurgery, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026.
- (10) Change in name of an existing endowed professorship as the Duncan O. and Ella M. Poth Professorship in Dermatology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 (currently the Duncan O. and Ella M. Poth Distinguished Professorship in Dermatology).
- (11) Establishment of an early career professorship as the Helmut F. Stern Family Early Career Professorship in Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026.

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

- (1) Bowman, Anthony C., chair, Airforce Officer Education Program, effective August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2029.
- * (2) Carey, Amy, associate vice provost for international engagement, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective January 1, 2026 (currently assistant vice provost for international engagement).

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

- * (3) McCracken, Peggy S., transfer of tenure from professor of French, with tenure, professor of women's and gender studies, with tenure, and professor of comparative literature, with tenure, to professor of French, with tenure, professor of women's and gender studies, without tenure, and professor of comparative literature, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2026 (also Anna Julia Cooper Distinguished University Professor of Medieval French Literature).

DEARBORN CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

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

- * (1) Izberk-Bilgin, Elif, interim chair, Department of Management and Marketing, College of Business, effective January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026 (also professor of marketing, with tenure).

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

- (1) Chandra, Charu, change in title to professor of decision sciences, with tenure, College of Business, effective February 19, 2026 (currently professor of operations management, with tenure, also William E. Stirton Professor, Donald Ross Cowan Endowed Collegiate Professor).

FLINT CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

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

- (1) Kandogan, Yener, dean, School of Management, effective March 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031 (also professor of international business, with tenure).

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

- (1) Establishment of a new academic administrative position as associate dean for graduate nursing programs, School of Nursing, effective March 1, 2026.

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- 11. Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic and administrative positions.**
- (2) Establishment of a new academic administrative position as associate dean for undergraduate nursing programs, School of Nursing, effective March 1, 2026.
 - (3) Change in name of existing academic administrative position as vice provost for academic strategy and effectiveness, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, effective March 1, 2026 (currently vice provost for assessment and accreditation).
 - (4) Change in name of existing academic administrative position as vice provost for engaged learning and teaching innovation, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, effective March 1, 2026 (currently vice provost for academic affairs).
- 12. Other personnel transactions for regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.**
- (1) Ahmed, Muhammad U., change in title to associate professor of operations and supply chain management, with tenure, School of Management, effective March 1, 2026 (currently associate professor of operations management, with tenure).
 - (2) Laurence, Gregory A., change in title to professor of organizational behavior and human resources management, with tenure, School of Management, effective March 1, 2026 (currently professor of management, with tenure, also chair, Department of Management and Marketing).

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

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty and Academic Administrative Appointment

NAME: John Cairney

TITLES: Dean, and Professor of Kinesiology, School of Kinesiology

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

TERM: Deanship: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: August 1, 2026

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of John Cairney as dean, for a five-year renewable term, effective August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2031, and professor of kinesiology, with tenure, School of Kinesiology, effective August 1, 2026. This recommendation follows an international search conducted by a search advisory committee.

Professor Cairney comes to the University of Michigan School of Kinesiology with an impressive background in academia, research, and innovative leadership, particularly within the field of pediatric exercise science and child health research. A seasoned academic leader, Professor Cairney joins U-M following a distinguished tenure that has shaped both research and practice in kinesiology and related disciplines.

Professor Cairney earned his Bachelor's degree from Brock University in 1993. He continued his studies at Queen's University, receiving his Master's degree in 1995. In 2002, he completed his Ph.D. at the University of Western Ontario. His pursuit of education continued with his Post-graduate Diploma in organizational leadership from the University of Oxford in 2024. In 2025, he completed an Executive M.B.A. in sport management from Escuela Universitaria Real Madrid, Universidad Europea.

Professor Cairney has a lengthy and sustained history of research funding, and an impressive number of publications, including books, book chapters, and many peer-reviewed journal articles. He also serves in a number of editorial roles, including editorial board member, *Psychology of Sport and Exercise*; editor-in-chief (Inaugural/Founding Editor), *Current Developmental Disorder Reports*; and past associate editor, *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*.

Professor Cairney currently holds leadership roles with the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia, which include serving as head of the School for Humand Movement and Nutrition Sciences; co-director, Health and Well-Being Centre for Research Innovation; director of the Queensland Centre for Olympic and Paralympic Studies; and deputy executive director for

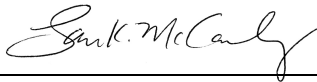
the 2032 Office of Games Engagement. His service also extends to board roles in organizations such as the North American Society for Pediatric Exercise Medicine (NASPEM), where he served as president and as past president.

Honors and awards further punctuate Professor Cairney's career, including the Alexander Leighton Award in Psychiatric Epidemiology (2017), and the Metzler-Freedman Exemplary Paper Award from the *Journal of Teaching in Physical Education* (2019).

As he steps into his new role as the dean at the School of Kinesiology, Professor Cairney brings a passion for advancing innovative research and a deep commitment to public service. His broad experience and dynamic leadership promises to usher in an exciting new chapter for the School of Kinesiology, where he aims to further elevate the school's reputation and influence in kinesiology, sport management, physical activity, and health research.

I enthusiastically recommend this appointment, effective August 1, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



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

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Tiantian Yang

TITLE: Associate Professor of Environment and Sustainability,
School for Environment and Sustainability

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

With the approval of the Executive Committee and faculty of the School for Environment and Sustainability, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Tiantian Yang as associate professor of environment and sustainability, with tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability, effective January 1, 2026.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Tiantian Yang received his B.S. in mechanical and mechanics engineering from Tsinghua University (Beijing, China). He received his M.S. in mechanical and aerospace engineering and Ph.D. in civil and environmental engineering from the University of California-Irvine.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Professor Yang received his Ph.D. in 2015 then served for three years as a senior research scientist at Deltares USA, an independent not-for-profit research and consulting organization based in Silver Spring, MD. He joined the University of Oklahoma in 2018 as an assistant professor on the tenure track, and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2024. He also serves as the associate director of the OU Hydrology and Water Security Online M.S. Degree Program.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Yang is a hydrologist whose research interests include the use of AI to improve modeling of water resource systems and climate models, investigating the pros and cons of using artificial intelligence and machine learning in comparison to traditional physical hydrologic models, particularly in the face of increased variability in weather extremes and precipitation events. He has been successfully funding his research with external grants.

Professor Yang's work is applied and directly relevant to end users. He has industry experience working on large-scale infrastructure projects (e.g., Bonneville Power Administration and

National Weather Service) which brings a professional background and perspective. This experience working outside academia can be a benefit to both research programs and the SEAS professional master's program.

Professor Yang has received awards for his research, including the University of Oklahoma's Research Creativity Sward for Early Career Faculty, and its Faculty Investment Award. He is the recipient of an NSF CAREER Award and the Engineering with Nature Team Award from the U.S. Department of Defense. He also was awarded the University of Oklahoma's Presidential Deam Course Lecturer Award.

Professor Yang can teach a wide range of courses. His record of advising of undergraduate, M.S., Ph.D. and post-doctorate fellows is commendable. He is currently the associate director of UO's online master's degree program in Hydrology and Water Security and seemed dedicated to quality mentoring and teaching, which is backed up by his student evaluations.

Professor Yang provides service to his university and also serves his profession, as associate editor in multiple journals, has served in various reviewer roles for NSF grant proposals, and is active in the American Geophysical Union.

PUBLICATIONS (Underline indicates advised or co-advised students or postdocs)

- Zhang, D., Lin, J., Peng, Q., Wang, D., Yang, T., Sorooshian, S., & Zhuang, J. (2018). Modeling and simulating of reservoir operation using the artificial neural network, support vector regression, deep learning algorithm. *Journal of Hydrology*, 565, 720-736.
- Yang, T., Asanjan, A.A., Welles, E., Gao, X., Sorooshian, S. and Liu, X. (2017) Developing reservoir monthly inflow forecasts using artificial intelligence and climate phenomenon information. *Water Resources Research* 53(4), 2786-2812.
- Miao, C., Duan, Q., Sun, Q., Huang, Y., Kong, D., Yang, T., & Gong, W. (2014). Assessment of CMIP5 climate models and projected temperature changes over Northern Eurasia. *Environmental Research Letters*, 9(5), 055007.
- Asanjan A.A., Yang, T., K Hsu, S Sorooshian, J Lin, Q Peng (2018) Short-Term Precipitation Forecast Based on the PERSIANN System and LSTM Recurrent Neural Networks, *Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres* 123 (22), 12,543-12,563

EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWERS

Reviewer A: "Dr. Yang is a pioneer in applying AI and machine learning to advance streamflow simulations, a topic essential in the field of hydrology. For instance, Yang et al. (2017) and Kim et al. (2021) helped establish the theoretical foundations by exploring hybrid AI hydrology frameworks and optimization-guided model calibration. Collectively, Dr. Yang's body of work narrows the gap between black-box learning and process realism, offering AI and ML models that are physically transparent, credible, and effective, with strong potential to reshape how the hydrologic community applies artificial intelligence to streamflow simulation and flood forecasting. More recently, Dr. Yang and his team have made transformative contributions at the interface of hydrologic science and AI by designing physically informed deep-learning architectures that honor hydrologic mass balance and process constraints."

Reviewer B: "...Dr. Yang has secured over \$2.5M of funding, much of it as lead PI, including the recently awarded NSF CAREER in Environmental Sustainability and another from the USBR snow forecasting program. The topic of the CAREER award, subseasonal-to-seasonal (S2S) forecasting using artificial intelligence to support water management at the national scale, is both innovative and timely. At the same time, Dr. Yang maintains relationships with local and federal water management agencies, which will facilitate the translation of these research ideas into practice."

Reviewer C: "Dr. Yang has diverse research, broadly in water resources management with the integration of climatology and emerging machine learning and artificial intelligence tools. Before joining the department, he had industry and consulting experience, performing real-world software development, and working on hydrologic prediction and forecasting. Dr. Yang has procured an impressive amount of research funding, including the NSF CAREER award, other grants from NSF, and funding from diverse federal sources including the Department of Defense and the Department of Energy. A broad set of funding sources is important for research in hydrology and water resources, given the often inter-disciplinary nature of the research. Regarding peer reviewed publications, the candidate has published in diverse, high-quality journals that are among the best in the field, including journals with which I am very familiar: Water Resources Research, Journal of Water Resources Planning and Management, and Environmental Modelling and Software. It is also important to recognize Dr. Yang's contributions to model development and interfacing with national agencies, which extends the impact of his research beyond academic publications and provides an important service to the broader community."

Reviewer D: "Dr. Yang's research productivity and impact have been truly exceptional. According to his CV and publication list, he has authored or co-authored 74 peer-reviewed journal articles—many of which have been published during his time as an assistant professor at University of Oklahoma (UO). Averaging approximately seven papers per year, this output is remarkable for a junior faculty member and demonstrates sustained scholarly momentum. Importantly, many of these recent publications list him as lead or corresponding author, underscoring his growing leadership in collaborative research. ... Dr. Yang's work has garnered over 5,000 citations, and he holds an impressive H-index of 39 -- an indicator that places him above the norm for scholars at a comparable career stage in related disciplines. Several of his articles have been recognized as Highly Cited Papers by Clarivate's Essential Science Indicators, further affirming the significance of his contributions."

Reviewer E: "Dr. Yang is clearly a very collaborative scholar, but analysis of the publication record seems to show clear signs of being an integral leader of the work, with his advisees playing a key (mostly first-author) role. The publication record is not only about quantity, but shows impact in the research community, where sixteen publications have already been cited 100+ times. Dr. Yang's work shows depth and connectivity that spans the key components needed for improving sustainability in water resources planning (i.e., precipitation forecasting, modeling and decision making frameworks, and water and energy infrastructure). The quality of his work is also recognized by many invited research talks. The pace of Dr. Yang's work seems to be increasing. Based on his research area, past performance, collaborative nature, and

demonstrated record, I am confident he will continue to grow as a scholar and be a leader in the field for years to come.”

Reviewer F: “ I believe that Dr. Yang is committed to excellence in his research, teaching, and service. This is demonstrated by his funding and publication records, student reviews of his teaching effectiveness, and his service to the institution, profession, and community. I believe that Prof. Yang will continue to grow and excel in his academic career. In my view, Prof. Yang compares positively to recent appointees at the rank of associate professor with tenure at [my institution] and support the recommendation to appoint Tiantian Yang as an associate professor with tenure in the School for Environment and Sustainability at the University of Michigan.”

Reviewer G: “ Dr. Yang’s research stands out for its innovative integration of artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and physical hydrologic modeling to address pressing challenges in water resources management, climate impacts, and sustainable infrastructure. His work spans hydrological forecasting, reservoir operations, and the water–energy–climate nexus, with practical applications that enhance decision-making in the face of climate variability and extremes... Dr. Tiantian Yang is an outstanding scholar whose innovative, impactful work in AI-driven hydrology and water resources positions him as a leader in addressing climate-driven challenges. His productivity, funding success, teaching effectiveness, and service contributions make him an ideal fit for a tenured associate professor role at the University of Michigan, where he could enhance interdisciplinary efforts in environment and sustainability. I recommend him without reservation and am confident he will thrive and contribute significantly to your school.”

SUMMARY

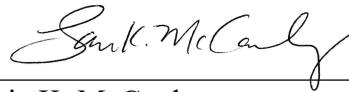
We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Tiantian Yang as an associate professor of environment and sustainability, with tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability, effective January 1, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY:



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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

December 2025

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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,
without tenure

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Vidya Setlur

TITLE: Associate Professor of Information, School of Information

TENURE STATUS: Without Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 25, 2026

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Vidya Setlur as associate professor of information, without tenure, School of Information, effective August 25, 2026.

Academic Degrees:

Vidya Seltur received her B.S. in computer engineering in 2000 from Bangalore Institute of Technology in Bangalore, India. She earned her M.S. in computer science in 2004 and her Ph.D. in 2005, both from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

Professional Record:

In 2005, Ms. Setlur was appointed as a principal senior scientist at Nokia Research Center. She was appointed as a principal research scientist at Tableau Software in 2012. In 2021, she was appointed as the senior director of Tableau Research at Tableau Software and Salesforce.

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Ms. Setlur has taught a masters level course as an adjunct professor at Carnegie Mellon University, undergraduate and graduate lectures at San Jose State University, and post-graduate courses at Jio Institute in Mumbai, India. She has co-taught courses on data visualization, mobile interfaces, and computer graphics at various conferences and given many guest lectures. Ms. Setlur has also served on multiple Ph.D. committees. Her lectures combine a focus on theoretical foundations of information visualization and artificial intelligence (AI) with practical, project-based learning. She encourages interactivity using live demonstrations and in-class project activities. Her extensive experience with industry research and product development also informs her teaching.

Research: Ms. Setlur is a leading researcher in information visualization (VIS) and human-computer interaction (HCI), working at the intersection of visual analytics and AI/natural language processing (NLP). She has maintained high visibility and connections in academia during her decades of research in industry making significant contributions to developing systems that allow users to interact with data and visualizations using natural language queries. Her research strongly emphasizes the role of semantics in making data more meaningful and interpretable and frames the interaction with analytical tools, such as dashboards and chatbots, as a conversation. She has a strong publication record in top information visualization and human-computer interaction venues, notably the *Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) VIS*, *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, *Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI)*, and *ACM User Interface Software and Technology (UIST)*.

Service: Within her professional capacity at Tableau Research as the senior director, Ms. Setlur has demonstrated service leadership through strategic initiatives cultivating a supportive environment for early-career researchers such as the launch of a Ph.D. level internship program at Tableau. Her commitment to the professional development of individuals is further evidenced by her mentoring of interns and early-career researchers. A member of both ACM and IEEE, Ms. Setlur has played a key service role for top academic venues in the VIS and HCI research communities beyond being a regular program committee member for IEEE VIS, ACM CHI, ACM UIST, and ACM Intelligent User Interfaces since 2014. Her most prestigious service role in the HCI community was UIST 2022 Technical Program co-chair.

Recent and Significant Publications:

- Setlur, V., Correll, M., Satyanarayan, A., and Tory, M. (2024). Heuristics for Supporting Cooperative Dashboard Design. *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, 30 (1), 370–380.
<https://doi.org/10.1109/TVCG.2023.3327158>
- Setlur, V., Kanyuka, A., and Srinivasan, A. (2023). Olio: A Semantic Search Interface for Data Repositories. In *Proceedings of the 36th Annual ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST '23)* (pp. 1–16). Association for Computing Machinery. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3586183.3606806>
- Setlur, V., and Tory, M. (2022). How do you Converse with an Analytical Chatbot? Revisiting Gricean Maxims for Designing Analytical Conversational Behavior. In *Proceedings of the 2022 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '22)* (pp. 1-17). Association for Computing Machinery.
<https://doi.org/10.1145/3491102.3501972>
- Vidya, S. and Haeyong, C. (2021). Semantic Resizing of Charts Through Generalization: A Case Study with Line Charts. In *Proceedings of the 2021 IEEE Visualization Conference* (pp. 1-5).
<https://doi.org/10.1109/VIS49827.2021.9623306>.

Setlur, V., Battersby, S.E., Tory, M., Gossweiler, R., and Chang, A.X. (2016). Eviza: A Natural Language Interface for Visual Analysis. *Proceedings of the 29th Annual Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST '16)* (pp. 365-377). Association for Computing Machinery.
<https://doi.org/10.1145/2984511.2984588>

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: “When I compare her research output to the generation of researchers I belong to, I would place her, without a doubt, among the main leaders in the field.”

Reviewer B: “The fact that she was able to continue to engage with the research community and even serve as program chair for UIST 2022, the top conference for technical HCI research, speaks to her deep commitment to academic progress and high standing in the community. Given her leadership experience, I have no doubt that [Ms.] Setlur will be able to lead research in a university setting and collaborate effectively with faculty and staff across the University of Michigan.”

Reviewer C: “Something else that has impressed me about [Ms. Setlur] is how, at least from a distance, she appears to be the primary driver of much of the research she’s involved in. The work that I have appreciated the most from her are projects where there seems to be little doubt that she was the primary sources of the ideas, and in many cases she’s been the first author. She hasn’t slowed down as far as I can tell, and seems unlikely to anytime soon.”

Reviewer D: “She has an impressive methodological depth and knows how to apply both qualitative and quantitative research methods to solve research challenges.”

Reviewer E: “More recently, I noticed that she and her co-authors are at the forefront of exploring conversational interactions with visualizations and the data contained in them, a topic that will become increasingly important over the next years. The theme of this work is that she is in a unique position to leverage her knowledge and skills of NLP and data visualization to identify opportunities and provide innovative technical solutions.”

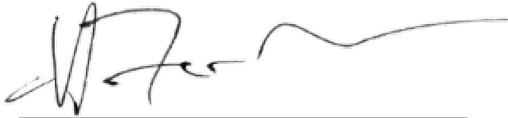
Reviewer F: “Her long history of work in this area puts her well ahead of the forefront that everyone else is now jumping on. In visualization, she has made contributions in system design, evaluations, and theory. She is also very good at attracting top-notch collaborators. She has co-authored papers with some of the top stars in the field.”

Summary of Recommendations:

Ms. Seltur is a leading researcher in the fields of VIS and HCI who has pioneered work fusing NLP with visual analytics. Her significant scholarly output in top-tier venues and real-world product impact at Tableau, clearly position her as a field leader. Her teaching philosophy aligns well with the University of Michigan School of

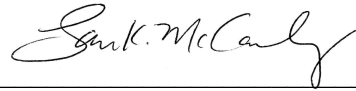
Information's mission and her service contributions demonstrate a strong commitment to her field. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Vidya Setlur as associate professor of information, without tenure, School of Information, effective August 25, 2026.

Recommended by:



Andrea Forte, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Information

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Michael A. Smith

TITLE: Associate Professor of Clinical Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy

TENURE STATUS: Without Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2026

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: 12 Months

With the endorsement of the Executive Committee of the College of Pharmacy, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Michael A. Smith as associate professor of clinical pharmacy, without tenure, College of Pharmacy, effective May 1, 2026.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Michael Smith received his BS in chemistry in 2007 and his PharmD degree in 2011 from the University of Pittsburgh. He then completed PGY1 and PGY2 residencies at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Professor Smith was appointed assistant professor of clinical pharmacy at the University of the Sciences, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. In 2015, he joined the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy as a clinical assistant professor and was also appointed as a clinical pharmacist specialist in pain and palliative care at the University of Michigan Health System. He was promoted to clinical associate professor in 2019 and to clinical professor in 2025. In 2023, he was appointed as a research health scientist in the Geriatric Research Education and Clinical Center at the Ann Arbor Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Teaching: Professor Smith is an accomplished educator and dedicated mentor who has contributed meaningfully to the didactic and experiential components of the PharmD and Bachelor of Science in pharmaceutical sciences (BSPS) programs in the College of Pharmacy. His teaching efforts have included coordinating two pharmacy skills courses, developing an asynchronous online elective in pain, and establishing a case-based PharmD elective in pain management. In these courses, he incorporates interactive methodologies like patient simulations and longitudinal case studies, fostering a participative and supportive learning environment that encourages students to develop self-directed learning skills. Professor Smith's

commitment to teaching extends to his mentorship of residents and fellows in the pain and palliative care program he established. His impact on trainees is evidenced by their success, including publication achievements and national recognition. His mentorship approach, which emphasizes personalized learning and professional growth, has had a lasting impact on students and trainees, who continue to seek his guidance and mentorship.

Research: Professor Smith's scholarship focuses on improving pain management for vulnerable populations, particularly older adults and cancer survivors. His research program focuses on two primary goals: the appropriate use of mechanistic-directed pain therapies and expanding access to clinical pharmacy support. Since his promotion to clinical associate professor in 2019, Professor Smith's research productivity has expanded significantly, as evidenced by his record of peer-reviewed publications, invited presentations, and grant activity. He received an Editor's Choice award from the journal *Pharmacotherapy* in 2023.

Service: Professor Smith's service reflects exceptional clinical, academic, and professional leadership, marked by sustained innovation and broad impact. As the first pharmacist hired to develop pain and palliative care services at the University of Michigan Health System, he established and expanded inpatient and outpatient care models that continue to thrive, including palliative care pharmacy clinics that successfully transitioned to and maintained a telehealth model. Through his leadership, pain pharmacy services grew from an initial 0.2 FTE appointment to a multidisciplinary team of pharmacists supporting acute and chronic pain management and addiction services. He also developed and directed an accredited PGY2 Pain Management and Palliative Care Pharmacy Residency, including a non-traditional pathway, significantly strengthening the clinical training pipeline. Although Professor Smith stepped back from direct clinical practice in 2023 due to increased research funding, he ensured continuity of care by developing and funding a post-doctoral fellowship to support patients and providers during the transition. Within the college and health system, he has contributed service through the Honor Council and numerous committees and work groups related to strategic planning, clinical skills, PharmD investigations, pain and palliative care, and as a member of the Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation. Nationally, Professor Smith is widely recognized as a leader in pain and palliative care, serving as a founding member of the Society of Pain and Palliative Care Pharmacists and chair of its Research Committee, where he led the development of policies, educational resources, and research recognition programs. His national service also includes leadership roles with the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, editorial service with the *Annals of Palliative Medicine*, and appointment as one of only three pharmacists on the Adult Cancer Pain Guideline panel for the National Comprehensive Cancer Network. His exemplary service and leadership have been further recognized through fellowships in both the American College of Clinical Pharmacy and the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, the latter awarded to only a small number of PharmD recipients.

RECENT AND SIGNIFICANT PUBLICATIONS

Funk MC, Nash S, Smith A, Barth K, Suzuki J, Rustad JK, Buonocore S, Khandai AC, Smith MA, Jin S, Drexler K, Renner JA. Treatment of opioid use disorder in the general hospital. *Am J Psych.* 2023;180(8):594-6.

Zerfas I, McGinn R, Smith MA. Pharmacologic management of cancer-related pain in pregnant patients. *Drugs.* 2023;83(12):1067-76.

Chua KP, Waljee JF, Smith MA, Bahl S, Nalliah RP, Brummett CM. Estimation of the prevalence of delayed dispensing of opioid prescriptions from U.S. surgeons and dentists. *JAMA Netw Open*. 2022;5 (5):e2214311.

Swarm RA, Youngwerth JM, Agne JL, Anghelescu DL, Are M, Buga S, Chwistek M, Copenhaver D, Craig D, Finnes H, Greenlee H, Hansen E, Kamal AH, Kamdar MM, Kandil E, Mackey S, McDonald A, McDowell MR, McGrath K, Moryl N, Nesbit S, O'Connor N, Paice JA, Phung P, Prsic E, Rabow MW, Rickerson E, Shatsky R, Sindt J, Smith MA, Yang Bruce J. NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology: *Adult Cancer Pain*, Version 1.2022.

Irwin M, Petersen K, Smith MA. Rapid buprenorphine induction for cancer pain in pregnancy. *J Pall Med*. 2021;24(8):1257-62.

EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Reviewer A: “Dr. Smith’s scholarship has been highly prolific and is highly impressive and indicative of his growth as an independent scholar, and recognition among his peers as a respected researcher and collaborator...”

Reviewer B: “Dr. Smith’s scholarship is strong. He has over 50 published articles (many as first/senior author), numerous conference abstracts, book chapters, and invited journal peer reviewer...I have no doubt that Dr. Smith will continue to represent our profession well and bring national presence to the University of Michigan.”

Reviewer C: “Dr. Smith’s teaching contributions are on par with those of colleagues at the Associate Professor rank from similar institutions and meet the mark of both quantity and quality...His work has certainly advanced the fields of pain management and palliative care.”

Reviewer D: “His teaching evaluations have been consistently strong, and his ongoing course development shows a commitment to high-quality education and mentorship...He has demonstrated excellence in teaching through course coordination and mentoring, has established a strong program of research with extramural funding and impactful publications, and has provided impactful service at the College, University, and national levels.”

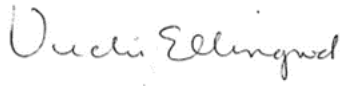
Reviewer E: “It is clear that he has successfully pivoted from a clinically-focused academic career to establish a program of research with great potential to improve the pain experience of older adults and cancer survivors, through studies to identify gaps in optimal pain treatment, support mechanism directed, pain-specific treatment approaches, and improve the delivery of pain treatment by integrating clinical pharmacists into models of care.”

Reviewer F: “Dr. Smith’s record of scholarly productivity, teaching effectiveness, and professional service clearly meets the requirements for a track and rank equivalent appointment at my institution. His accomplishments align with the standards of excellence expected of faculty at this level, demonstrating both the depth and breadth necessary for success.”

SUMMARY

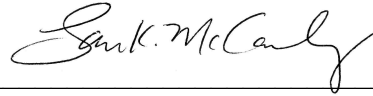
Professor Smith has a proven record of excellence in research, teaching, and service. We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Michael A. Smith as associate professor of clinical pharmacy, without tenure, College of Pharmacy, effective May 1, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Vicki L. Ellingrod, PharmD, FCCP, FACNP
Dean
John Gideon Searle Professor, Professor of
Pharmacy
Professor of Psychiatry
College of Pharmacy

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Unendowed Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Elizabeth B. Moje

CURRENT TITLES: Dean, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, George Herbert Mead Collegiate Professor of Education, and Professor of Education, with tenure, Marsal Family School of Education

TITLE BEING RENEWED: George Herbert Mead Collegiate Professor of Education, Marsal Family School of Education

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Marsal Family School of Education, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Elizabeth B. Moje as the George Herbert Mead Collegiate Professor of Education, Marsal Family School of Education, for a five-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030.

This professorship was established in the Provost office and was named the George Herbert Mead Collegiate Professorship in Education in August 2006. George Herbert Mead taught philosophy and psychology at the University of Michigan at a time when these two disciplines were developing a new perspective on the study of learning and teaching. He is a major figure in the history of American philosophy and is one of the founders of Pragmatism along with Pierce, James, Tufts, and Dewey. Through his teaching, writing, and posthumous publications, he has exercised a significant influence in 20th century social theory among both philosophers and social scientists. A stipend funded from the Marsal Family School of Education will accompany this professorship. Appointments to this professorship may be five years and may be renewable.

Elizabeth Moje received her B.A. in 1983 from Concordia College, her M.A. in 1990 at Eastern Michigan University, and her Ph.D. in 1994 from Purdue University. From 1994 to 1997, she was an assistant professor at the University of Utah. She joined the faculty of the University of Michigan in 1997 as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor in 2001, and to professor in 2009. She was appointed as the associate dean for research and community engagement from 2010 to 2016 and was appointed as the dean in 2016.

A former high school history and biology teacher, Professor Moje's research examines young people's navigations of culture, identity, and literacy learning in and out of school in Detroit, Michigan, with a particular focus on how youth learn and enact the literacies they need for specific domains, including those of school disciplines. By documenting youth literacy practices

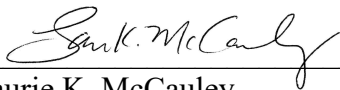
and learning outside of schools in communities, youth popular cultural groups, and in online settings, she helps teachers of school disciplines consider how the disciplinary domains are like cultural settings in which certain linguistic and interactional norms and conventions dictate access, participation, and membership. Teachers of different disciplines can serve as cultural brokers who help novices entering a new disciplinary domain navigate within and across school disciplines. Teachers can also build on and draw from the domain-specific strategies and assets that youth bring to school from families, popular culture, and their communities.

In September 2018, together with the Detroit Public Schools Community District and the Kresge Foundation, Professor Moje announced Marsal Education’s participation in the development of a cradle-to-career education system, the Marygrove Learning Community. As part of this collaboration, she leads a research-practice partnership and the Michigan Education Teaching School on site at Marygrove.

Professor Moje’s research projects have been or are currently funded by the National Institutes of Health/NICHD, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, National Science Foundation, William T. Grant Foundation, Spencer Foundation, International Reading Association, and the National Academy of Education. She is a member of the William T. Grant Foundation Board of Trustees, an elected member of the National Academy of Education, and an elected member of the Reading Hall of Fame. She is recipient of the Oscar Causey Award for Distinguished Contributions in Literacy Research from the Literacy Research Association (2022); the Senior Career Distinguished Scholar Award from the National Council of Research on Language and Literacy (2023), and the John J. Gumperz Memorial Award for Distinguished Lifetime Scholarship from the American Educational Research Association (2024). She also was recognized among Crain’s Detroit Business’ Notable Leaders in Higher Education in 2023.

I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Elizabeth B. Moje as the George Herbert Mead Collegiate Professor of Education, Marsal Family School of Education, for a five-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030.

Respectfully submitted,



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

January 2026

**INTERIM APPROVAL
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of a Professional Administrative Appointment

NAME: Bradford G. Orr

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Vice President for Research–Natural Sciences and Engineering, Office of the Vice President for Research, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and Professor of Physics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Associate Vice President for Research–Natural Sciences and Engineering, Office of the Vice President for Research

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027

I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Bradford G. Orr as associate vice president for research–natural sciences and engineering, Office of the Vice President for Research, effective September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027.

Bradford Orr earned a B.S. and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. He completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center in New York before joining UM as an assistant professor in 1987. Over the course of Professor Orr’s career, his research has focused on the study of surfaces and nanostructures using ultra-microscopies. In 2000, he was promoted to professor of physics in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. In 2001, Professor Orr served as a visiting professor at the National Institute for Materials Science in Japan.

Professor Orr has also been active in administration, currently serving as the associate vice president for research–natural sciences and engineering in the Office of the Vice President for Research since 2018. He served as the chair for the Department of Physics from 2009 through 2018 and served as the director of the UM Applied Physics Program from 2002 through 2009.

As the associate vice president for research–natural sciences and engineering, Professor Orr supports faculty research in the natural sciences and engineering and helps lead strategic initiatives that foster interdisciplinary and cross-sector collaboration. He serves as a liaison to schools and departments in these disciplines and advises the vice president for research and innovation and other members of OVPR leadership in strategic planning and decision-making to advance the university’s research enterprise. Professor Orr provides institutional leadership for several major research programs, including the Michigan Institute for Data and AI in Society (MIDAS), where he currently serves as the acting director; the Michigan Institute for Computational Discovery and Engineering (MICDE); and the Quantum Research Institute (QRI). He also oversees the Artificial Intelligence Institutes at Michigan (AIIM) and the Office

of National Laboratories (ONL). Professor Orr was instrumental in launching the University of Michigan—Los Alamos National Laboratory partnership, which was honored with the 2025 Economic Development Project of the Year Award by Ann Arbor SPARK.

With his strong commitment to catalyzing research along with his demonstrated administrative leadership, Professor Orr has been an invaluable asset to the Office of the Vice President for Research in his role. I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Bradford G. Orr as associate vice president for research—natural sciences and engineering, Office of the Vice President for Research, effective September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arthur Lupia', written in a cursive style.

Arthur Lupia
Vice President for Research and Innovation

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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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: Todd R. Allen

CURRENT TITLES: Chihiro Kikuchi Collegiate Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, Glenn F. and Gladys H. Knoll Department Chair of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, and Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, with tenure, College of Engineering

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Associate Dean for Research, Chihiro Kikuchi Collegiate Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, Glenn F. and Gladys H. Knoll Department Chair of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, and Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, with tenure, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Todd R. Allen as associate dean for research, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030.

Todd Allen received his B.S. (1984) in nuclear engineering from Northwestern University. He received his M.S. (1991) in information management from George Washington University. He received another M.S. (1993) and his Ph.D. (1997) in nuclear engineering from the University of Michigan.

Professor Allen has, during a career that includes working in academia, national laboratories, the military, and policy think tanks, demonstrated excellence in materials science and public policy research, national leadership, advancing national policy, and mentoring. His research record is stellar with 194 refereed publications, 16 national laboratory reports, and 10 book chapters. His work is highly cited with over 15,400 career citations, an h-index of 67, and an i-index of 201 (all from Google Scholar). He has one patent. His scholarly leadership includes producing seminal work in understanding radiation-induced segregation (RIS) and the synergy between RIS and void swelling, performing some of the earliest work on stability of oxide particles in ODS steels, and establishing scientific leadership in the study of how systems of grain boundaries, created through grain boundary engineering, could mitigate corrosion and radiation damage in metals used in a nuclear reactor.

Professor Allen's international leadership includes leading a major basic science effort on thermal transport in nuclear fuels as the director of the Center for Material Science of Nuclear

Fuels, a DOE BES Energy Frontier Research Center. He developed the framework for the Advanced Test Reactor National Scientific User Facility (ATR NSUF, now the Nuclear Science User Facilities NSUF) and developed the partnership program that now has extended beyond the Idaho National Laboratory to include the capability of 18 partner institutions. He was part of the leadership team for the Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy Generation IV Roadmap that re-established a nuclear energy research program in the United States in the early 2000s. He led all scientific and technical research efforts at the Idaho National Laboratory as the deputy lab director for Science and Technology for three years from 2013 through 2015. As a naval officer, he served on a nuclear submarine while on active duty and he was the commanding officer of three separate naval reserve units.

Since 2019, Professor Allen has served as the chair of the Department of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences at Michigan. Within his first four months here, he launched the Fastest Path to Zero Initiative, a cross-disciplinary project aimed at developing the optimal technical, economic, policy, and social pathways towards reducing carbon released into the atmosphere. Fastest Path was influential in establishing socio-technical studies within the Department of Energy Office of Nuclear Energy research portfolio. Since 2019, he has been running an international program for the Office of Economic Cooperation Development Nuclear Energy Agency NEST program that allows students to work through the technical, economic, regulatory, and social elements of advanced nuclear reactor deployment scenarios. Since December 2022, he has been co-leading the University of Michigan's hydrogen initiative (MI Hydrogen).

Professor Allen has significant policy experience. He developed and executed a series of five simultaneous workshops on the need for innovation in nuclear energy. This initiative led to the current DOE Gateway for Accelerated Innovation in Nuclear (GAIN) program, a White House initiative launched in 2015. He co-authored a policy paper on nuclear innovation that was named one of the top 50 worldwide policy study reports produced by a think tank in 2016. In 2016, he testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce on developing an innovation culture in nuclear energy and briefed the State of Arkansas Joint Committee on Energy about nuclear energy. In 2021, he testified before the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Judicious Spending to Enable Success at the Office of Nuclear Energy. He was recently a committee member on the National Academy of Engineering study titled "Laying the Foundation for New and Advanced Nuclear Reactors in the United States," which was initiated in 2021 and was released in 2023. In 2022, he was integral in the inclusion of nearly a billion dollars of authorized funding for new nuclear reactor infrastructure at universities through the CHIPS+ law.

Professor Allen mentored 18 students to Ph.D. degrees over a ten-year period at the University of Wisconsin. Four of those students now hold academic positions, seven are at national laboratories, and six work in industry research positions. During that time, he also mentored twelve post-doctoral fellows or visiting scientists. Three now hold academic positions, six are at national laboratories, and one works in industry research positions.

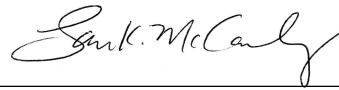
Professor Allen has demonstrated that he possesses the experience, ability, and commitment to fulfill the important responsibilities of an associate dean in the College of Engineering. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Todd R. Allen as associate dean for research, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Karen A. Thole, Ph.D.
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering
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RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

January 2026

**INTERIM APPROVAL
GRANTED**

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Nikhil Bansal

CURRENT TITLES: Patrick C. Fischer Professor of Theoretical Computer Science, and Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with tenure, College of Engineering

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 25, 2026

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Mathematics and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the College of Engineering, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Nikhil Bansal as professor of mathematics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 25, 2026.

Nikhil Bansal completed his B.T. in computer science and engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology in 1999. He earned his Ph.D. in computer science from Carnegie Mellon University in 2003. He began his career at the IBM T.J. Watson Research Center in New York, first as a researcher from 2004-2008 and then as a manager in the Algorithms Group from 2008-2011. Professor Bansal was appointed as an associate professor at the Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands in 2011 and was promoted to professor, with tenure, in 2014. He joined the faculty in the College of Engineering in August 2021 as a professor, with tenure, in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and as the Patrick C. Fischer Professor of Theoretical Computer Science.

Professor Bansal is a prolific researcher in theoretical computer science. He specializes in the design and analysis of algorithms for discrete optimization problems. He has solved long-standing open problems in online algorithms, resolved an important conjecture in discrepancy theory via a constructive algorithm, obtained major results in scheduling and approximation algorithms, and initiated a new direction in auction theory. Professor Bansal's other research interests include combinatorial optimization, discrete math, probabilistic combinatorics, machine learning, quantum computing, and complex theory. His award-winning work has been funded by the NSF and the NWO, among others. For his outstanding accomplishments, he was named a fellow of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) in 2023. Professor Bansal's research expertise in discrete mathematics, complexity theory, machine learning, and probability will benefit the department's goals in modern applied mathematics. His presence will also strengthen faculty collaboration and enhance the department's participation in federally

supported initiatives at the intersection of mathematics, computer science, and artificial intelligence.

Professor Bansal has taught several popular courses, including “Complexity Theory,” “Discrete Mathematics,” and “Randomness and Computation.” Over the course of his career, he has advised more than 70 students and post-doctoral scholars. He has strong foundation with the Department of Mathematics already as he has given two seminar talks, participated in a reading group, served on a dissertation committee, and advised undergraduate students. He has also sat in on several mathematics courses. We anticipate Professor Bansal will be a valuable mentor and committee member for mathematics students, especially within the Applied and Interdisciplinary Mathematics program.

Professor Bansal has an impressive record of service to his profession. He is the managing editor of *Theory of Computation* and previously served as the associate editor of the *Journal of ACM*, *Mathematics of Operations Research*, *SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics*, and the *SIAM Journal on Computing*. He has been a member of several advisory boards and award committees and has served as the program chair for many conferences. He has also co-organized workshops and events, including programs at the Simons Institute at the University of California at Berkeley and the Hausdorff Research Institute for Mathematics at the Universität Bonn.

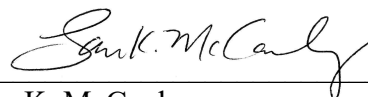
We are very pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Nikhil Bansal as professor of mathematics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 25, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Rosario Ceballo, Dean
Professor of Psychology &
Women’s and Gender Studies
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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Karen A. Thole, Ph.D.
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Andrew Benjamin, M.D., M.S.

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Endowed Research Professor of Acute Care Surgery, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030

On the recommendation of Justin B. Dimick, M.D., M.P.H., the Frederick A. Collier Distinguished Professor and chair of the Department of Surgery, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Andrew Benjamin, M.D., M.S. as the Endowed Research Professor of Acute Care Surgery, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

The Endowed Research Professorship in Acute Care Surgery was established in December 2024, being funded through splitting excess market value from the George D. Zuidema Professorship in Surgery, which was established through a transfer from the University of Michigan Hospital in 1994 to honor an accomplished surgeon and exceptional physician, teacher, and administrator at the University of Michigan Hospital and Medical School. The purpose of this professorship will be to support the research, clinical, and outreach efforts of a distinguished faculty member within the Department of Surgery. The holder of this professorship may include non-tenured or tenure track faculty members. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Andrew Benjamin received his M.D. from Loyola University Chicago in 2013. He followed this with a residency in general surgery at the University of Chicago from 2014-2020, serving as the chief resident the last year. He then completed a fellowship from 2020-2021 in surgical critical care from the University of Pennsylvania. He also received his M.S. from the University of Chicago in 2017. He was then appointed as an assistant professor at University of Chicago from 2021-2025. Dr. Benjamin joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2025 as a clinical instructor and was appointed as a clinical associate professor in November 2025. Dr. Benjamin currently serves as the division chief of acute care surgery in the Department of Surgery.

Dr. Benjamin's clinical expertise is in trauma surgery, emergency general surgery, and surgical critical care, with advanced expertise in managing patients with complex and life-threatening injuries. He has been a leader in expanding surgical innovation at the University of Chicago, where he pioneered the robotic acute care surgery program, performing the institution's first robotic cholecystectomy, appendectomy, hernia repairs, peptic ulcer patch repair, and small bowel

anastomosis in the acute care setting. This dual focus on complex trauma procedures and minimally invasive surgical innovation distinguishes his practice, while his critical care training ensures comprehensive management of severely injured and critically ill patients.

Dr. Benjamin's academic work has centered on advancing trauma and acute care surgery through funded research, high-impact publications, and national leadership in education. His work is supported by competitive funding, including his role as the principal investigator on a grant from the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma Foundation investigating the impact of gut microbiota-derived metabolites on post-hemorrhage survival. These contributions have been recognized through multiple teaching awards, including the Robert Baker Golden Apple Award and the Bucksbaum Associate Junior Faculty Scholar honor. He's authored more than 30 peer-reviewed publications in journals such as *JAMA Surgery*, *Annals of Surgery*, and the *Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery*, along with several book chapters, including Schwartz's Principles of Surgery. Dr. Benjamin's invited lectures and presentations span national and international forums, and he has been recognized with multiple teaching awards for his commitment to mentorship and residency leadership. In addition, he contributes to the field as a reviewer for leading journals, a grant reviewer for national funding programs, and an active member of professional societies, underscoring a career dedicated to research, education, and innovation in surgical care.

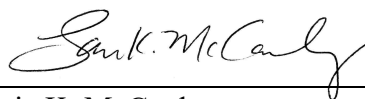
Dr. Benjamin is a productive clinician, dedicated scientist, and an excellent educator who will accelerate translational research and innovation to address pressing challenges in critical surgical illness. He is an appropriate candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Andrew Benjamin, M.D., M.S. as the Endowed Research Professor of Acute Care Surgery, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Lorraine R. Buis, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Family Medicine, with tenure, Medical School, and Associate Professor of Information, without tenure, School of Information

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Dr. Max and Buena Lichter Research Professor of Family Medicine, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030

On the recommendation of Phillip Rodgers, M.D., the George A. Dean, M.D. Chair and chair, Department of Family Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Lorraine R. Buis, Ph.D. as the Dr. Max and Buena Lichter Research Professor of Family Medicine, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

The Dr. Max and Buena Lichter Research Professorship in Family Medicine was established in June 2008 through a generous gift from D. Allen and Evie Lichter and Dr. Paul and Carolyn Lichter. This professorship honors the memory of their father, Dr. Max Lichter, and their mother, Buena Lichter, and is intended to encourage and support research in family medicine. The recipient will be a senior faculty member in the Department of Family Medicine who has and continues to make important research contributions in the field. This professorship has been held by the three previous associate chairs for research programs in the Department of Family Medicine. The appointment period is up to five years and may not be renewed.

Lorraine Buis received her Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 2007. She followed this with a post-doctoral research training in Health Services Research from the Ann Arbor Veterans Affairs Health Services Research and Development Center of Excellence by 2009. She was appointed as an assistant professor from Wayne State University from 2009-2013 along with an honorary appointment from the department of Communication. Dr. Buis joined the faculty in 2013 at the University of Michigan as an assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine and School of Information and was promoted in 2020 to associate professor, with tenure, in the Department of Family Medicine, and associate professor, without tenure, in the School of Information. Dr. Buis currently serves as the associate chair for Research Programs in the Department of Family Medicine.

Dr. Buis' research expertise has led highly interdisciplinary teams to drive impactful innovations in digital health intervention to improve self-management of chronic health conditions among vulnerable populations that experience health disparities. Her first R01 in 2016 evaluated the effectiveness of a multi-behavior change intervention called MI-BP on blood pressure in a population of uncontrolled hypertensive black patients recruited from emergency departments in the city of Detroit. This success of the work sparked Dr. Buis' growth to become an international leader in digital health innovation,

most recently developing interventions to support dietary changes cancer prevention in a population of patients at risk for developing colorectal cancer, and most recently pregnancy-related decision making for individuals with disabilities. Dr. Buis transformative digital health research has led to more than 60 peer-reviewed publications, and has been supported by more than thirty grants, including more than ten on which she has served as the principal investigator or co-principal investigator. It is breadth across patient populations, with particular emphasis on vulnerable populations, truly honors the core values of family medicine and Michigan Medicine.

Her very active work as an educator includes more than twelve years teaching a highly subscribed master's level course in the School of Information, leadership in MICHR, and an extensive track record of mentorship to train the next generation of researchers. Dr. Buis' extensive service includes longitudinal leadership of our department's busy mock review team, executive service on IHPI's Leadership Team, the MHealthy Advisory Council and the Research Climate Council 2.0. Nationally, she is very active in the Society of Behavioral Medicine and has served on numerous study sections for the NIH and NSF, and as both a Safety Officer and Data Safety and Monitoring Board member for NIH-funded clinical trials. Internationally, Dr. Buis serves as editor-in-chief of *JMIR mHealth & uHealth*, overseeing review of more than 700 submissions annually, and provides grant review for numerous international organizations.

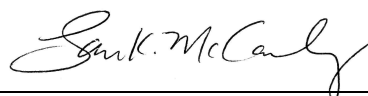
Dr. Buis is a productive dedicated scientist, leader, and an excellent educator who serves as the associate chair for Research Programs in the Department of Family Medicine. She is an appropriate candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Lorraine R. Buis, Ph.D. as the Dr. Max and Buena Lichter Research Professor of Family Medicine, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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



Andrea Forte
Dean, School of Information

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Rashmi Chugh, M.D.

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Maisel Research Professor of Translational/Clinical Oncology, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030

On the recommendation of Eric Fearon, M.D., Ph.D., the Emanuel N. Maisel Professor and director of the Rogel Cancer Center, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Rashmi Chugh, M.D. as the Maisel Research Professor of Translational/Clinical Oncology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

The Maisel Research Professorship in Translational/Clinical Oncology was established in September 2021 through a generous gift from Geneva (Cis) Maisel, a longtime benefactor to the University of Michigan. It is intended to support the research and/or clinical efforts of a faculty member whose efforts aim to reduce cancer risk, incidence, and death and enhance quality of life for cancer survivors by supporting innovative research and applications in health care delivery. The holder will be a faculty member in the Rogel Cancer Center. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Rashmi Chugh received her M.D. in 1998 from Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine. She completed his residency training at the University of Michigan in 2001. In 2006, Dr. Chugh accepted a faculty position as a lecturer of internal medicine here at the University of Michigan. She was appointed as a clinical assistant professor in 2008 and rose through the ranks to clinical professor in 2019. She currently serves as the associate division chief for clinical services for the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Hematology/Oncology.

Dr. Chugh's research focuses on the development and evaluation of novel therapies for patients with sarcomas, a rare and diverse group of cancers. Her work has been instrumental in leading investigator-initiated and cooperative group clinical trials, and she plays a key leadership role within the Sarcoma Alliance for Research through Collaboration, a national sarcoma research consortium. In addition to her clinical and research roles, Dr. Chugh is a valued mentor and educator to trainees and junior faculty, and she has consistently demonstrated a collaborative and personalized approach to care. Beyond her departmental contributions, Dr. Chugh is an integral part of the Rogel Cancer Center community. She has been a leader in shaping clinical trial strategy and ensuring patients with rare cancers have access to cutting-edge treatments and compassionate,

expert care. Her deep understanding of translational and clinical research and unwavering dedication to improving outcomes for patients with cancer make her an ideal candidate for this professorship. She currently has 26 grants and has authored 96 peer-reviewed manuscripts in top-tiered journals, as well as 15 book chapters.

Dr. Chugh provides extensive organizational service at national, regional, and institutional levels. Nationally, she serves on nine committees, including prominent leadership roles as the co-chair of the Clinical Catalyst Committee for the Ewing Sarcoma Institute and chair of the Scientific Committee for the American Society of Clinical Oncology. Regionally, she has contributed as the co-lead of the Phase II Consortium Disease-Oriented Group at the University of Chicago. Institutionally, Dr. Chugh serves on 12 committees, with leadership as the chair of the Rogel Cancer Center Data Safety Monitoring Board as well as the Hematology/Oncology Core Coordination Committee. Her service excellence was recognized with the Roland Hiss Award for Service from the Department of Internal Medicine in 2020. In addition, she has participated in five national study sections and advances scholarly rigor through peer review for 32 journals, including *JCO Oncology Advances*. She also serves as a section editor, further shaping the field through editorial leadership.

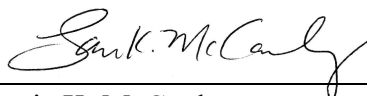
Dr. Chugh is a productive mentor, scientist, leader, and an excellent educator. She is an appropriate candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Rashmi Chugh, M.D. as the Maisel Research Professor of Translational/Clinical Oncology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Tomasz Cierpicki, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Pathology, with tenure, Medical School, and Professor of Biophysics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

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

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030

On the recommendation of Charles A. Parkos, M.D., Ph.D., the Carl Vernon 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 Tomasz Cierpicki, Ph.D. as the Godfrey D. Stobbe Professor of Pathology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

The Godfrey D. Stobbe Professorship in Pathology was established in July 1987 through a bequest from Dr. Stobbe's estate. Dr. Stobbe was a 1939 Medical School graduate who had a long affiliation with the Department of Pathology at the University of Michigan. The appointment period may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Tomasz Cierpicki received his Ph.D. from the University of Wroclaw, Wroclaw, Poland in 2002. He completed his post-doctoral training in NMR spectroscopy, X-ray crystallography, and protein expression at the University of Virginia Department of Molecular Physiology and Biological Physics in 2006. Upon completion of his post-doctoral fellowship training, Dr. Cierpicki joined the faculty at the University of Virginia where he was promoted to an assistant professor of research in the Department of Molecular Physiology and Biological Physics. Dr. Cierpicki joined the faculty of the University of Michigan in 2009 as an assistant professor in pathology with a joint appointment in biophysics. He was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2016, and to professor in the Department of Pathology in 2022.

Dr. Cierpicki's research interests are in epigenetics and the development of molecules and inhibitors that target brain, lung and leukemia cancer cells. He is a well-funded researcher with nine NIH grants, 12 patents, and numerous collaborations with researchers at the University of Michigan, nationally and internationally. Dr. Cierpicki has received many honors including the American Cancer Society Research Scholar, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Scholar, and the Forbes Institute for Cancer Discovery Scholar. Dr. Cierpicki brings international recognition as a leader in his field, having lectured widely and published more than 115 peer-reviewed articles, and two book chapters. He is a role model for scholarly productivity, dedicated teaching, and

exceptional research. Nationally and internationally recognized, Dr. Wilson has delivered more than 50 invited lectures. Dr. Cierpicki is a dedicated educator, mentoring faculty, fellows, and graduate students, and has served on 28 dissertation committees. He also serves institutionally on seven committees.

In 2025, Dr. Cierpicki, along with his long-time collaborator Jolanta Grembecka, Ph.D., professor of pathology at the University of Michigan, received the remarkable news that the drug Ziftomenib, a Menin inhibitor, received FDA approval. This drug was discovered and co-developed by Drs. Cierpicki and Grembecka and Kura Oncology, Inc. The drug is licensed to Kura Oncology, Inc. for commercialization. This new drug received breakthrough and orphan drug designation with the FDA allowing for expedited review and was approved by the FDA for adults with relapsed or refractory acute myeloid leukemia who have no satisfactory alternative treatment options. This is an extraordinary accomplishment and a significant breakthrough in the treatment of acute myeloid leukemia.

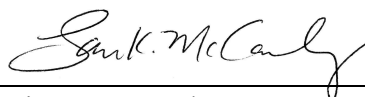
Dr. Cierpicki is a productive dedicated scientist and an excellent educator. He is an appropriate candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Tomasz Cierpicki, Ph.D. as the Godfrey D. Stobbe Professor of Pathology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
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Recommendation endorsed by:



Laurie K. McCauley
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February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Stephen M. DeBacker

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Mahendra Parekh Director of the Center for Inquiry Based Learning, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2030

On the recommendation of the chair of the Department of Mathematics and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Stephen M. DeBacker as the Mahendra Parekh Director of the Center for Inquiry Based Learning, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a five-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2030.

The Mahendra Parekh Directorship in the Center for Inquiry Based Learning was established in September 2025 as a result of a generous gift from APMPFF, Inc. Appointments to this directorship may be three to five years, will coincide with the term of the director's appointment, and may be renewed.

Stephen DeBacker completed his B.S. in mathematics and physics at Santa Clara University in 1990. He then attended the University of Chicago where he earned his S.M. in mathematics in 1991 and his Ph.D. in mathematics in 1997. Professor DeBacker was a NSF fellow from 1998-2001 and the L.E. Dickson Instructor at the University of Chicago from 1999-2001. He was the Benjamin Peirce Assistant Professor at Harvard University in 2001 and joined our faculty as an associate professor, with tenure, in 2002. Professor DeBacker was promoted to professor in 2009.

Professor DeBacker is a nationally recognized scholar of representation theory. His research is directed towards questions in harmonic analysis of reductive p-adic groups. He has made several major advances in the field, combining techniques developed by influential scholars Barbasch, Moy, and Prasad with new techniques of his own. He was recently honored with an invitation to deliver the Alexanderson Lecture at Santa Clara University while serving as the Paul R. and Virginia P. Halmos Endowed Visiting Professor in 2023-2024.

Professor DeBacker is an outstanding teacher and mentor. For more than a decade, he has been a driving force in the department's undergraduate program, leading the transformation of "Math

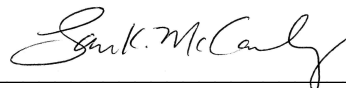
217,” the gateway to the major linear algebra course, into an inquiry-based learning (IBL) course. In his time as the director of the Center for Inquiry Based Learning, he has implemented research-based teacher training, mentoring, and scholarship for faculty, graduate student instructors, and undergraduate teaching assistants, greatly enhancing the instruction of courses. He has fostered a strong sense of community in the center’s new dedicated space, giving undergraduate students a comfortable place to study and seek academic support. He also continues to inspire and mentor faculty to expand the repertoire of IBL course offerings.

Professor DeBacker is deeply engaged in outreach. He is a founder of the department’s very effective Math Corps, a free summer camp program for local middle school students and high school mentors, as well as Math Circles, a program that welcomes middle school and high school students and their teachers to campus for lectures on and discussions about mathematics. He has been active in the Michigan Math and Science Scholars Program to recruit prospective students, as well as in the Laboratory of Geometry, which allows undergraduate students to contribute to cutting-edge mathematical research. Under his leadership, the center has strengthened ties with these and other impactful outreach programs. Professor DeBacker also understands the importance of having well-prepared, enthusiastic high school math teachers, and he is committed to inspiring more mathematical majors to enter the teaching profession. He has ambitious plans for the center’s programming to support this goal.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Stephen M. DeBacker as the Mahendra Parekh Director of the Center for Inquiry Based Learning, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a five-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2030.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



Rosario Ceballo, Ph.D.
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Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice
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December 2025

**INTERIM APPROVAL
GRANTED**

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

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

NAME: Meghan A. Duffy

CURRENT TITLES: Susan S. Kilham Collegiate Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, and Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

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

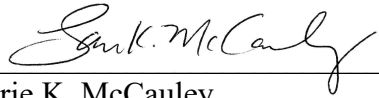
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

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 Meghan A. Duffy be designated a Thurnau Professor.

Professor Duffy's multi-faceted contributions to undergraduate education at U-M are of a scale, depth, innovativeness, and impact that are truly exceptional. She led the overhaul of Biology 171, "Introduction to Ecology and Evolution," creating an active, student-centered environment that supports deep learning for a highly diverse cohort. Her department chair calls her a fearless innovator who consults the pedagogical literature to identify the most effective teaching strategies, collaborates with colleagues to implement them, and then gathers and analyzes the data needed to assess their effectiveness. In the new flipped format, students practice solving problems during lecture, and they are demonstrating higher order conceptual thinking on exams. Enrollment tripled in her upper-division course, EEB 315, "Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Disease," where students develop proficiency in both reading scientific primary literature and communicating effectively about it. Professor Duffy's commitment to student success includes her mentorship of over 100 undergraduates in research, more than half from underrepresented groups, and her ability to create supportive communities where students feel valued. As one student reports, "I found myself going from someone who was genuinely struggling in BIO 171, to someone who was excited to take EEB 315, and now feels confident in my abilities as a student and as a future scientist." Her impact extends beyond the classroom to curriculum reform undertaken as the associate chair for undergraduate studies, mentorship of new colleagues, as well as advocacy across U-M for student mental health and wellbeing.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Laurie K. McCauley".

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

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Louito C. Edje, M.D., M.H.P.E.

CURRENT TITLES: Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education, David M. Wu, M.D. and Bernadine E. Wu, M.D. Professor, Clinical Professor, Department of Family Medicine, and Clinical Professor, Department of Learning Health Sciences, Medical School

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Vice Dean for Medical Education, David M. Wu, M.D. and Bernadine E. Wu, M.D. Professor, Clinical Professor, Department of Family Medicine, and Clinical Professor, Department of Learning Health Sciences, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Louito C. Edje, M.D., M.H.P.E. as vice dean for medical education, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026.

Louito Edje obtained her medical degree from the University of Michigan in 1995. After completing a family medicine residency at Toledo Hospital, she spent several years in private practice while also working as an attending physician at St. Luke's Hospital in Maumee, Ohio. In 2011, she accepted a position with ProMedica in Toledo where she remained until 2018. During this time, she also held several adjunct faculty positions as a clinical professor at in the Department of Family Medicine at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, the University of Toledo College of Medicine, Michigan State University, and Ohio Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Edje began an adjunct clinical instructor appointment at the University of Michigan in the Department of Family Medicine in 2012. She returned for a brief one-year period to St. Luke's before accepting a position at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in 2019 where she was appointed a professor in the Department of Medical Education. In 2023, she joined the University of Michigan.

Dr. Edje has been involved significantly in administrative activities throughout her extensive career. Dr. Edje served as the chair of medicine at St. Luke's Hospital from 2004-2006 and was a member of the board of directors from 2006-2015. At ProMedica, she served as the associate vice president of academic affairs from 2014-2018. Dr. Edje served as the associate dean for graduate medical education at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center from 2019-2023, and from 2021-2023, served as the designated institutional official. Since joining the University of Michigan in 2023, she has served as the chair of the education cabinet for the medical school and as the senior

associate dean for medical education. In 2025, she was appointed as the chair of the Michigan Medicine Leadership Group on Education.

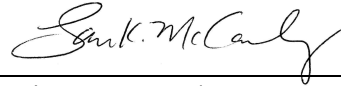
Therefore, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Louito C. Edge, M.D., M.H.P.E. as vice dean for medical education, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

January 2026

**INTERIM APPROVAL
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Michael J. Englesbe, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Cyrenus G. Darling Sr. M.D. and Cyrenus G. Darling Jr. M.D.
Professor of Surgery, and Professor of Surgery, with tenure,
Medical School

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Jeremiah and Claire Turcotte Professor of Transplantation
Surgery, and Professor of Surgery, with tenure, Medical
School

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030

On the recommendation of Justin B. Dimick, M.D., M.P.H., the Frederick A. Collier Distinguished Professor and chair of the Department of Surgery, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Michael J. Englesbe, M.D. as the Jeremiah and Claire Turcotte Professor of Transplantation Surgery, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

The Jeremiah and Claire Turcotte Professorship in Transplantation Surgery was established in March 2006 to recognize Dr. Jeremiah Turcotte's many outstanding personal achievements. It is intended to support the research and clinical efforts of the director of the Organ Transplantation Program in the Department of Surgery. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Michael J. Englesbe received his M.D. degree in 1997 from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He completed his residency in general surgery at the University of Michigan, and a surgical research fellowship at the University of Washington. Dr. Englesbe also completed a fellowship in multi organ transplantation at the University of Michigan. He was appointed as a lecturer of surgery here in 2004 and rose through the ranks to professor, with tenure, in 2017. Dr. Englesbe serves as the head of the Section of Transplant Surgery at the University of Michigan. He also serves as the vice chair for mentorship in the Department of Surgery.

Dr. Englesbe's research and policy work focuses on perioperative optimization for major surgery, advancing patient safety and surgical outcomes. He has secured over \$100 million in extramural funding from federal, state, and foundation sources, including the Department of Health and Human Services and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation. Dr. Englesbe has authored more than 350 peer-reviewed articles in leading journals such as *JAMA Surgery*, *Annals of Surgery*, *American Journal of Transplantation*, and the *New England Journal of Medicine*, and co-authored four books.

In addition to his research, Dr. Englesbe provides significant educational leadership. He previously directed the medical student clerkship in surgery and led the design and implementation of the current third- and fourth-year medical school curriculum. He serves as the portfolio director for the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Collaborative Quality Initiatives and as the director of the Michigan Surgical Quality Collaborative, shaping statewide quality improvement efforts.

Dr. Englesbe is widely recognized for his contributions to teaching, having received numerous awards from the Department of Surgery and the Medical School. He mentors students through the Academic Surgery Interest Group and supports undergraduate research in surgical clinics. Nationally, he is a frequently invited speaker on surgical safety, quality innovation, and value-based healthcare.

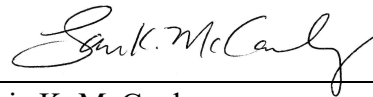
Dr. Englesbe is an accomplished clinician and clinical researcher who has contributed greatly to education in transplantation surgery. He is a successful researcher and exemplifies the intent of this professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Michael J. Englesbe, M.D. as the Jeremiah and Claire Turcotte Professor of Transplantation Surgery, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

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

NAME: Cynthia J. Finelli

CURRENT TITLES: David C. Munson Jr Collegiate Professor of Engineering, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with tenure, College of Engineering, and Professor of Education, without tenure, Marsal Family School of Education

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor

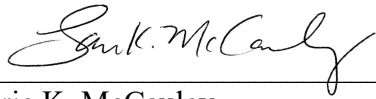
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

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 Cynthia J. Finelli be designated a Thurnau Professor.

An internationally renowned leader in engineering education research (EER), Professor Finelli has a reputation for generating pedagogical research, implementing findings into her own courses, and mentoring colleagues across the college and beyond U-M to do the same. She has led, collaborated on, or supervised numerous NSF-funded EER projects. She investigated how undergraduate students' background characteristics influence college knowledge and out-of-class involvement, and how those factors affect academic success. Her work also ranges from examining the classroom experiences of neurodiverse students, to documenting the effects of flexible, active learning classrooms on faculty pedagogy and student behavior. In addition to publishing practical guidance for increasing the effectiveness of engineering teaching, she has organized teaching circles and communities of practice where instructors can support each other as they revise courses to include evidence-based approaches. In her own courses, Professor Finelli makes complex technical content accessible and meaningful by connecting theory to real-world, human-centered issues and integrating content on social responsibility, ethical reasoning, and contemporary global challenges. Students particularly praise her repurposing of lecture and discussion section time for active problem-solving with instructors on hand to answer questions. They also appreciate how she acknowledges the different backgrounds and experiences that students bring and articulates the ways that diversity adds value to the classroom. Her institutional leadership as the founding director of CRLT in Engineering, and of the college's Engineering Education Research Program in 2015, has empowered thousands of students to succeed as ethical engineers and faculty to thrive as effective educators.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Laurie K. McCauley".

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

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

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

NAME: Philip S. Hart

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Communication and Media, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Environment, without tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability and College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor

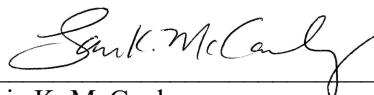
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

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 Philip S. Hart be designated a Thurnau Professor.

Professor Hart's creative teaching and departmental leadership transformed both curriculum and culture in the Department of Communication and Media. As the associate chair for undergraduate studies, Professor Hart restructured the major by streamlining transfer-credit policy and instituting a new peer-advising program and an annual undergraduate survey that gives students a voice in program decisions. These changes have improved time to degree and made the program more navigable and humane, particularly for transfer students and those coming from under-resourced high schools. He also significantly strengthened undergraduate research pathways and increased the number of strategic communication courses available. His redesign of COMM 102 shifted a large lecture course to a hybrid, active-learning model, improving equity in measurable ways. In the process, he created structures and documentation that have enabled entire teams of instructors to successfully carry on these new approaches in succeeding iterations of the course. He integrates real-world issues and provides opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration and practical skill-building, and students consistently praise his courses as "energetic, inclusive, and life-changing," noting that his mentorship has inspired them to pursue careers in environmental justice, law, and public engagement. Professor Hart has introduced the use of applied improvisation as a tool to scaffold vulnerability, build trust, foster inclusion, and create playful, yet rigorous learning environments. This approach boosts students' listening skills and improves their ability to understand opposing perspectives, turning disagreement into meaningful dialogue. His methods now inform workshops and peer facilitator training campus-wide.

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 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Nicholas C. Henriksen

CURRENT TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Professor of Spanish, with tenure, and Professor of Linguistics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor in the Honors Program, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 25, 2026

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Honors Program and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Nicholas C. Henriksen as professor in the Honors Program, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 25, 2026.

Nicholas Henriksen completed his B.A. at Rutgers University in 2003. He earned his M.A. in 2006 and his Ph.D. in 2010 from Indiana University. Professor Henriksen started his instructional career as an assistant professor at Northern Illinois University in 2010 and joined our faculty as an assistant professor in 2012. He was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2018, and to professor in 2024.

Professor Henriksen's research engages with topics at the phonetics-phonology interface. He uses methods in experimental phonetics to research language varieties of the Spanish-speaking world. Some research areas include intonational structure and prosody, bilingual phonology, and sound change in Andalusian, Argentinian, and Castilian Spanish. His work has been published in the *Journal of Phonetics*, *Laboratory Phonology*, the *Journal of the International Phonetic Association*, *Phonetica*, *Language and Speech*, and *Probus*. He was nationally recognized in 2021 with the Linguistic Society of America's Early Career Award.

Professor Henriksen is an award-winning teacher and mentor who is committed to curricular development, student engagement, and teaching initiatives that are centered around diversity, equity, and inclusion. He has been honored with the LSA Class of 1923 Memorial Teaching Award in 2018, appointed as an Arthur F. Thurnau Professor in 2024, and received UROP's Outstanding Research Mentor Award in 2025. This additional appointment will allow Professor Henriksen to develop and teach an interdisciplinary course in the Honors Program core curriculum, intended to expose students to research methods and scholarship across the college. He will also be mentoring students in the Honors Program and will help coordinate activities across the core curriculum, such as symposia, guest speakers, panel discussions, and forums.

Professor Henriksen is an outstanding citizen of his department, the college, the university, and the profession at large. Within the department, he has served as the associate chair, interim assistant chair, and as a founding member of the gender diversity committee. He is also the head of the Spanish curriculum committee, chair of the community enhancement committee, and has served as an undergraduate student advisor since 2013. He has been a member of several college and university committees and working groups, and he is currently a member of the Michigan Institute for Data & AI in Society (MIDAS) graduate certificate advisory committee and program committee, as well as the university STRIDE committee and Thurnau advisory council. Professor Henriksen is the associate executive director for *Language Learning* and previously served on the journal's board of directors. He is also the secretary of the Modern Language Association's linguistics forum executive committee.

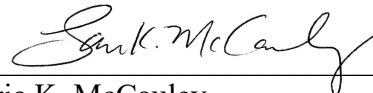
We are very pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Nicholas C. Henriksen as professor in the Honors Program, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 25, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Rosario Ceballo, Dean
Professor of Psychology &
Women's and Gender Studies
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Ann E. Jeffers

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Ann E. Jeffers as associate professor of mechanical engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2026.

Ann Jeffers received her B.S. in civil engineering (Summa Cum Laude) from the University of Pittsburgh in 2004. She received her M.S. and Ph.D. in civil engineering (structures) from Virginia Tech in 2005 and 2009, respectively. Following graduation, she joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as an assistant professor. She was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2015.

Professor Jeffers' research focuses primarily on applications in fire safety engineering, considering both wildfires as well as structure fires. She has made significant contributions in solid and structural mechanics and heat transfer analysis using computational methods including the finite element method and computational fluid dynamics. Her current research involves the modeling of fire spread in urban areas, particularly focusing on the transport of firebrands (embers) and the subsequent ignition of structures. Her research has broad applications in the forensic analysis of historical fires (e.g., the 2025 Los Angeles fires) as well as forecasting the risk to communities at the wildland-urban interface. She has published extensively and has a forthcoming textbook entitled Linear and Nonlinear Methods of Matrix Structural Analysis (Wiley). She is an affiliate member of the Michigan Institute for Computational Discovery in Engineering (MICDE), the Michigan Institute for Data and AI in Society (MIDAS), and the Michigan Center for Global Health Equity.

In addition to her research on fire safety engineering, Professor Jeffers draws from her experiences with bipolar disorder to inform her service and scholarship at Michigan. Her 2023 memoir, Can You Hear the Music? My Journey Through Madness, was named a must-read book on bipolar disorder by *bpHope* magazine and resulted in numerous invited talks, including a plenary at the International Association for Fire Safety Science Conference in Tsukuba, Japan, as well as a featured podcast on the *Fire Science Show*. She chairs the Rackham Graduate School's

Standing Committee on Mental Health and Well-being, where she spearheaded the conception and organization of the 2025 Rackham Symposium on Exploring Well-being in Graduate Education. Furthermore, she is a founding member of the Disability Justice Network at the University of Michigan, and she currently serves on the Provost's newly formed Advisory Committee on Disability Affairs.

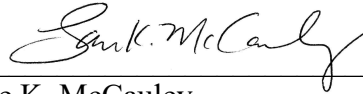
With this additional appointment, Professor Jeffers is ideally suited to assist the Department of Mechanical Engineering by her active involvement with research and students. We are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Ann E. Jeffers as associate professor of mechanical engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



Karen A. Thole, Ph.D.
Robert J. Vlastic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering



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

December 2025

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Legacy Professorship

NAME: Ariane Kaplan, M.D.

CURRENT TITLE: Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Terry J. Bergstrom Legacy Professor for Resident Education in Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030

On the recommendation of Shahzad Mian, M.D., the F. Bruce Fralick Professor and chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Ariane Kaplan, M.D. as the Terry J. Bergstrom Legacy Professor for Resident Education in Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

The Terry J. Bergstrom Legacy Professorship for Resident Education in Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences was established in January 2011 through gifts from friends and alumni of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences. It is intended to support the director of Resident Education. Incumbents may include faculty from the tenure track, clinical track or research track. The appointment period may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Ariane Kaplan received her M.D. in 2007 from the University of Louisville. She completed an internship in post-doctoral training from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in 2008. Dr. Kaplan completed her residency at University of Michigan in 2011, when she joined the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at University of Michigan as a clinical instructor. Dr. Kaplan was appointed as a clinical assistant professor in 2016 and was promoted to clinical associate professor in 2022. She currently serves as the ophthalmology OR medical director, the residency program director, and the co-director of medial student clerkship.

Dr. Kaplan's research interests are in medical education research. She has helped develop the ophthalmology curriculum to best integrate into the University of Michigan Medical School (UMMS) and revamped curriculum where the students have a graduated degree of exposure to immersion with required and elective elements. She has expanded the course offerings and opened the opportunity for medical students without ophthalmology programs in their home states to train through the AAMC-Visiting Student Learning Opportunities (VSLO) program. Her clinical interests include comprehensive ophthalmology, cataract surgery, along with the diagnosis and

management of glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy. She has authored 13 peer-reviewed manuscripts in top-tiered journals, along with six book chapters.

Dr. Kaplan has a passion for mentoring and supporting equity in medicine and the field of ophthalmology. Two innovative mentoring programs she has established are the Michigan Ophthalmology Pathway Program and the Ophthalmology Summer Program. Both mentoring programs aim to support underrepresented in medical students. The Michigan Ophthalmology Pathway Program has been a success at UMMS and has received recognition with grant funding from UMMS and University of Michigan. Dr. Kaplan has also shared her experiences in building the program with eight Michigan Ophthalmology Pathway poster presentations on increasing diversity in ophthalmology through mentorship. In recent years, other departments at UMMS have created similar mentor programs based off the Michigan Ophthalmology Pathway program. The Ophthalmology Summer Program is a summer program open to all U.S. medical students between their first and second year of medical school, where selected students spend their summer in our department with a faculty member focused on health equity research. The Ophthalmology Summer Program has had numerous participants present at national meetings. Her dedication to diversity and equity also manifests in other initiatives she has created. She has established funding for the URiM Visiting Student Scholarship specifically to help give financial support to students participating in the four-week clinical elective offered through VSLO. More recently, she co-created the Regional Health Disparities Journal Club with her colleague at Wayne State. She currently mentors over 25 students at the local, regional, and national level. On a national level, she has been an active mentor with the Minority Ophthalmology Mentoring Program at the AAO since 2021. Her students are appreciative of her mentoring and have awarded her the UMMS Token of Appreciation on two occasions.

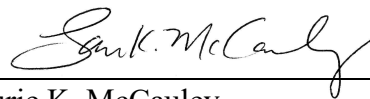
Dr. Kaplan is a productive educator and embodies the core values of this professorship which mirror her passion for teaching medical students and mentoring them to launch successful careers in their discipline while advancing equity in Ophthalmology. She is an appropriate candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Ariane Kaplan, M.D. as the Terry J. Bergstrom Legacy Professor for Resident Education in Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment

NAME: Matthew L. Kaplan

CURRENT TITLE: Executive Director, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Matthew L. Kaplan as associate vice provost for undergraduate education, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective January 1, 2026. His responsibilities will not include teaching obligations.

Matthew Kaplan earned a Doctorate in comparative literature (1993) and a Master of Arts in comparative literature (1985) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, as well as a Bachelor of Arts in comparative literature (1983) from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Mr. Kaplan has served as the executive director of the Center for Research on Learning and Teaching (CRLT) since February 2014. In this role, he provides strategic leadership and oversight for all center activities, including consultation and collaboration with the Provost's Office and Deans' offices on needs assessment, program design, and institutional teaching and learning priorities. Most recently he has collaborated with the inaugural vice provost for undergraduate education on initiatives around student success and GenAI. His responsibilities include service on university- and school/college-level committees related to educational policy; co-organization of a leadership professional development program for associate deans and department chairs; and stewardship of a \$3 million annual budget. He also co-developed a \$1 million-per-year Provost-funded Foundational Course Initiative, designed to create a 21st-century model of equitable education at scale.

Previously, Mr. Kaplan served as the managing director of CRLT from 2007-2014 and as the associate director from August 1999-2007. In these roles, he was responsible for budget oversight; training and professional development of the center's consulting staff; leadership of national and university-wide initiatives; research and writing on college teaching and learning; and oversight of the CRLT Players Theatre Program.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Kaplan served as an instructional consultant at the Center for Research on Learning and Teaching at the University of Michigan from 1994-1999, and at the Center for Teaching and Learning at the University of North Carolina from 1990-1993.

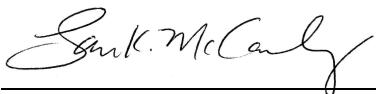
Throughout his career, Mr. Kaplan has contributed extensively to advancing a culture of teaching through committee service, review work, and a substantial record of publications.

As part of the university's efforts to highlight and reward outstanding teaching, he coordinates two awards: the Thurnau Professorship and Provost's Teaching Innovation Prize. He is a member of U-M's Student Success Network Core Team, Well-Being Collective Steering Committee, and the Executive Board of U-M's Raoul Wallenberg Institute, and an Academic Affairs Data Steward. Nationally, he is a member of the Ivy Plus and Big Ten Academic Alliance Teaching Center Director Networks, and he has served as external reviewer for peer teaching centers and for the NSF S-STEM program. Mr. Kaplan co-edited Advancing a Culture of Teaching on Campus: How a Teaching Center Can Make a Difference (Stylus Publishing, 2011) and Using Reflection and Metacognition to Improve Teaching and Learning (Stylus Publishing, 2013).

Mr. Kaplan is highly regarded by his colleagues within the Office of the Provost and across the university, and functions as a thought-partner for new initiatives and innovations. Such initiatives, from climate education to open inquiry to the use of student success data to make them more equitable, involve building more and new capacities among faculty and graduate student instructors. Facilitating the development of our faculty through workshops, teaching academies, funding programs and awards has been an essential component in the culture of continuous improvement and sustainable innovation in our teaching and learning mission.

It is my pleasure to recommend the appointment of Matthew L. Kaplan as associate vice provost for undergraduate education, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic, effective January 1, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



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

January 2026

**INTERIM APPROVAL
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Kimberlee J. Kearfott

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, with tenure, College of Engineering, and Professor of Radiology, without tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Biomedical Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Kimberlee J. Kearfott as professor of biomedical engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School, effective January 1, 2026.

Kimberlee Kearfott received her B.S. (1975) in engineering from St. Mary's University, Nova Scotia. She received her M.E. (1977) in nuclear engineering from the University of Virginia. She received her Sc.D. (1980) in nuclear engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Following graduation, Professor Kearfott held academic appointments at MIT, Cornell University, Arizona State University, Emory University School of Medicine, and Georgia Institute of Technology. She joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as a professor, with tenure, in 1993.

Professor Kearfott has over four decades of experience in radiation detection and radiological safety, with a particular focus on the use of radiation in medicine. She is known for her early work on Positron Emission Tomography, developing models and radiation dose assessment for 2FDG, now a clinical workhorse in nuclear medicine. Professor Kearfott was also likely the first person to digitize a mammogram and apply computerized methods (AI) for its analysis. Her research includes personnel radiation monitoring, external dosimetry, internal dose assessment, virtual reality training, and robotic radiation surveys.

Professor Kearfott has received several awards, including the National Science Foundation Presidential Young Investigator Award, the Society of Nuclear Medicine Tetalman Memorial Award, the Health Physics Society (HPS) Anderson Award, the American Nuclear Society (ANS) Women's Achievement Award, and the ANS Rockwell Lifetime Achievement Award. An HPS fellow, Professor Kearfott has served on both the ANS and HPS boards of directors.

Professor Kearfott has taught courses in medical imaging and radiation protection across the span of her career. She has supervised 13 post-doctoral, 19 doctoral, 133 master's and 293 undergraduate projects, resulting in ~600 publications and several patents.

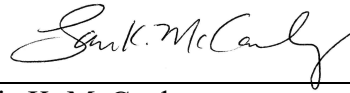
With this additional appointment, Professor Kearfott is ideally suited to assist the Department of Biomedical Engineering by her active involvement with research and students. We are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Kimberlee J. Kearfott as professor of biomedical engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School, effective January 1, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



Karen A. Thole, Ph.D.
Robert J. Vlastic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering



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



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

December 2025

**INTERIM APPROVAL
GRANTED**

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Administrative Appointment
NAME: Kenneth Kettenbeil
CURRENT TITLE: Vice Chancellor for External Relations, University of Michigan-
Dearborn
ADDITIONAL TITLE: Interim Vice President for Communications, Office of the Vice President
for Communications
EFFECTIVE DATE: January 3, 2026

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Kenneth Kettenbeil as interim vice president for communications, Office of the Vice President for Communications, effective January 3, 2026.

Kenneth Kettenbeil earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Wayne State University and has completed graduate courses at Michigan State University.

Since May 2025, Mr. Kettenbeil has served as the senior advisor to the president; his responsibilities included assisting and advising on matters related to the executive office of the president.

Mr. Kettenbeil is the vice chancellor for external relations at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is responsible for government relations and communications and marketing. His communications and marketing responsibilities include internal and external communications, website, advertising and branding at the university. His government relations responsibilities include representing the university in dialogues with federal, state and local governments, and presenting the university's position in current and proposed legislation.

Prior to joining UM-Dearborn, Mr. Kettenbeil served as the director of communications for smart USA, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Penske Automotive Group. He also served as the vice president of communications for the Detroit Super Bowl XL Host Committee and marketing manager for the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau.

As the vice president for communications, Mr. Kettenbeil will advise the president on strategic communications matters and work closely with the university's leadership team. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Kenneth Kettenbeil as interim vice president for communications, Office of the President for Communications, effective January 3, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



Domenico Grasso
President

January 2026

**INTERIM APPROVAL
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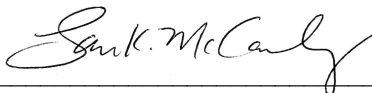
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship
NAME: Nancy A. King
CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Music, with tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance
ADDITIONAL TITLE: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

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 Nancy A. King be designated a Thurnau Professor.

Professor King is an internationally recognized oboe soloist and pedagogue who has built Michigan into a premier destination for oboe study. Both as a performer and as a commissioner of new works, often from underrepresented composers, she has greatly expanded the realm of possibilities envisioned for the oboe. She also creates new opportunities for students, like the Norma Hooks Young Artist Competition for emerging oboists that she established while serving as the president of the International Double Reed Society. As a teacher, Professor King encourages students to develop their own unique expressive voice, transcend technical limitations, and create engaging, stylistically appropriate musical performances. Students graduate from her studio as thoughtful, analytical musicians with thorough knowledge of the oboe's repertoire, pedagogy, and historical context. She has a remarkable ability to turn high artistic standards into concrete, achievable steps for undergraduates, and she creates environments where students feel respected, challenged and supported, essential conditions for genuine artistic risk-taking and growth. Her students routinely succeed at the highest levels, earning prizes, solo and chamber appointments, and faculty positions worldwide. Over four decades, her rigorous yet compassionate teaching has shaped generations of artists and educators who now shape music programs across the country. Her mentorship is lifelong, and students who pursue careers outside of music performance also speak highly of her guidance and genuine celebration of their accomplishments. She seamlessly combines world-class artistry, innovative pedagogy, tireless advocacy, and genuine devotion to student success.

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 2026

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ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Steven L. Kunkel, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Executive Vice Dean for Research, Peter A. Ward Distinguished University Professor of Pathology, Endowed Professor of Pathology Research, and Professor of Pathology, with tenure, Medical School

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Vice Dean for Research, Peter A. Ward Distinguished University Professor of Pathology, Endowed Professor of Pathology Research, and Professor of Pathology, with tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Steven L. Kunkel, Ph.D. as vice dean for research, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026.

Steven L. Kunkel received his Ph.D. degree in 1978 from the University of Kansas in Microbiology. After a short appointment in Connecticut, he joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1980 as an instructor in pathology. He quickly rose through the ranks and was promoted to professor, with tenure, in 1991.

Dr. Kunkel has a substantial record of service contributions. He served as the associate dean for interdisciplinary studies from 1995-2008 and as the interim dean from 2004-2005 at Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan. From 2008-2019, he was appointed as the senior associate dean for research at the Medical School and was the director of the immunology program from 2006-2012. In 2018, Dr. Kunkel served as the interim executive vice dean for research before being appointed as executive vice dean for research in 2019.

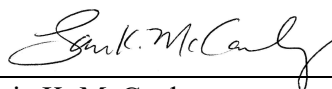
Therefore, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Steven L. Kunkel, Ph.D. as vice dean for research, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

January 2026

**INTERIM APPROVAL
GRANTED**

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Paul Lee, M.D., J.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, and Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, with tenure, Medical School

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs, and Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, with tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Paul Lee, M.D., J.D. as vice dean for clinical affairs, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026.

Paul Lee obtained his medical degree from the University of Michigan and his juris doctorate degree from Columbia University, both in 1986. He completed an internship year in medicine at Beth Israel Hospital before finishing a residency in ophthalmology at Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute in 1990. Dr. Lee matured from a one-year fellowship program in glaucoma at the Harvard's Mass Eye and Ear Infirmary. In 1991, he joined the University of Southern California as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 1995. In 1997, Dr. Lee was appointed as a professor, with tenure, at Duke University. In 2012, he joined the University of Michigan as a professor, with tenure, and chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences.

Dr. Lee has been involved extensively in administrative activities. Serving as the director of the W.K. Kellogg Eye Center (2012-2023), chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences (2012-2023), vice chair of the executive committee for the Adult Hospital and Cardiovascular Center, University of Michigan Health System (2017-2020), and as a member of the Medical School Executive Committee (2019-2022). In 2023, he was appointed the senior associate dean for clinical affairs. He also serves as the executive director of the University of Michigan Medical Group.

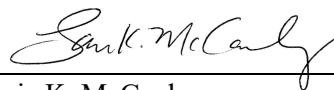
Therefore, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Paul Lee, M.D., J.D. as vice dean for clinical affairs, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice
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January 2026

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ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Unendowed Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Peng Li

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Dentistry, with tenure, School of Dentistry, and Associate Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, without tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: J. Bernard Machen Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, School of Dentistry

EFFECTIVE DATES: December 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030

On the recommendation of Jacques Eduardo Nör, DDS, MS, PhD, dean, School of Dentistry, and Roger D. Cone, Ph.D., the Mary Sue Coleman Director of the Life Sciences Institute, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the School of Dentistry, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Peng Li as the J. Bernard Machen Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, School of Dentistry, effective December 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030.

This professorship was established in the Provost Office and was named the J. Bernard Machen Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences in November 2025. This professorship will be funded by the Life Sciences Institute. The appointment period may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Peng Li received his BS from Tsinghua University in 2003 and his PhD degree from the University of Southern California in 2011. In 2012, he joined Stanford University School of Medicine as a post-doctoral research fellow. In 2018, he joined the University of Michigan faculty as a research assistant professor in the Life Sciences Institute and as an assistant professor of dentistry in the School of Dentistry and the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology in the Medical School. He was promoted to the associate level in 2025.

Professor Li has established a highly productive and impactful research program investigating the neural control of breathing and interoception. His work employs cutting-edge molecular and genetic approaches to dissect the brain circuits regulating breathing patterns and related behaviors, both in health and disease. Professor Li's early work identified peptidergic circuits controlling sighing, a finding that opened new avenues for mechanistic studies of this crucial respiratory function. He went on to elucidate neural pathways mediating interoceptive control of breathing and interactions between breathing and behavior states. Through collaborative studies, Professor Li has revealed breathing abnormalities in epilepsy models and developed innovative molecular tools to interrogate neural function. These discoveries published in premier journals, have had a major impact on the field's understanding of respiratory control and established Professor Li as an emerging international leader. Professor Li's research is interdisciplinary with collaborative work with the University of Michigan Life Sciences Institute and in the Department of Medicine Molecular and Integrative Physiology in the Medical School. He participates in two campus-wide collaborations encompassing seven units supported by the Biosciences Initiative as a co-principal investigator and as a co-investigator. He has

maintained an exceptional publication record, with 18 peer-reviewed papers (eleven as corresponding or co-corresponding author) since starting his independent lab. Professor Li's research is supported by multiple NIH grants, including two R01's as the principal investigator and one R01 as a co-investigator. Furthermore, he is a co-investigator on two NIH grants and a principal investigator on one foundation grant, demonstrating success in securing extramural funding. Professor Li is a sought-after speaker at national and international conferences. He has participated in over 25 invited presentations at international, national and at the University of Michigan levels.

Professor Li's teaching experience involves working with undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral fellows in the research laboratory, as well as through undergraduate and graduate didactic lectures. He teaches in both the School of Dentistry and the Medical School, serving as an instructor and course director for several pre-doctoral and graduate courses. His teaching philosophy focuses on motivating students, facilitating their learning, and encouraging critical thinking and problem-solving skills. He mentors extensively at all levels, from high school students to post-doctoral fellows. He has advised numerous undergraduate, master's and doctoral students, with many of his mentees receiving prestigious awards and fellowships. He has served as a member on eight dissertation committees and 11 preliminary exam committees (chairing two).

Professor Li has served as a member and as a co-chair on two faculty search committees for the recruitment of tenure-track faculty in the School of Dentistry. He has been a poster judge in the School of Dentistry Annual Research Day, highlighting his commitment to mentoring and providing support for the next generation of scientists and clinician-scientists. He is a member of the School of Dentistry's Oral Health Science, Master of Science Program. At the university level, he has served on one faculty search committee for the Kresge Hearing Research Institute, Center for Cell Plasticity and Organ Design Seminar Committee, Cellular and Molecular Biology Graduate Program Admissions Committee, Neuroscience Graduate Program Admission Committee, 1st Annual University of Michigan Neuroscience Conference Organizing Committee, and the Cellular and Molecular Biology, Graduate Program Admissions Committee. He serves on three editorial boards and is a manuscript reviewer for 19 high profile journals.

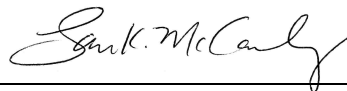
Professor Li is a nationally and internationally renowned researcher, excellent teacher and major contributor to the field of neural control of breathing and interoception. It is appropriate he be appointed to this professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Peng Li as the J. Bernard Machen Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, School of Dentistry, effective December 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030.

Recommended by:



Jacques E. Nör, DDS, MS, PhD
Dean, School of Dentistry

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

December 2025

**INTERIM APPROVAL
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Faculty Development Professorship

NAME: Rebecca Lindsey

CURRENT TITLES: Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering, Assistant Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, and Assistant Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, College of Engineering

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Dow Early Career Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering are pleased to recommend the appointment of Rebecca Lindsey as the Dow Early Career Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

The Dow Corning Assistant Professorship was established in 1989 and is intended to support a junior faculty member by a grant from the Dow Corning Foundation. Appointments to this professorship may be up to three years, non-renewable.

Rebecca Lindsey received her B.S. (2010) in chemical engineering from Wayne State University. She received her M.S. (2012) and her Ph.D. (2016) in chemical physics from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. Professor Lindsey completed a post-doctoral research scholarship at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) in 2018. She remained there as a staff research scientist until 2022, when she joined the faculty at the University of Michigan. In addition to her academic appointments in the College of Engineering, Professor Lindsey is an affiliate member of the Department of Applied Physics.

At Michigan, Professor Lindsey's research focuses on enabling materials-by-design. To this end, her group develops machine learning (ML) and artificial intelligence (AI) enhanced simulation tools that achieve quantum-level accuracy at unprecedented scales. Using these tools, her group uncovers the complex, far-from-equilibrium processes that govern advanced synthesis techniques, including those driven by extreme temperatures, pressures, and electronic excitations. Her group translates these insights into guidance for experimental protocols that enable bespoke yet scalable synthesis of next-generation technological materials.

Professor Lindsey's research has been recognized through numerous honors, including the 2025 American Physical Society (APS) Neil Ashcroft Early Career Award and the 2024 American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) Computational Molecular Science and Engineering

Forum Young Investigator Award. She has delivered more than 50 invited presentations at international conferences, universities, and national laboratories, and has over 30 publications, the majority as corresponding author, with additional manuscripts currently under review or in preprint. Her group also leads the development of the open-source ChIMES ML interatomic model and associated AI-driven autonomous development framework, which is now used by research groups across academia and the national laboratory complex.

Professor Lindsey is equally passionate about education and mentoring. She integrates simulation, machine learning, and AI into the classroom through innovations in the undergraduate Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics course and the creation of her elective, Simulation of Condensed Matter Systems. She also founded the Center for Simulation and Data-Intensive Research in Chemical Engineering, which serves as a hub for computationally driven research and training. Outside of the classroom, she mentors her ten graduate students, one post-doctoral scholar, and one undergraduate researcher.

Professor Lindsey has a strong record of service within and beyond the university. In addition to serving on multiple departmental committees and the First-Year Program Committee, she has participated as a Next Innovator panelist since 2022 and as an application reviewer since 2024. Externally, she contributes to the executive committees of AIChE and APS topical groups aligned with her research, serves on several advisory and editorial boards, and has organized both regional (e.g., Midwest Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics Conference) and international meetings (e.g., U.S. CECAM Workshop: Frontiers of Computational Reaction Prediction).

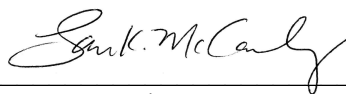
We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Rebecca Lindsey as the Dow Early Career Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Karen A. Thole, Ph.D.
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

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ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Mingyan Liu

CURRENT TITLES: Alice L. Hunt Collegiate Professor of Engineering, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with tenure, College of Engineering

RECOMMENDED TITLES: T. C. Chang Professor of Engineering, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with tenure, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Mingyan Liu as the T. C. Chang Professor of Engineering, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030.

The T.C. Chang Professorship in Engineering was established in November 2011 by Wai and Glenda Chang to recognize the teaching and scholarship of a distinguished faculty member in the college. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Mingyan Liu received her B.S. in electrical engineering in 1995 from the Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics. She received her M.S. in systems engineering and her Ph.D. in electrical and computer engineering from the University of Maryland, College Park, in 1997 and 2000, respectively. Following graduation, Professor Liu joined the University of Michigan as an assistant professor. She was promoted to associate professor in 2006 and to professor in 2012. She was the Peter and Evelyn Fuss Chair of Electrical and Computer Engineering from 2018 to 2023, and was appointed the associate dean for academic affairs in the College of Engineering in July 2023.

Professor Liu's research interests are in optimal resource allocation, sequential decision theory, incentive design, and performance modeling and analysis, all within the context of large-scale networked systems. Her most recent research activities involve cyber risk quantification and designing cybersecurity incentive mechanisms using large-scale internet measurement data and machine learning techniques. Technologies she developed in this space have been successfully commercialized.

Professor Liu is the recipient of the 2002 NSF CAREER Award, the University of Michigan Elizabeth C. Crosby Research Award in 2003 and 2014, the 2010 EECS Department Outstanding Achievement Award, the 2015 College of Engineering Excellence in Education Award, the 2017

College of Engineering Excellence in Service Award, and the 2018 Distinguished University Innovator Award. She is a fellow of the IEEE and a member of the ACM.

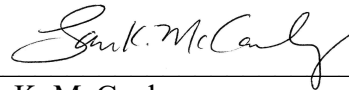
Professor Liu's academic achievements fully merit her appointment to this professorship. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Mingyan Liu as the T. C. Chang Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



Karen A. Thole, Ph.D.
Robert J. Vlastic Dean of Engineering
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ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: John C. Magee, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Surgery, with tenure, Professor of Internal Medicine, without tenure, and Professor of Pediatrics, without tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Jeremiah and Claire Turcotte Research Professor of Transplantation Surgery, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030

On the recommendation of Justin B. Dimick, M.D., M.P.H., the Frederick A. Collier Distinguished Professor and chair of the Department of Surgery, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of John C. Magee, M.D. as the Jeremiah and Claire Turcotte Research Professor of Transplantation Surgery, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

The Jeremiah and Claire Turcotte Research Professorship in Transplantation Surgery was established in November 2025 and was made possible through a generous gift agreement from Jeremiah G. Turcotte, M.D. as well as gifts and pledges from friends, colleagues, and resources from the Section of General Surgery. This professorship is intended to support the research and clinical efforts of the director of the Organ Transplantation Program in the Department of Surgery. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

John C. Magee received his M.D. degree in 1988 from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He completed a residency in surgery and post-doctoral research training at the University of Michigan. Dr. Magee also completed a fellowship in surgery at Duke University. He returned to the University of Michigan to complete an additional residency in surgery and a fellowship in transplant surgery. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1996 as a lecturer, and rose through the rank to professor in 2010. Dr. Magee recently served as the surgical director of Pediatric Kidney Transplantation, Pediatric Liver Transplantation, as well as the section head of Transplantation, and the director of the Transplant Center.

Dr. Magee's clinical interests include the care of adults and children requiring kidney, pancreas and liver transplantation, as well as management of immunosuppressive therapy and its complications. He directs several clinical research studies related to immunosuppressive therapy in adult and pediatric transplant recipients. Dr. Magee's research focuses on the study of endothelial cell biology in inflammation, gene therapy in transplantation, and xenotransplantation. He has served on several NIH special emphasis review panels, and is the past chair of the Registry

Committee for the Studies of Pediatric Liver Transplantation Consortium through the NIDDK. He has been appointed as a founding member of the Transplant Accreditation and Certification Council and is currently the chair of the Oral Examination Development Committee. He is currently leading an effort to compete for the Health and Human Services contract to run the Scientific Registry for Transplant Recipients. Dr. Magee has published 200 peer-reviewed articles, 24 book chapters, and has been invited to present his research nationally and internationally on over 125 occasions. His contributions have been recognized with induction to the Medical School League of Research Excellence.

Dr Magee has a strong record of service and leadership within the University of Michigan. He currently serves as an elected member of the Advisory Committee on Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure for the Medical School. He was recently elected to the Faculty Senate of the University of Michigan and was appointed as the chair of the Medical Affairs Advisory Committee. Nationally, he has been active within the American Society of Transplant Surgeons, serving on several committees and workgroups including serving as an elected Councilor at Large. He has chaired the Surgery and Liver Transplantation Committee of the American Association of Liver Diseases. He was selected to serve as the co-chair of the SRTR Review Committee in January 2024. Dr. Magee was recently elected as the president of the Organ Procurement and Transplant Network (OPTN) Board of Directors.

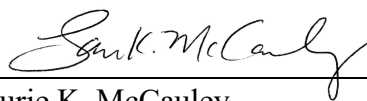
Dr. Magee collaborates and supports basic science efforts focusing on organ preservation and organ regeneration. This work has benefited faculty across several departments and is pivotal to attracting both public and private extramural funding and advancing science that will directly impact patients. He is an internationally recognized transplant surgeon who continues to provide strong leadership through the worldwide network of transplantation surgeons who collaborate on essential clinical and research issues. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of John C. Magee, M.D. as the Jeremiah and Claire Turcotte Research Professor of Transplantation Surgery, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: George A. Mashour, M.D., Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Senior Associate Dean for Faculty and Faculty Development, Professor of Anesthesiology, with tenure, and Professor of Pharmacology, without tenure, Medical School

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Vice Dean for Faculty, Professor of Anesthesiology, with tenure, and Professor of Pharmacology, without tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of George A. Mashour, M.D., Ph.D., as vice dean for faculty, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026.

George Mashour received his Ph.D. degree in neuroscience in 1999 and his M.D. in 2001 from Georgetown University. He was an intern and Fulbright Scholar at Harvard Medical School before completing a residency in anesthesiology. In 2007, he came to the University of Michigan as a clinical neuroanesthesiology fellow. He was appointed as an assistant professor in 2007 in the Departments of Anesthesiology and Neurosurgery, was promoted to associate professor in 2013, and to professor in 2017. He later received appointments in the Department of Pharmacology in the Medical School and in the College of Health Sciences on the UM-Flint campus.

Dr. Mashour has a substantial record of service contributions. He was the founding director of the Center for Consciousness Science (2014-2020). He was the associate dean for clinical and translational research for the University of Michigan Medical School (2015-2019). Additionally, he served as the executive director of the Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research from 2015-2020 and co-director of the institute from 2020-2023. He served as the chair of the Department of Anesthesiology (2019-2024) until he was appointed as the senior associate dean for faculty and faculty development for the University of Michigan Medical School in May 2024. From January to June of 2025, Dr. Mashour served as the interim executive vice dean of academic affairs.

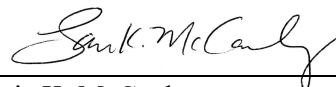
Therefore, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of George A. Mashour, M.D., Ph.D. as vice dean for faculty, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

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ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Delia J. Milliron

CURRENT TITLES: Anthony C. Lembke Department Chair of Chemical Engineering, James and Judith Street Professor of Chemical Engineering, and Professor of Chemical Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Chemistry and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the College of Engineering, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Delia J. Milliron as professor of chemistry, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2026.

Delia Milliron earned her A.B. from Princeton University in 1999 and her Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley in 2004. She then joined the IBM Research Center as a post-doctoral researcher from 2004-2005 and as a research staff member from 2005-2008. She was employed by the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) as a staff scientist from 2008-2014. Professor Milliron began her instructional career as an associate professor, with tenure, at the University of Texas at Austin in 2013, and was promoted to professor in 2017. She joined the faculty in the College of Engineering in August 2025 as a professor, with tenure, in the Department of Chemical Engineering, and as the Anthony C. Lembke Department Chair of Chemical Engineering and the James and Judith Street Professor of Chemical Engineering.

Professor Milliron has established a distinguished, internationally recognized research program in nanocrystal-based materials, with particular emphasis on energy-saving electrochromic windows and clean energy technologies. Her team of chemists, materials scientists, and engineers are motivated by the challenges of next-generation electronic devices and energy technologies. Her work at the intersection of nanoscience, materials chemistry, and energy technology has led to key advances in the synthesis and application of tunable metal oxide nanocrystals. Professor Milliron is a highly accomplished materials chemist with more than 25,000 citations and an h-index of 73. She has published nearly 200 publications and authored three book chapters, and her work has been well-funded by the NSF, the University of Texas Energy Institute, and the Welch Foundation. She has also been recognized with several awards, including the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Early Career Research Program, the American Chemical Society Inorganic Nanoscience Award, Senior Membership in the National Academy of Inventors, and the Hackerman Award from the Welch Foundation, among others. Professor Milliron's research presence will benefit the department by creating fruitful scientific interactions with the Materials, Physical, and Inorganic Clusters in the

Department of Chemistry and enhancing collaboration on center-level grants between Chemistry and Chemical Engineering.

Professor Milliron has taught “Introduction to Chemical Engineering,” “Chemical Engineering Materials,” “Materials Physics,” and “Advanced Thermodynamics.” Over the course of her career, she has advised more than 70 graduate students and post-doctoral scholars. In 2010, she was awarded the DOE Outstanding Mentor Award. Professor Milliron’s research group has typically been split evenly between chemistry and chemical engineering students. Additionally, student interest in plasmonic and electrochemical nanomaterials is the strongest area of chemistry student recruiting among the materials chemistry cluster. We anticipate that Professor Milliron will be a valuable mentor and committee member for chemistry students.

Professor Milliron has an impressive record of service. She currently serves as the chair of the Department of Chemical Engineering, and she served as the chair of the Department of Chemical Engineering during her time at the University of Texas at Austin. While at LBNL, she served as the director of the Inorganic Nanostructures Facility from 2008-2012, and as the deputy director of the Molecular Foundry from 2012-2013. She is also the co-founder, chief scientific officer, and technical advisor to Celadyne Technologies. Professor Milliron is an editorial advisory board member of *ACS Photonics* and *Chemistry of Materials* and served as the associate editor of *Nano Letters* from 2015-2020.

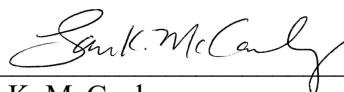
We are very pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Delia J. Milliron as professor of chemistry, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Rosario Ceballo, Ph.D.
Dean
Professor of Psychology &
Women’s and Gender Studies
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice
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Karen A. Thole, Ph.D.
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ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Legacy Professorship

NAME: Michelle Moniz, M.D., M.Sc.

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, with tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: John R. G. Gosling Legacy Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030

On the recommendation of Dee E. Fenner, M.D., the Bates Professor and chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Michelle Moniz, M.D., M.Sc. as the John R. G. Gosling Legacy Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

The John R. G. Gosling Legacy Professorship in Obstetrics and Gynecology was established in October 2025 with funds generated from the Gosling Lectureship Endowment. The lectureship fund will recognize the achievements and research in obstetrics and gynecology provided by John R. G. Gosling, M.D. This professorship is intended to support mid-career physician scientist faculty member in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology committed to providing exceptional clinical care to patients and is involved in research related to obstetrics and gynecology. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Michelle Moniz received her M.D. degree from Washington University in Saint Louis, MO in 2008. She completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Pittsburgh from 2008-2012, serving as the chief resident during her final year. Dr. Moniz also completed a fellowship in health and healthcare research at the University of Michigan from 2013-2015. She joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2012 as a clinical lecturer and rose through the ranks to associate professor in 2023. Dr. Moniz currently serves as the director of the Obstetrics Initiative, a statewide quality initiative with over 70 hospitals working to improve maternity care quality, outcomes, and inequities in Michigan.

Dr. Moniz's long-term research goal is to embed evidence into reproductive health policy and practice to improve outcomes and reduce outcome inequities. Dr. Moniz is a nationally recognized expert in obstetric health services research and implementation research, publishing 96 manuscripts to date, along with five book chapters. Her research has appeared in high-impact journals such as *Implementation Science*, *JAMA*, *BMJ Quality and Safety*, and *Health Affairs*, and has garnered attention in *The Atlantic*, NPR, and other major media outlets. She is the primary

investigator on a U01 grant to develop and evaluate U.S. guidelines for postpartum pain management and serves as the PI or co-investigator on six additional grants. She is also guest editor for the 2024 *Implementation Science* and *Implementation Science Communications* collection on implementing evidence-based practices to improve maternal and neonatal health.

Dr. Moniz is among a select group of ObGyns trained in implementation science and is nationally recognized for her expertise in health services research. She has served on prominent committees, including ACOG's Committee on Healthcare for Underserved Women, the Clinical Practice Obstetrics Committee, and the Office of Population Affairs National Contraceptive Measures Expert Workgroup. In addition, she reviews for more than ten journals and has delivered invited presentations across the U.S. and internationally, such as grand rounds at Indiana University and the University of Wisconsin, lectures at the University of Pennsylvania's Emerging Scholar Program, and presentations in England and at the International IUD Symposium.

Dr. Moniz is a key educator for learners and faculty at the University of Michigan and beyond, helping guide the Division of Women's Health toward greater research and scholarship. She provides clinical supervision to medical students and residents at the Northville Health Center and Von Voigtlander Birth Center, lectures regularly to trainees, and teaches leadership and communication in the IHPI Clinician Scholars Master's program at Rackham Graduate School. An outstanding mentor, she has supported the career development of post-doctoral fellows, faculty, and numerous students and residents. Dr. Moniz also designed and implemented the Immediate Postpartum Long-Acting Reversible Contraception toolkit. Her contributions have earned her the UM IHPI Impact Accelerator Award and the Society of Family Planning Outstanding Researcher Award for advancing contraceptive access while addressing reproductive justice.

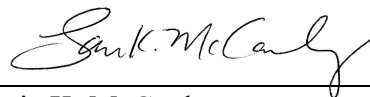
Dr. Moniz is an exceptional physician-researcher and educator. Her service to the institution and beyond is enormous and she has earned a powerful national reputation as a researcher and change agent. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Michelle Moniz, M.D., M.Sc. as the John R. G. Gosling Legacy Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: James J. Moon

CURRENT TITLES: Interim Chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, J.G. Searle Professor, Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, with tenure, College of Pharmacy, and Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Medical School and College of Engineering

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, J.G. Searle Professor, Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, with tenure, College of Pharmacy, and Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Medical School and College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2029

We are pleased to recommend the appointment of James J. Moon as chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy, effective February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2029.

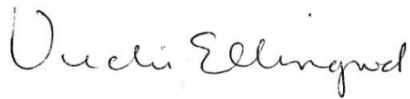
James Moon received his B.S. in bioengineering from the University of California at Berkeley in 2002 and his Ph.D. in bioengineering from Rice University in 2008. He served as a post-doctoral associate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology/Howard Hughes Medical Institute from 2008 through 2012, when he was appointed as an assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences and assistant professor of biomedical engineering at the University of Michigan. In 2018, Professor Moon was promoted to associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences, with tenure, in the College of Pharmacy, and associate professor of biomedical engineering, without tenure, Medical School and College of Engineering. In 2021, he was promoted to professor of pharmaceutical sciences, with tenure, and professor of biomedical engineering, without tenure, Medical School and College of Engineering. Professor Moon has served as the interim chair in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences since July 2025.

Professor Moon is an internationally recognized scientist whose research in drug delivery systems has significantly advanced the fields of cancer immunotherapy, infectious diseases, and autoimmune disorders. He is a dedicated educator and an exceptional mentor, having contributed to a wide array of courses across pharmaceutical sciences, cellular biotechnology, biomedical engineering, and chemical engineering. Professor Moon's exemplary record in teaching, research, and service has firmly established him as a leader in his field, and he is known for his collegiality and collaborative nature. His continued accomplishments bring distinction to the university, and we are confident in his ability to serve effectively as the chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

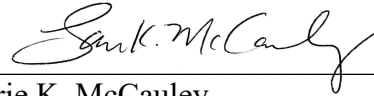
We are pleased to recommend the appointment of James J. Moon as chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy, effective February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2029.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



Vicki L. Ellingrod, PharmD, FCCP, FACNP
Dean
John Gideon Searle Professor, Professor of
Pharmacy
Professor of Psychiatry
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Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Eranda Nikolla

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Chemical Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Eranda Nikolla as professor of materials science and engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2026.

Eranda Nikolla received her B.S. (2003) in engineering chemistry from Oakland University. She received her M.S. (2004) and Ph.D. (2009) in chemical engineering from the University of Michigan. Following graduation, Professor Nikolla completed a post-doctoral research fellowship in 2011 at the California Institute of Technology. She was appointed as an assistant professor in 2011 at Wayne State University, was promoted to associate professor in 2017, and to professor in 2022. She joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as a professor, with tenure, in 2022.

Professor Nikolla is a leading researcher in materials design for catalytic chemical and energy conversion, spanning electrochemical systems, such as fuel cells, electrolyzers, and batteries, as well as thermochemical processes for biomass and hydrocarbon upgrading. She employs an integrated research paradigm that combines controlled synthesis, advanced characterization, kinetic measurements, and quantum chemical calculations to uncover the fundamental mechanisms governing catalytic performance of complex material architectures. This approach is applied across a range of targeted reactions, including electrochemical oxygen reduction and evolution, electrochemical CO₂ reduction, hydrodeoxygenation of biomass-derived feedstocks, and oxidative coupling of methane, among others.

Professor Nikolla's pioneering scientific contributions have been widely recognized through several prestigious honors, including the National Science Foundation CAREER Award, the Department of Energy Early Career Research Award, the Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award, the Young Scientist Award from the International Congress on Catalysis, the 2021 Michigan Catalysis Society Parravano Award for Excellence in Catalysis Research and Development, the 2022 ACS Catalysis Lectureship for the Advancement of Catalytic Science, the 2023 Maria Flytzani-Stephanopoulos Award for Creativity in Catalysis, and the 2024 Excellence

in Catalysis Award by the Catalysis Society of Metropolitan New York and identified by Cell Press as “50 Scientists that Inspire”.

Professor Nikolla also currently serves as an editor for the *Journal of Catalysis*, advisory board member for the *Journal for the American Chemical Society*, and the *Journal of ACS Energy Letters*, chair of the ACS Catalysis Science and Technology (CATL) Division, chair of the 2026 Gordon Conference on Catalysis, and is member-at-large of the North American Catalysis Society. Professor Nikolla has also served on numerous department, college and university committees since her time at the University of Michigan.

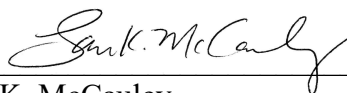
With this additional appointment, Professor Nikolla is ideally suited to assist the Department of Materials Science and Engineering by her active involvement with research and students. We are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Eranda Nikolla as professor of materials science and engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Karen A. Thole, Ph.D.
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

December 2025

**INTERIM APPROVAL
GRANTED**

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

NAME: Melissa L. Pilewskie, M.D.

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Maud T. Lane Research Professor of Translational Science, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030

On the recommendation of Justin B. Dimick, M.D., M.P.H., the Frederick A. Collier Distinguished Professor and chair of the Department of Surgery, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Melissa L. Pilewskie, M.D. as the Maud T. Lane Research Professor of Translational Science, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

The Maud T. Lane Research Professorship in Translational Science was established in November 2025 with funds generated through excess market value of the Maud T. Lane Scientific Research Fund, a quasi-endowed fund. This professorship is intended to support the research, clinical, and outreach efforts of a distinguished faculty member within the Department of Surgery whose work includes a focus on cancer and secondary preference to promote research in the discovery and application of a cure for those addicted to the use of narcotics. The holder of this professorship may be clinical track faculty, tenured faculty, non-tenured faculty, or research track faculty member in the Department of Surgery. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Melissa Pilewskie received her M.D. from The Ohio State University in 2003. She followed this with a residency in general surgery at Northwestern University from 2007-2012, serving as the chief resident the last year. She then completed a fellowship from 2012-2013 in breast surgery care from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. She was appointed as an assistant professor at Weill Cornell Medical College from 2014-2021. Dr. Pilewskie joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as a clinical associate professor in March 2022. Since joining the University of Michigan, she has continued to build nationally recognized programs through her leadership roles as the associate program director for the Polly Suk-Yee Cheung Breast Surgical Oncology Fellowship within the Department of Surgery, as well as the co-director of the Weiser Family Center for Breast Cancer.

Dr. Pilewskie's research and scholarship are centered on reducing the morbidity of breast cancer care and improving outcomes for individuals at elevated risk for breast cancer, with a focus on

advancing risk assessment, developing lower-toxicity prevention strategies such as transdermal and low-dose endocrine therapies, and evaluating exercise-based interventions for risk reduction. Dr. Pilewskie serves as the site principal investigator for numerous multi-institutional clinical trials, including the BRCA-P and RENAISSANCE prevention studies, and leads additional prevention and surgical trials through her role as the director of the Center for Surgical Trials. Dr. Pilewskie's work has been supported by federal and foundation funding and has produced more than 100 peer-reviewed publications, ten book chapters, and reviews that have influenced national practice in high-risk management and surgical breast oncology. Dr. Pilewskie has been invited to present her research at leading national and international meetings including the Society of Surgical Oncology, the American College of Surgeons, the American Society of Breast Surgeons, and the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium, reflecting the broad impact and recognition of her scholarly contributions.

Dr. Pilewskie's career has been defined by innovation in program development, excellence in patient-centered breast cancer care, and sustained academic productivity. Nationally, she serves as the breast track lead for the Owen H. Wangensteen Scientific Forum within the American College of Surgeons and previously contributed as a breast track team member for the Society of Surgical Oncology—roles that reflect her growing influence in shaping the future of surgical oncology research and education.

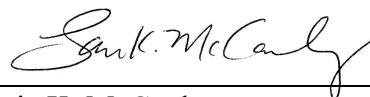
Dr. Pilewskie is a productive clinician, dedicated scientist, and an excellent educator who will accelerate translational research and innovation to address breast cancer. She is an appropriate candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Melissa L. Pilewskie, M.D. as the Maud T. Lane Research Professor of Translational Science, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Swapnil Rai

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Film, Television, and Media, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Communication and Media, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Women's and Gender Studies and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Swapnil Rai as associate professor of women's and gender studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2026.

Swapnil Rai received her B.A. from the University of Delhi in 2003, her M.A. from Jawaharlal Nehru University in 2005, and her second M.A. from the Southern Methodist University in 2009. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin in 2017. Following a post-doctoral fellowship at Brown University, Professor Rai joined our faculty as an assistant professor in 2019. She was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2025.

Professor Rai is a scholar of South Asian cinema and media and has gained an international reputation for her expertise on Indian cinema and global media industries. Her recent book, Networked Bollywood: How Star Power Globalized Hindi Cinema (Cambridge University Press, 2024), combines star studies, sociological network theories, and media industry studies to examine the central role that Bollywood stars have played in the growth and international reach of the popular Indian film industry. Her work in this area also includes several peer-reviewed articles, all placed in top journals in the areas of communications, film studies, and feminist media studies. Professor Rai's co-authored monograph, Elective Affinities: Interstitial Agency in Televisual Flows Between India, Turkey, and China (Routledge, 2025), elaborates on her previous research on gendered, industrial, and political power and India's global media flows. It also expands the geographic and methodological focus to consider bilateral exchange between India and other countries beset by rising geopolitical discourse of civilizational nationalism. The bilateral flows of television shows in these contexts reflect a lateral bicultural interstitial space for expressions of freedom and parallel modernities, especially for women in relation to the limits posed on their freedoms and abilities to exercise control over different aspects of their lives.

Professor Rai is an innovative teacher and mentor who has contributed substantially to her department's curriculum. Her courses focus on South Asian cinema, media industry studies, global media flows, and feminist media studies. Her interdisciplinary approach offers students diverse methodological perspectives, and her experience in both academic and journalistic fields provides practical insights into media production and analysis. She regularly teaches the course "At Home in the World: Transnational Women's Cinema," which is cross-listed with the Department of Women's and Gender Studies. In 2024, she received the Outstanding Research Mentor Award from the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) as a recognition of her dedication to mentorship.

Professor Rai maintains a dedicated level of service to her department, university, and profession. She has served on various departmental committees, including the executive committee. She has served on the executive committee of the Institute for Research on Women and Gender and has organized several events at the Center for South Asian Studies. Professor Rai has also been exceptionally active at the national level through her membership and participation in the Society of Cinema and Media Studies. She recently served as a board member of the Console-ing Passions Feminist Media Collective and currently serves on the editorial boards of *Television and New Media* and *Popular Communication*.

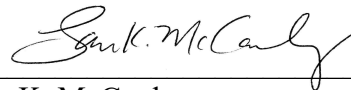
We are very pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Swapnil Rai as associate professor of women's and gender studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Rosario Ceballo, Ph.D.
Dean
Professor of Psychology &
Women's and Gender Studies
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

December 2025

**INTERIM APPROVAL
GRANTED**

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ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Faculty Development Professorship

NAME: Stephen S. Raiman

CURRENT TITLES: Assistant Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, and Assistant Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, College of Engineering

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Charles and Elizabeth Schrock Faculty Development Professor, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATES: December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2028

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering are pleased to recommend the appointment of Stephen S. Raiman as the Charles and Elizabeth Schrock Faculty Development Professor, College of Engineering, effective December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2028.

The Charles and Elizabeth Schrock Faculty Development Professorship was established in October 2019 for the purpose of recruiting or retaining assistant or associate professors in the Department of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences in the College of Engineering (NERS). Appointments to this professorship may be up to three non-renewable years.

Stephen Raiman received his B.S. (2010) in physics from the University at Buffalo. He received his Ph.D. (2016) in nuclear engineering and radiological sciences from the University of Michigan. Following graduation, Professor Raiman was with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory as a R&D associate. In 2023, he joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as an assistant professor.

Professor Raiman is primarily interested in understanding degradation of materials in nuclear power plants and other extreme environments. He specializes in high-temperature corrosion, hydrothermal corrosion, stress corrosion cracking, radiation damage, and understanding the combined effects of extreme environments. He has authored or co-authored 31 journal articles, 14 refereed conference papers, and 14 technical reports on degradation of materials in extreme environments.

As a recognized thought leader on materials in molten salt reactors, Professor Raiman has published extensively on the science and engineering aspects of corrosion of materials in molten salts. He has shifted standards of practice in the field of molten salt corrosion by clearly demonstrating the effect of salt purification on material corrosion. He is also a recognized expert in the combined effects of radiation and corrosion. He has studied the combined effects of these

factors across various environments and material systems and has published extensively on the subject.

Professor Raiman is an enthusiastic classroom teacher and mentor to his graduate students. He is especially passionate about involving undergraduate students in laboratory research, and his former undergraduate research assistants have gone on to Ph.D. programs at several top programs around the country.

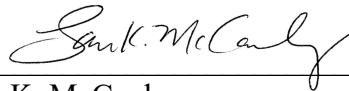
We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Stephen S. Raiman as the Charles and Elizabeth Schrock Faculty Development Professor, College of Engineering, effective December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2028.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Karen A. Thole, Ph.D.
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

December 2025

**INTERIM APPROVAL
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Scott E. Regenbogen, M.D., M.P.H.

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Surgery, with tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: James Lynds, M.D. Research Professor of the Surgical Sciences,
Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030

On the recommendation of Justin B. Dimick, M.D., M.P.H., the Frederick A. Collier 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 Scott E. Regenbogen, M.D., M.P.H. as the James Lynds, M.D. Research Professor of the Surgical Sciences, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

The James Lynds, M.D. Research Professorship in the Surgical Sciences was established in November 2025 with funds generated through splitting excess market value from the Dr. James Lynds Fellowship Fund, established in 1959 by Margaret R. Lynds in honor of her brother, Dr. James Lynds. The professorship recognizes James Lynds' contribution to the Department of Surgery and is intended to support the research, clinical, and outreach efforts of a distinguished faculty member within the Department of Surgery. The holder of this professorship will be a distinguished faculty member in the Department of Surgery, with preference given to graduates from the University of Michigan Medical School. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Scott Regenbogen received their M.D. in 2002 at the University of California, San Francisco and completed their general surgery residency at the Massachusetts General Hospital in 2010. During residency, they obtained a master's in public health and completed a health services research fellowship at Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Regenbogen then completed a colon and rectal surgery fellowship at the Lahey Clinic. They were recruited to the University of Michigan in the Department of Surgery in 2011 as an assistant professor. Their clinical accomplishments earned an appointment as chief of the Division of Colorectal Surgery in 2014, after only three years on faculty. They were promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2017, and to professor in 2022. Dr. Regenbogen also serves as the inaugural clinical domain oversight officer for Surgical Specialties in Ambulatory Care Operations, after serving as the associate chief clinical officer for Surgical Specialties in UMMG since 2019

Dr. Regenbogen's clinical practice includes the full breadth of colon and rectal surgery, with a particular focus on minimally invasive surgery. They were instrumental to not only the founding

of the clinical practice of colorectal surgery service at the University of Michigan, but also in establishing the didactic training. In eight years as the division chief, they were able to build a nationally recognized colorectal surgery program with highly diverse and innovative faculty who have become regional leaders in surgery for complex colorectal cancer and inflammatory bowel disease. Dr. Regenbogen also founded robotic the colorectal surgery and enhanced recovery after colorectal surgery programs at Michigan, serving as the cancer liaison physician for the Rogel Cancer Center, as well as chairing the Colectomy Surgical Site Infection Working Group. He was recognized by the Department of Urology with an award for outstanding collaboration and cooperation in the care of urologic patients in 2021. They have over 150 peer-reviewed publications in high impact journals, such as *Annals of Surgery*, *JAMA*, and *Health Affairs*.

Dr. Regenbogen has served continuously as the clerkship facilitator for the junior medical student clerkship and course director for the senior sub internship on the colorectal surgery service for all 14 years that he has been on faculty. The high quality of medical student teaching was recognized with the Silver Scalpel Teaching Award, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a surgical faculty for their educational efforts in the surgery clerkship, and election on two separate occasions as faculty honorary of the Galens Medical Society. They also serve as a co-mentor for an Orthopedic Surgery faculty member's K08 award and has been the primary research mentor for both medical students and residents, securing extramural training grants and multiple publications in peer-reviewed journals.

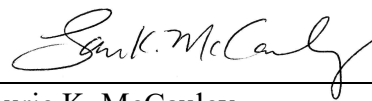
Dr. Regenbogen is a outstanding clinical and academic contributor to the Department of Surgery. He is an appropriate candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Scott E. Regenbogen, M.D., M.P.H. as the James Lynds, M.D. Research Professor of the Surgical Sciences, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Associate Deanship

NAME: Lori Rogala

CURRENT TITLES: Lecturer IV and Teaching Professor, Stephen M. Ross School of Business

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Thomas C. Jones Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, Stephen M. Ross School of Business

EFFECTIVE DATES: May 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029

On the recommendation of the dean of the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Lori Rogala as the Thomas C. Jones Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, effective May 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

Lori Rogala earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration from Miami University in 1997 and a Juris Doctor from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 2000. She joined the University of Michigan's Stephen M. Ross School of Business in September 2014 as a lecturer in business law. She was promoted to lecturer IV in August 2021 and was recognized as a Teaching Professor in September 2023.

Professor Rogala has made significant contributions to undergraduate education at the Ross School through sustained service and leadership. She has served on the Faculty Council for Undergraduate Programs, the BBA First Year Experience Task Force, and as faculty advisor for the BBA Commencement Speaker Committee. She was the faculty coordinator of the Ross Integrative Semester from 2020 to 2023 and continues to serve as a committee member. Her additional service includes participation on the Dean Search Advisory Committee, the Reimagining Hybrid Action Team, and the Identity and Diversity in Organizations BBA Milestone Task Force. She has also served as a BA 480 senior thesis advisor and as a faculty speaker for major undergraduate programs and events.

Professor Rogala's teaching excellence has been recognized through multiple Ross School of Business Neary Teaching Excellence Awards, selection as one of *Poets & Quants* Top 50 Undergraduate Professors, participation in the university's CRLT Inclusive Teaching Program, and a University of Michigan Golden Apple Teaching Award nomination.

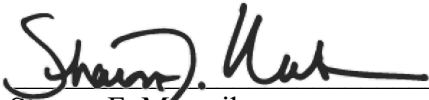
Prior to joining the University of Michigan, Professor Rogala held lecturer appointments at the University of Michigan–Dearborn and Oakland Community College. She also brings professional experience as a practicing attorney and business law consultant, having worked in

labor and employment law at Dykema, Gossett PLLC and Kienbaum, Opperwall, Hardy & Pelton, P.L.C., and later advising businesses on general business law matters, including contracts and employment issues.

In this role, Professor Rogala will be responsible for leadership of the Ross School's undergraduate programs, including the BBA program, undergraduate minors, the Thomas C. Jones Undergraduate Innovation Initiative, summer programs, and pre-collegiate and pipeline initiatives. Her responsibilities will include strategy development and implementation, admissions, the student experience, curricular and co-curricular programming, and overall program operations.

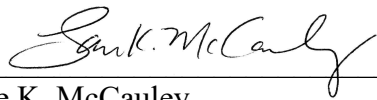
We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Lori Rogala as the Thomas C. Jones Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, effective May 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Sharon F. Matusik
Edward J. Frey Dean of Business
Stephen M. Ross School of Business

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member
NAME: Marie-Anne S. Rosenberg
CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Nursing, with tenure, School of Nursing
ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Faculty Development,
School of Nursing
EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029

The dean of the School of Nursing is pleased to recommend the appointment of Marie-Anne S. Rosenberg as associate dean for faculty affairs and faculty development, School of Nursing, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

Marie-Anne Rosenberg earned her Bachelor of Science in nursing from the University at Buffalo, State University of New York in 2006. She continued her studies at the University of Washington, where she received her Master of Science in nursing and a Ph.D. in occupational and environmental health nursing in 2010 and 2013, respectively. Following her doctoral work, she completed a T32 Post-doctoral Fellowship at the University of Michigan School of Nursing in 2015. Professor Rosenberg is a registered nurse (RN). She joined the University of Michigan School of Nursing as a lecturer in 2013 and was appointed as an assistant professor in 2015. She served as the vice chair of research for the Department of Systems, Populations and Leadership from 2018 to 2020, and in fall 2022, became the associate director of the Occupational Health Nursing Program. She was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2023.

Professor Rosenberg has demonstrated exceptional leadership and excellence in teaching across a wide portfolio of nursing courses at the University of Michigan, consistently receiving outstanding student evaluations and fostering rigorous, inclusive learning environments. Her commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion is evident in her interactive, student-centered pedagogy, which encourages critical thinking and supports the development of future healthcare leaders. She is widely recognized for her skillful balance of academic rigor and student support, core qualities essential for nurturing faculty members and advancing the educational mission of the School of Nursing.

In addition to her extensive teaching and mentoring experience, Professor Rosenberg has made significant contributions to faculty development through her work with undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students, as well as through international teaching collaborations. She has successfully guided mentees in research, publication, and scholarly presentations, demonstrating a deep commitment to mentoring and building academic capacity. Her ability to support and

inspire colleagues, foster interdisciplinary partnerships, and facilitate scholarly success distinguishes her as an effective leader in faculty affairs.

Professor Rosemberg is a nationally recognized scholar in occupational and environmental health disparities and brings a record of collaborative, community-based research supported by major funding organizations. She is actively involved in university service and professional organizations, contributing her expertise in research mentorship, program development, and organizational leadership. Her commitment to advancing faculty well-being, development, and success, combined with her extensive experience in teaching, mentoring, and academic leadership, clearly positions her to excel as the associate dean for faculty affairs and faculty development.

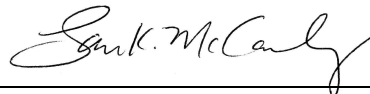
We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Marie-Anne S. Rosemberg as associate dean for faculty affairs and faculty development, School of Nursing, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



Patricia D. Hurn
Dean and Professor
School of Nursing



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

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship
NAME: Lee F. Schroeder, M.D., Ph.D.
CURRENT TITLE: Clinical Professor, Department of Pathology, Medical School
ADDITIONAL TITLE: John G. Batsakis Professor of Pathology, Medical School
EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030

On the recommendation of Charles A. Parkos, M.D., Ph.D., the Carl Vernon 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 Lee F. Schroeder, M.D., Ph.D. as the John G. Batsakis Professor of Pathology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

The Aldred Scott Warthin Professorship was established in April 1988 through departmental funds. It was renamed in June 2019 as the John G. Batsakis Professorship in Pathology. Since this professorship is fully funded and supported within the Department of Pathology, the department would like to confirm that the incumbents of this professorship may include non-tenured or tenure-track faculty members. Traditionally it has been held by the director of clinical pathology but can be any faculty member within the Department of Pathology. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Lee Schroeder received his Ph.D. in 2009 and his M.D. in 2011 from the University of California at San Diego. He completed his residency training in clinical pathology at Stanford University Medical Center in 2014. In 2014, Dr. Schroeder accepted a faculty position as a clinical assistant professor in pathology here at the University of Michigan. He was promoted to clinical associate professor in 2019, and clinical professor in 2025.

Dr. Schroeder's research interests are at the interface of clinical informatics and health services research, using decision analytic approaches to model and improving the impact of laboratory medicine. His clinical interests include laboratory stewardship, clinical informatics and point-of care testing. They currently have one grant, while serving as primary investigator for numerous research grants. They own two patents and have authored 45 peer-reviewed manuscripts in top-tiered journals. Dr. Schroeder's educator portfolio stands as testimony to his commitment to teaching a broad audience of learners, including our medical students, trainees, staff, and his peers.

In addition to establishing a highly respected independent research program, Dr. Schroeder has played a critical role in the department's teaching programs and served as the associate director of clinical pathology and director of point-of-care testing here at the University of Michigan. In 2025,

Dr. Schroeder became the director of the clinical pathology division. As the director of clinical pathology and CLIA director of our Michigan Medicine laboratories, Dr. Schroeder oversees multiple mission-critical laboratory services, including chemistry, immunology, microbiology, coagulation – routine and special, cytogenetics, flow cytometry, hematology, hematopathology, histocompatibility, phlebotomy – inpatient and outpatient, transfusion medicine, virology, and molecular pathology operations. This division processes more than seven million billed tests annually with more than \$950 million in gross revenue. Since his arrival, Dr. Schroeder has had a profound impact on our laboratory services through innovative restructuring that integrates laboratory services using shared technologies and platforms. He is a talented chemical pathologist and provides expert diagnostic services in chemistry and point-of-care services. He also plays an essential role in supporting research studies across our institution. As a team scientist, Dr. Schroeder has been instrumental at the interface of clinical informatics and health services research using analytic approaches to model and improve the impact of laboratory medicine.

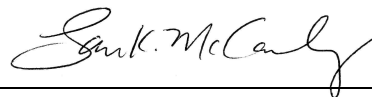
Dr. Schroeder is a productive clinician, scientist, leader, and an excellent educator who holds the role of director of clinical pathology. Like Dr. Batsakis before him, Dr. Schroeder is at the very top of his field with an enviable track record of contributions across all our missions. He is an appropriate candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Lee F. Schroeder, M.D., Ph.D. as the John G. Batsakis Professor of Pathology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Legacy Professorship

NAME: Kurt R. Schumacher, M.D., M.S.

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Amnon Rosenthal Legacy Professor of Pediatric Cardiology, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030

On the recommendation of Donna M Martin, M.D., Ph.D., the Ravitz Foundation Endowed Professor and chair of the Department of Pediatrics, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Kurt R. Schumacher, M.D., M.S. as the Amnon Rosenthal Legacy Professor of Pediatric Cardiology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

The Amnon Rosenthal Legacy Professorship in Pediatric Cardiology was established in July 1993 to honor Dr. Rosenthal and to recognize his extensive contributions to the field of pediatric cardiology. The holder of this professorship stipulates that it be held by the faculty member who is appointed as the director of the Division of Pediatric Cardiology. The appointment period may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Kurt Schumacher received his M.D. from the University of Michigan in 2005. They completed pediatric residency at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 2008, followed by a fellowship in pediatric cardiology at the University of Michigan, which was completed in 2011. After this fellowship, Dr. Schumacher went on to earn their master's degree from the University of Michigan School of Public Health, graduating in 2013. They were appointed as a clinical lecturer in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Michigan in 2011. They were then appointed as a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics in 2012 and rose through the ranks to clinical professor in 2025. Most recently, Dr. Schumacher accepted the leadership role of the division director of pediatric cardiology in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Schumacher's research focuses on clinical care and outcomes of children with complex, palliated congenital heart disease and advanced heart failure. They currently have seven grants, while serving as the primary investigator for numerous research grants, and have authored more than 135 peer-reviewed manuscripts in top-tiered journals such as *JAMA Network Open*, *Circulation*, and *JAMA Cardiology*.

Dr. Schumacher is nationally and internationally recognized as a leader in the field of pediatric cardiology. They have contributed to several national and international clinical guidelines and standards, including the American Heart Association's guidance on the care of Fontan patients, the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation's pediatric heart transplant and heart failure monographs, and consensus guidelines for the selection and use of ventricular assist devices in pediatric congenital heart disease. Institutionally, Dr. Schumacher has taken on multiple leadership roles, including medical director of the Pediatric Heart Transplant Program and director of the Pediatric Cardiac Critical Care Consortium Analytic Center. He is also the associate director of the Michigan Congenital Heart Outcomes Research and Discovery clinical research unit and associate program director for the Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship Program. In addition to these roles, he serves as a journal reviewer for several journals including *Journal of the American Heart Association*, *World Journal for Pediatric and Congenital Heart Surgery*, and *Circulation-Heart Failure*.

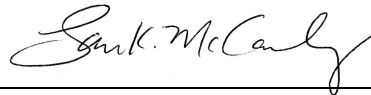
Dr. Schumacher is a productive clinician, dedicated scientist, and an excellent educator who holds the role of the director of the Division of Pediatric Cardiology. He is an appropriate candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Kurt R. Schumacher, M.D., M.S. as the Amnon Rosenthal Legacy Professor of Pediatric Cardiology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

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

NAME: Thomas A. Schwarz

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor

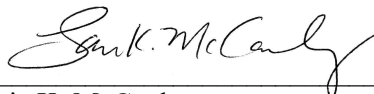
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

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 Thomas A. Schwarz be designated a Thurnau Professor.

Professor Schwarz is both a nationally recognized experimental particle physicist and a driving force for new teaching methodologies, curricular modernization, and access to research and internship opportunities. He introduced a studio format for Physics 240, "Introductory Electricity and Magnetism" that dramatically increased student engagement, equity, and achievement, and then did the same for Physics 140, the introductory mechanics course. His chair credits him with changing students' attitudes toward their ability to learn the material in these high-enrollment, gateway courses. In both courses, small groups of students spend time in class working through problems with support from a team of undergraduate learning assistants. His new, hybrid version of Physics 140 combines asynchronous lectures with face-to-face sessions, alleviating waitlist backlogs and improving time to degree by ensuring students can enroll in the course when they need it. Professor Schwarz has directly mentored more than 30 undergraduates in his research group. As the inaugural undergraduate research coordinator, he significantly expanded access by launching two new programs, one to facilitate paid summer research positions, and one to match students to internships in industry. As the associate chair, he worked with the Society of Physics students as a sounding board to adjust curriculum sequencing to welcome students who discovered a passion for the field later in their undergraduate study. His efforts have empowered countless students, including transfer students and those from nontraditional backgrounds, to find belonging and success in physics.

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 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Unendowed Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Matthew D. Shapiro

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Lawrence R. Klein Collegiate Professor of Economics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030

With the endorsement of the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Matthew D. Shapiro as the Lawrence R. Klein Collegiate Professor of Economics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030.

This professorship was established in the Provost Office and named the Lawrence R. Klein Collegiate Professorship in Economics in August 2004. A stipend funded from college resources accompanies this professorship. Appointments to this professorship are up to five years and may be renewed.

Matthew Shapiro earned both his B.A. and M.A. from Yale University in 1979 and his Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1984. He began his instructional career at Yale University as an assistant professor in 1984 and joined our faculty as an associate professor, with tenure, in 1989. Professor Shapiro was promoted to professor in 1995.

Professor Shapiro is a world-renowned expert in macroeconomics with a high level of productivity. Most recently, one of his major research areas focuses on the Reengineering Economic Statistics (RESET) project, a collaboration with the U.S. Census Bureau and the University of Maryland. RESET aims to reengineer how gross domestic product and inflation are measured with the goal of building national statistics from item-level retail transactions to replace the current approach that combines surveys and enumerations by multiple statistical agencies. Professor Shapiro has also made recent contributions to understanding household decision-making, especially surrounding questions of spending, saving, and portfolio investment. With collaborators at the University of California, Berkeley, he obtained data from a financial app to study daily transactions and balances; this project was one of the earliest efforts by economists to use large-scale, comprehensive account data on household finance. Professor Shapiro has received significant external funding from the National Science

Foundation, the National Institute on Aging, the Sloan Foundation, and the TIAA Institute. He has published widely in the top outlets in economics including the *American Economic Review* and the *Journal of Political Economy*, as well as in leading journals in macroeconomics, labor economics, public economics, and statistics.

Professor Shapiro continues to make critical contributions to the department's teaching mission and is a very active advisor, having chaired or co-chaired ten dissertation committees in the last five years. He has taught a second-year Ph.D. course in applied macroeconomics and teaches a very popular honors capstone seminar entitled Big Data in Economics, where students complete original research projects using naturally occurring data. Professor Shapiro also supports multiple graduate student research assistants.

Professor Shapiro has done an extraordinary amount of service for the department, university, and the field. He served as the director of the Survey Research Center from 2019-2023 and has chaired important university-level committees on retirement savings options and retirement benefits. He was co-editor of the flagship journal *American Economic Review* and editor of the *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, and has held major editorial positions in macroeconomics and public economics. Professor Shapiro has served as the chair of the Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee, the official advisory committee of the Census Bureau, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the Bureau of Economic Analysis. He has been the chair of the American Economic Association Committee on Statistics and member of the National Academy of Science Committee on National Statistics. He is a long-time member of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Academic Advisory Council and was appointed this year to be its external co-chair. Professor Shapiro has also been an active advocate for career development of women in economics throughout his career. He was a member of the committee that drafted the American Economic Association (AEA)'s Code of Professional Conduct, whose report provided the roadmap for the AEA's recent reforms aimed at improving climate and diversity in the economics profession.

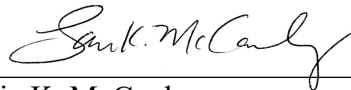
We are very pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Matthew D. Shapiro as the Lawrence R. Klein Collegiate Professor of Economics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Rosario Ceballo, Ph.D.
Dean
Professor of Psychology &
Women's and Gender Studies
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

December 2025

**INTERIM APPROVAL
GRANTED**

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Melvin Stephens, Jr.

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Economics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Public Policy, without tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

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


EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts are pleased to recommend the appointment of Melvin Stephens, Jr. as interim chair, Department of Economics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

Melvin Stephens received his doctorate from the University of Michigan in 1998. Following a two-year post-doctoral research fellowship in ISR's Population Studies Center, Professor Stephens began his teaching career as an assistant professor at Carnegie Mellon University in 2000 and was promoted to associate professor in 2006. He joined the faculty at Michigan as an associate professor, with tenure, in 2009 and was promoted to professor in 2014. He previously served as the interim chair of the department from 2019-2020, and then as the chair from 2020-2022. Professor Stephens' research focuses on labor and macroeconomics.

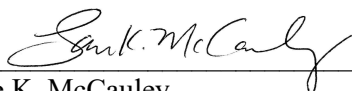
We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Melvin Stephens, Jr. as interim chair, Department of Economics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

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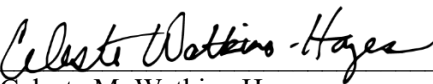


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University Diversity and Social Transformation
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Jean E. Fairfax Collegiate Professor of Public Policy
Professor of Sociology
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

December 2025

**INTERIM APPROVAL
GRANTED**

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Xiaodong Sun

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, with tenure, College of Engineering

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Interim Chair, Department of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Xiaodong Sun as the interim chair, Department of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, College of Engineering, effective February 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Xiaodong Sun received his B.S. (1993) and M.S. (1996) in nuclear engineering from Shanghai Jiao Tong University. He also received his M.S. (2001) in mechanical engineering and his Ph.D. (2001) in nuclear engineering from Purdue University. Following graduation, he remained at Purdue as a post-doctoral research associate. In 2004, Professor Sun was appointed as an assistant professor in the nuclear engineering program at The Ohio State University. He was promoted to associate professor in 2011 and to professor in 2016. In 2017, he joined the faculty of the University of Michigan as a professor of nuclear engineering and radiological sciences.

Professor Sun's research interests focus on nuclear reactor thermal hydraulics and safety; two-phase flow experimentation, modeling, and numerical simulation; advanced nuclear reactor design and modeling; and high-temperature compact heat exchanger/steam generator development, spanning both fundamental and applied thermal hydraulics. His research has been sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, NASA, national laboratories, and industry. He has co-authored over 110 peer-reviewed journal articles and over 210 peer-reviewed conference papers. Professor Sun's students have received several Best Paper Awards from several major technical conferences in their field.

Professor Sun has taught eight courses at The Ohio State University and four courses at the University of Michigan at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. His courses include Fluid Mechanics for Nuclear Engineers, Fundamentals of Heat and Mass Transfer, Thermal Fluids for Nuclear Reactor Safety Analysis, and Advanced Nuclear Reactor Thermal Hydraulics. In recognition of his teaching excellence, NERS students selected him as NERS Faculty of the Year twice, in AY 2018–2019 and 2023–2024.

Professor Sun has a robust service record. He has served as the chair of the American Nuclear Society Thermal Hydraulics Division (ANS THD) (2012-2013), has assisted in organizing several major conferences, including serving as the technical program chair (TPC) for the ANS 2012 Winter Meeting; was the leading co-TPC for the 16th International Topical Meeting on Nuclear Reactor Thermal Hydraulics (NURETH-16) in 2015, the worldwide flagship conference series in reactor thermal hydraulics; and served as a general co-chair for NURETH-19 in 2022.

Professor Sun has received several awards in recognizing his scholarly contributions. He was named an ANS Fellow in 2021 and awarded the ANS THD's Technical Achievement Award in 2024.

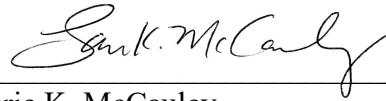
Professor Sun has demonstrated that he possesses the experience, ability, and commitment to fulfill the important responsibilities of a department chair. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Xiaodong Sun as the interim chair, Department of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, College of Engineering, effective February 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Karen A. Thole, Ph.D.
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

January 2026

**INTERIM APPROVAL
GRANTED**

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Stephanie P. Taylor, M.D., M.A.

CURRENT TITLES: J. Griswold Ruth M.D. and Margery Hopkins Ruth Research Professor, and Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Learning Health Sciences, without tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2026

On the recommendation of Gretchen A. Piatt, Ph.D., 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 additional appointment of Stephani P. Taylor, M.D., M.A. as professor of learning health sciences, without tenure, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026.

Stephanie Taylor earned their M.D. in 2006 and their M.Sc. in clinical and translational science in 2013 at the University of South Florida. They were appointed to the rank of assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of South Florida in 2009 and was promoted to associate professor in 2012. They were recruited to Wake Forest University as an associate professor in 2021 and was promoted to professor in 2022. In 2023, they were appointed to the rank of professor, with tenure, in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Taylor has provided mentorship to learners at several levels, including medical students, residents, clinical fellows, and faculty. They taught medical students and residents on the internal medicine service via clinical and didactic teaching avenues once to twice a month. Dr. Taylor is actively engaged in the Michigan Embedded Learning Health Science Scientist Training and Research (MEL-STaR) programming.

Dr. Taylor's research efforts focus on improving outcomes for patients with sepsis using methodology embedded in routine clinical care. They employ methods in health services research, pragmatic trials, and implementation science to innovate practices that promote optimal care for sepsis in two phases of care delivery: i) early antibiotic management and ii) post-discharge transition and recovery. Their research is currently funded by two R01 awards from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Prior funding of their research came through grant awards from the NIH (two R01's, one R21) and the Duke Endowment. They received the Society of Hospital Medicine Excellence in

Research award in 2025. They have delivered numerous extramural invited talks and served as a visiting professor at two institutions. They have published 100 peer-reviewed manuscripts.

Dr. Taylor has an outstanding service record at the institutional and national levels. Nationally, Dr. Taylor is an ad hoc reviewer for a NIH study section and an associate editor of the *Journal of Hospital Medicine*. They previously served on two committees within the Society of Hospital Medicine and served on three committees at their prior institution. They provide ad hoc peer review for six scientific journals.

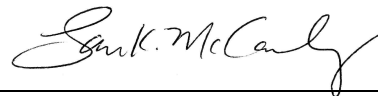
Dr. Taylor's research, teaching, and service interests on the improvement of outcomes for patients with sepsis using implementation science and quality improvement are complementary to those of investigators in the Department of Learning Health Sciences. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the additional appointment of Stephanie P. Taylor, M.D., M.A. as professor of learning health sciences, without tenure, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Martin J. Williams

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Organizational Studies, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Political Science, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Professor of Public Policy, without tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee and governing faculty of the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and with the endorsement of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Martin J. Williams as associate professor of public policy, without tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective January 1, 2026.

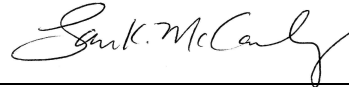
Martin Williams received his B.A. in economics from Williams College (2007), his M.S. in African studies (2008) and M.S. in economics for development (2009) from the University of Oxford, and his Ph.D. (2015) from the London School of Economics. Beginning in 2015, he was a post-doctoral research fellow at University College London. In 2016, he joined the University of Oxford at the Blavatnik School of Government as an assistant professor in public management and was tenured in 2020. He joined the University of Michigan as an associate professor in the Organizational Studies Program and Department of Political Science in 2024.

Professor Williams is a political scientist and public administration scholar who studies policy implementation, bureaucratic performance, and civil service reform in governments around the world. He engages in data-focused, demand-driven research collaborations with global government partners, which have resulted in numerous points of policy impact. Professor Williams teaches courses listed in Organizational Studies, Political Science, International Studies, and Public Policy, such as Making Public Services Work, Organizational Performance and Reform, Rethinking the Governance of Public and Private Organizations, and Public Service Reform Around the World. We anticipate this appointment will offer additional opportunities for Professor Williams to engage with Ford School faculty and students interested in international policy implementation and civil service reform.

We are very pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Martin J. Williams as associate professor of public policy, without tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective January 1, 2026.

Recommended by:

Recommendation endorsed by:



Celeste M. Watkins-Hayes
Joan and Sanford Weill Dean of Public Policy
University Diversity and Social Transformation
Professor
Jean E. Fairfax Collegiate Professor of
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Rosario Ceballo
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Professor of Psychology &
Women's and Gender Studies
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

December 2025

**INTERIM APPROVAL
GRANTED**

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Legacy Professorship

NAME: Thomas E. Wilson, M.D., Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Pathology, with tenure, and Professor of Human Genetics, without tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Legacy Professor of Pathology Research, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030

On the recommendation of Charles A. Parkos, M.D., Ph.D., the Carl Vernon 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 Thomas E. Wilson, M.D., Ph.D. as the Legacy Professor of Pathology Research, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

The Legacy Professorship in Pathology Research was established in February 2008 through endowment funding in the Department of Pathology and is intended to support the educational and research activities of a senior faculty member in the Department of Pathology. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Thomas Wilson received his Ph.D. and M.D. from the Washington University School of Medicine in 1994. This was followed with residency in laboratory medicine from 1994-1999 at the Washington University School of Medicine, serving as the chief resident the final year. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1999 as an assistant professor of pathology and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2006. In 2009, Dr. Wilson was also appointed as an associate professor of human genetics. He was promoted to professor within the Department of Pathology in 2016 and promoted to professor within the Department of Human Genetics in 2022. Dr. Wilson currently serves as the faculty director of the University of Michigan Advance Genomics Core. In 2022, he also became the co-director of the Rogel Cancer Center Single-Cell Spatial Analysis Shared Resource.

Dr. Wilson's research interests are to gain insight into the molecular basis of chromosomal rearrangement in cancer and the germline by systematically identifying both enzymatic and structural components of the DNA double-strand break repair mechanisms and characterizing how these interact to achieve the sequence of events resulting in repair or rearrangement. A highly funded investigator, Dr. Wilson serves as the principal investigator on seven NIH and industry grants and collaborates extensively across the University of Michigan and nationally. His research has produced over 80 peer-reviewed publications and five book chapters. Dr. Wilson's contributions have earned numerous honors, including the Environmental Mutagenesis and

Genomics Society Service Award and multiple University of Michigan awards for teaching and scientific research. Board-certified in Clinical Pathology, he provides expertise in somatic cancer genetics and molecular diagnostics. Nationally and internationally recognized, Dr. Wilson has delivered more than 50 invited lectures and serves on the editorial board of *Mutation Research Reviews*, while reviewing for leading journals such as *EMBO Molecular Medicine* and *PNAS*.

Dr. Wilson is a dedicated educator, mentoring faculty, fellows, residents, and students at all levels, and has served on 47 dissertation committees. His service record is equally distinguished. Internationally, he chairs the Genomics Subcommittee for the Program Committee of the 13th International Conference on Environmental Mutagens. Nationally, he has served on 12 committees, including five as chair, and is a past president of the Environmental Mutagenesis and Genomics Society. Regionally, he co-chaired the 11th Annual Midwest DNA Repair Symposium. At the University of Michigan, he currently serves on seven committees and has participated in 31 others. These roles reflect his deep commitment to advancing education, governance, and scientific collaboration at every level.

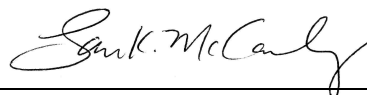
Dr. Wilson is a productive dedicated scientist, leader, and an excellent educator who serves as the faculty director of the University of Michigan Advance Genomics Core. He is an appropriate candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Thomas E. Wilson, M.D., Ph.D. as the Legacy Professor of Pathology Research, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Zhenke Wu

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Professor of Global Public Health, without tenure, School of Public Health

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the School of Public Health, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Zhenke Wu as associate professor of global public health, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective January 1, 2026.

Zhenke Wu received his B.Sc. from Fudan University in Shanghai, China in 2009 and Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland in 2014. From 2014-2016, he completed a post-doctoral fellowship in the Department of Biostatistics at Johns Hopkins University. Upon completion, he was appointed as an assistant professor of biostatistics, School of Public Health, and core faculty member for the Michigan Institute for Data and AI in Society at the University of Michigan. In 2023, he was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, of biostatistics.

Professor Wu has extensive academic and professional experience in global health, centered on developing and applying innovative statistical and machine learning methodologies to address critical public health challenges in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). His research has made significant contributions to understanding pediatric pneumonia etiology, producing updated estimates across seven sub-Saharan African and Southeast Asian countries. He is an authority in global mortality estimation, particularly for deaths occurring outside robust civil registration systems, through his pioneering work on computer-coded verbal autopsy; this includes serving as a subcontract principal investigator (PI) on a National Institutes of Health (NIH) R03 grant to develop an innovative statistical framework for integrating multiple verbal autopsy datasets under distributional shifts. Professor Wu also leads research in digital mental health, notably for healthcare workers in Kenya as part of the Data Science in Africa initiative and has recently submitted a Gates Foundation grant proposal seeking to address frailty in midlife women in LMIC contexts. His work consistently involves developing rigorous statistical methods and is geographically focused on regions including Kenya, Ecuador, China, and Sub-Saharan Africa.

Professor Wu has a strong international footprint within the teaching, training, and mentoring landscape. He conducts numerous workshops and seminars on data science, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and statistical methods for global health audiences in countries such as Kenya, Mexico, and China. He is actively involved in mentoring international doctoral students and faculty members, many from LMICs or engaged in global health projects, guiding their research in areas like verbal autopsy, disease etiology, and digital health in East Africa.

Professor Wu's global health practice and service are characterized by high-impact advisory roles and the development of widely adopted open-source tools. He serves as an Advisory Committee Member for the World Health Organization on a project to create a reference death archive to improve verbal autopsy standards globally and is an Advisory Board Member for the OpenVA Project which is a multi-year open-source effort to make methods for mortality estimation based on verbal autopsy more accessible. He has developed several reproducible research software packages like *baker* (for Bayesian disease etiology research that made the world's most updated pediatric pneumonia etiology, with over 83,000 downloads), LCVA, and doubletree (for advanced domain-adaptive verbal autopsy analysis), making sophisticated analytical methods accessible to researchers worldwide and directly supporting evidence generation in LMICs.

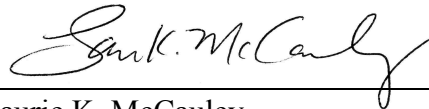
We are very pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Zhenke We as associate professor of global public health, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective January 1, 2026.

Recommended by:



Lynda Lisabeth, Ph.D.
Interim Dean, School of Public Health

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

January 2026

**INTERIM APPROVAL
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

5

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 for a Faculty Member

NAME: Susan M. Collins

CURRENT TITLES: Edward M. Gramlich Collegiate Professor of Public Policy,
Professor of Public Policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of
Public Policy, and Professor of Economics, without tenure,
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TYPE OF LEAVE: Governmental Leave

TIME EXTENSION REQUESTED : March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2030

It is recommended that Susan M. Collins be granted an extension of a governmental leave of absence, effective March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2030.

Professor Collins is on leave from the Ford School, serving as the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. This leave provides a unique opportunity for Professor Collins to leverage her academic expertise for policy impact.

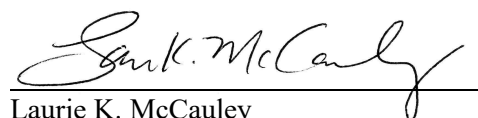
We recommend this extended leave of absence for Professor Susan M. Collins.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Celeste Watkins-Hayes
Joan and Sanford Weill Dean of Public Policy
University Diversity and Social Transformation
Professor
Jean E. Fairfax Collegiate Professor of Public Policy
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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



Rosario Ceballo, Dean
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February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Extension of a Leave for a Faculty Member
NAME: Debra F. Weinstein, M.D.
CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Learning Health Sciences, with tenure, Medical School
TYPE OF LEAVE: Personal Leave
DATES OF CURRENT LEAVE: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025
TIME EXTENSION REQUESTED: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026

It is recommended that Debra F. Weinstein be granted an extension of a personal leave of absence, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Dr. Weinstein is the former executive vice dean for academic affairs at the University of Michigan Medical School. She was appointed the president and chief executive officer of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) where she has successfully served for the last year collaborating with leaders of teaching institutions, like the University of Michigan Medical School, and with other national organizations to optimize physician education and training and to nurture public trust in medicine at a time when our health care delivery system faces unprecedented challenges. This role is a wonderful opportunity for Dr. Weinstein to have a profound impact on the clinical training of physicians.

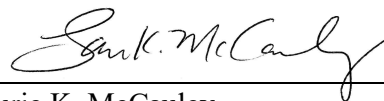
Therefore, we request approval of this extension of a personal leave of absence for Debra F. Weinstein, M.D., effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

January 2026

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

6

Establishing and renaming professorships and selected
academic and administrative positions.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Change in Title of an Existing Academic Administrative Position
CURRENT TITLE: Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, Medical School
RECOMMENDED TITLE: Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs, Medical School
EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

The Medical School wishes to recommend a change in title of an existing academic administrative position from senior associate dean for clinical affairs, to vice dean for clinical affairs, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026.

The renaming of this position will allow it to align more appropriately with the current structure of the Medical School. The vice dean for clinical affairs will report directly to the dean. The vice dean will work closely with all relevant entities to deploy providers and integrate clinical care with the research and educational missions of University of Michigan Health to achieve an optimized tripartite mission. They will be the leader in charge of supporting the clinician workforce and allocating clinical resources from University of Michigan Health so that Michigan Medicine can fulfill its overriding mission: to advance health to serve Michigan and the world.

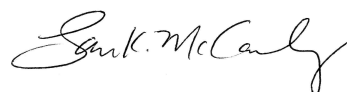
Therefore, we are pleased to recommend the change in title of an existing academic administrative position from senior associate dean for clinical affairs, to vice dean for clinical affairs, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

December 2025

**INTERIM APPROVAL
GRANTED**

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Change in Title of an Existing Academic Administrative Position

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

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Vice Dean for Faculty, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

The Medical School wishes to recommend a change in title of an existing academic administrative position from senior associate dean for faculty and faculty development, to vice dean for faculty, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026.

The renaming of this position will allow it to align more appropriately with the current structure of the Medical School. The vice dean for faculty will report directly to the dean. The vice dean will lead the Office of Faculty Affairs and Faculty Development in the support and advancement of nearly 4,000 faculty in 29 clinical and basic science departments. They will work with departments, centers, and institutes on all faculty career aspects, from recruitment through retirement in accordance with the mission and vision of Michigan Medicine and the University of Michigan Medical School.

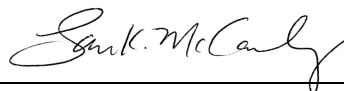
Therefore, we are pleased to recommend the change in title of an existing academic administrative position from senior associate dean for faculty and faculty development, to vice dean for faculty, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

December 2025

**INTERIM APPROVAL
GRANTED**

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Change in Title of an Existing Academic Administrative Position
CURRENT TITLE: Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education, Medical School
RECOMMENDED TITLE: Vice Dean for Medical Education, Medical School
EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

The Medical School wishes to recommend a change in title of an existing academic administrative position from senior associate dean for medical education, to vice dean for medical education, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026.

The renaming of this position will allow it to align more appropriately with the current structure of the Medical School. The vice dean for medical education will report directly to the dean. The vice dean provides oversight for Medical Student Education, Graduate Medical Education, and Continuing Medical Education and Life-Long Learning. They will lead efforts to further improve educational programs that maximize value to our learners, to Michigan Medicine, and to the communities we serve.

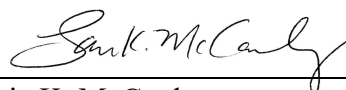
Therefore, we are pleased to recommend the change in title of an existing academic administrative position from senior associate dean for medical education, to vice dean for medical education, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

December 2025

**INTERIM APPROVAL
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Change in Title of an Existing Academic Administrative Position
CURRENT TITLE: Executive Vice Dean for Research, Medical School
RECOMMENDED TITLE: Vice Dean for Research, Medical School
EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

The Medical School wishes to recommend a change in title of an existing academic administrative position from executive vice dean for research, to vice dean for research, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026.

The renaming of this position will allow it to align more appropriately with the current structure of the Medical School. The vice dean for research will report directly to the dean. The vice dean will represent the interests of the research community externally, while also fostering collaborations across the medical and university campuses. These duties will be balanced with a collaborative focus on internal operational and administrative responsibilities.

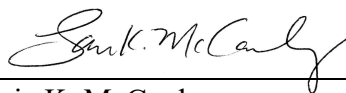
Therefore, we are pleased to recommend the change in title of an existing academic administrative position from executive vice dean for research, to vice dean for research, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice
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**INTERIM APPROVAL
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Change in Name of an Existing Unendowed Collegiate Professorship

CURRENT TITLE: Cyrus Levinthal Collegiate Professorship in the Life Sciences, Medical School

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Edward F. Domino Collegiate Professorship in Neuroscience, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2026

On the recommendation of Thomas J. Wang, M.D., the Josiah Macy Jr. Professor, dean, and professor of internal medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship from the Cyrus Levinthal Collegiate Professorship in the Life Sciences, to the Edward F. Domino Collegiate Professorship in Neuroscience, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026.

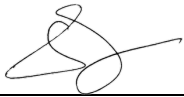
This professorship was established in the Provost Office and was named the Cyrus Levinthal Collegiate Professorship in the Life Sciences in December 2019. This professorship renaming will recognize the achievements of Edward F. Domino, M.D. and is intended to support the research efforts of a faculty member in the Medical School. Edward F. Domino, M.D. was a pioneering neuropharmacologist at the University of Michigan and is well known for his innovative work in dissociative anesthesia. Renaming this professorship will closely align the work of Dr. Edward F. Domino and the new holder. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Edward F. Domino, M.D. graduated from the University of Illinois in 1951. In 1953, he obtained a position in the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Michigan. Dr. Domino's pivotal characterization of the behavioral and neural effects of the phencyclidine derivative, ketamine, stands as the key accomplishment of his career. For over six decades, Dr. Domino made many contributions to our understanding of psychoactive drugs, but is best known for his role in the development of ketamine anesthesia. A seemingly limitless passion for scientific innovation led him to make contributions to many areas of science throughout his long career, pursuing a deeper understanding of the neuropsychopharmacology of ketamine and psychedelics. Even after retiring in 2000, Dr. Domino never stopped learning as an active emeritus professor of pharmacology. He was honored at the University of Michigan with the naming of the Edward F. Domino Lecture in Consciousness Science in 2016, the Edward F. Domino Research Professorship in 2017, and the Edward F. Domino Research Center in 2018.

The importance of his contributions to neuroscience, anesthesiology, and psychiatry became clearer as subsequent generations of scientists revisited the work that he began in the 1950s.

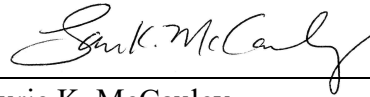
We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship from the Cyrus Levinthal Collegiate Professorship in the Life Sciences, to the Edward F. Domino Collegiate Professorship in Neuroscience, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Research Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Linda M. Graham, M.D. Research Professorship in Vascular Surgery, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2026

On the recommendation of Justin B. Dimick, M.D., M.P.H., the Frederick A. Collier 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 Linda M. Graham, M.D. Research Professorship in Vascular Surgery, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026.

This professorship is being established with funds graciously generated provided by Dr. Linda M. Graham to provide support in perpetuity for the research endeavors of a faculty member in the Department of Surgery. Linda M. Graham, an exceptional clinician and remarkable scientist, had her roots at the University of Michigan. Her training as a surgeon-scientist continued as a research fellow during her residency where she received the Frederick A. Collier Award and Conrad Jobst Award. Dr. Graham served on the Cleveland Clinic Board of Governors, overseeing one of the nation's premier clinical institutions. She has been a leader of many local, regional, and national societies, including having been the first woman to be elected the president of the Society of University Surgeons. When Cleveland Clinic started a medical school, Dr. Graham was tapped to be part of the planning process, as well as being appointed as the assistant dean for research education in the new medical school where she continues to serve in this office. This professorship will recognize the achievements of a vascular surgeon and will support a faculty member with a primary appointment in the Department of Surgery and the Vascular Surgery Section. The holder of the professorship will be a faculty member in the Section of Vascular Surgery who is pursuing basic science, translational, or clinical research in the field of vascular disease or vascular surgery. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

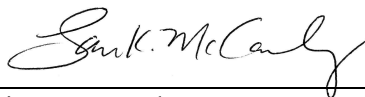
I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the Linda M. Graham, M.D. Research Professorship in Vascular Surgery, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

February 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Margolies Family Professorship in the Life Sciences, Life Sciences Institute

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026


With the approval of the director of the Life Sciences Institute, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of an endowed professorship as the Margolies Family Professorship in the Life Sciences, Life Sciences Institute, effective January 1, 2026.

The Life Sciences Institute has been the recipient of a generous gift of \$1,250,000 from Gregory Margolies, along with Life Sciences Institute matching funds of \$1,250,000, to establish the Margolies Family Professorship in the Life Sciences. The professorship will be used to honor and support an existing outstanding faculty member and/or recruit a faculty member to the University of Michigan, with a preference for a faculty member conducting cancer-related research. Appointment periods may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Appointments to the Margolies Family Professorship will be made by the director of the Life Sciences Institute. If the professorship is used to recruit a new faculty member, the individual will assume an appointment in the Life Sciences Institute along with a joint tenure track appointment in a University of Michigan school/college.

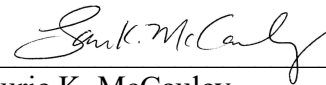
In recognition of this significant gift from Gregory Margolies, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of an endowed professorship as the Margolies Family Professorship in the Life Sciences, Life Sciences Institute, effective January 1, 2026.

Recommended by:



Roger D. Cone, Ph.D.
Mary Sue Coleman Director
Asa Gray Collegiate Professor of the Life Sciences

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

January 2026

**INTERIM APPROVAL
GRANTED**

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Rowena G. Matthews Professorship in the Life Sciences, Life Sciences Institute

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

With the approval of the director of the Life Sciences Institute, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of an endowed professorship as the Rowena G. Matthews Professorship in the Life Sciences, Life Sciences Institute, effective January 1, 2026.

The Life Sciences Institute has been the recipient of generous estate gifts from multiple donors, through which the Alexander G. Ruthven Professor of the Life Sciences was established. The professorship supports faculty in the Life Sciences Institute with an appointment in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. The Rowena G. Matthews Professorship in the Life Sciences will be created by splitting the Alexander G. Ruthven Professorship. The new professorship will be used to honor and support an existing outstanding faculty member and/or recruit a faculty member to the University of Michigan. Appointment periods may be up to five years and may be renewed.

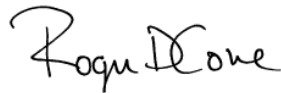
Professor Emerita Rowena G. Matthews received her B.A. degree from Radcliffe College in 1960 and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1969. She joined the Department of Biological Chemistry as a research investigator in 1974, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1975, associate professor in 1981, and professor in 1986. She was appointed assistant research biophysicist in the Biophysics Research Division in 1978, and was promoted to associate research biophysicist in 1981, research scientist in 1988 and research professor in 2001. She was appointed the G. Robert Greenberg Distinguished University Professor of Biological Chemistry in 1995, and in 2002 she was appointed professor of chemistry, Department of Chemistry, and research professor and one of six charter faculty in the Life Sciences Institute.

Professor Emerita Matthews is internationally recognized for her research on folate and vitamin B12 metabolism. With her colleagues, she identified the gene that makes methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase (MTHFR), one of the enzymes involved in managing blood homocysteine levels that are of biomedical importance in cardiovascular disease, strokes, and birth defects. Professor Emerita Matthews received the University's Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award in 1996 and was the Henry Russel Lecturer in 2003. She was elected to the National Academy of Sciences (2002), the Institute of Medicine (2004), and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2005).

In keeping with the Alexander G. Ruthven Professor of the Life Science, appointments to the Rowena G. Matthews Professorship will be made by the director of the Life Sciences Institute in consultation with the dean of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts for a faculty member with an appointment in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. If the professorship is used to recruit a new faculty member, the individual will assume an appointment in the Life Sciences Institute along with an appointment in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

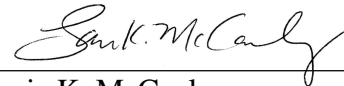
In recognition of the contributions of Professor Emerita Rowena Matthews, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of an endowed professorship as the Rowena G. Matthews Professorship in the Life Sciences, Life Sciences Institute, effective January 1, 2026.

Recommended by:



Roger D. Cone, Ph.D.
Mary Sue Coleman Director
Asa Gray Collegiate Professor of the Life Sciences

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

January 2026

**INTERIM APPROVAL
GRANTED**

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Research Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Andrea Fischer Newman and Frank Newman Research Professorship in Neurosurgery, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2026

On the recommendation of Aditya S. Pandey, M.D., F.A.A.N.S., the Julian T. Hoff 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 Andrea Fischer Newman and Frank Newman Research Professorship in Neurosurgery, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026.

This professorship is being established with funded through the generosity of a commitment of \$1,000,000 from Andrea Fischer Newman and Frank Newman. Andrea Fischer Newman has served as a regent of the University of Michigan since 1995. Ms. Newman, who received her bachelor's degree from U-M in 1979 and a law degree from George Washington University, is a senior vice president at Delta Air Lines. Ms. Newman and her husband, Frank, have generously supported a number of scholarships, facility improvements and career opportunities for students across the university, as well as contributing to Michigan Medicine and the athletics department. Frank Newman recently retired from his position as the president and chief executive officer of the Stow Company Inc., a leader in custom home storage and organizational products. This professorship will recognize and honor the care provided by Dr. Aditya S. Pandey and Dr. B. Greg Thompson and will support a Department of Neurosurgery faculty member who not only provides exceptional neurosurgical care but also aims to contribute to enhancing neurosurgical care through education, research, or innovation. The incumbents of this professorship may be a tenure track, clinical track, or research track faculty. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

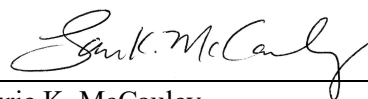
I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the Andrea Fischer Newman and Frank Newman Research Professorship in Neurosurgery, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

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ACTION REQUEST: Change in Name of an Existing Endowed Professorship

CURRENT TITLE: Duncan O. and Ella M. Poth Distinguished Professorship in Dermatology, Medical School

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Duncan O. and Ella M. Poth Professorship in Dermatology, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2026

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing endowed professorship from the Duncan O. and Ella M. Poth Distinguished Professorship in Dermatology, to the Duncan O. and Ella M. Poth Professorship in Dermatology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026.

The Duncan O. and Ella M. Poth Distinguished Professorship in Dermatology was established in December 1994. It was made possible through a generous gift from Duncan O. Poth, M.D., and his wife, Ella M. Poth. This professorship was created to honor Dr. and Mrs. Poth for their extraordinary commitment to the Department of Dermatology at the University of Michigan. This change appropriately reflects our current naming standards to avoid any confusion between this professorship title and a distinguished university professorship title. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

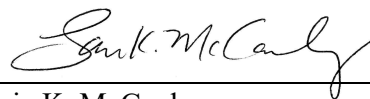
We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing endowed professorship from the Duncan O. and Ella M. Poth Distinguished Professorship in Dermatology, to the Duncan O. and Ella M. Poth Professorship in Dermatology, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

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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ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Early Career Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Helmut F. Stern Family Early Career Professorship in
Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2026

On the recommendation of Shahzad Mian, M.D., the F. Bruce Fralick Professor and chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of an early career professorship as the Helmut F. Stern Family Early Career Professorship in Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026.

This professorship is being established through a split of funds from the Helmut F. Stern Career Development Professorship in Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences with the intention of establishing another career development professorship. Mr. Helmut Stern wished to establish this additional professorship to advance the work of junior faculty in the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences. The holder of the professorship will be a non-tenured assistant or associate professor, or faculty members of equivalent standing, whose work shows exceptional promise. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

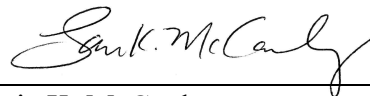
I am pleased to recommend the establishment of an early career professorship as the Helmut F. Stern Family Early Career Professorship in Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Medical School, effective February 1, 2026.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

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

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REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment
NAME: Lieutenant Colonel Anthony C. Bowman
RECOMMENDED TITLE: Chair, Air Force Officer Education Program
EFFECTIVE DATES: August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2029


I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Anthony C. Bowman as chair, Airforce Officer Education Program, for a three-year term, effective August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2029.

Anthony C. Bowman is the chief, West Africa Branch, U.S. Africa Command J5 Strategy, Engagement and Programs Directorate. In this capacity, Lieutenant Colonel Bowman leads a joint team of 113 headquarters and embassy-assigned personnel. He shapes U.S. defense policy and strategy across 21 countries in West Africa and is responsible for the development of theater campaign, operational, and force posture plans.

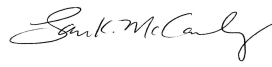
Lieutenant Colonel Bowman received a Master of Arts in national security studies from the Naval Postgraduate School in CA., in 2018. He also received a Master of Arts in strategic intelligence from the American Military University in Charles Town, WV., in 2011. In 2008, he was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program, after receiving his Bachelor of Arts in international studies from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. He began his career as an intelligence officer, serving in various positions at the squadron, service component, and combatant command level. Lieutenant Colonel Bowman was later selected to become a foreign area officer, specializing in the U.S. Africa Command area of responsibility. Prior to his current assignment, Lieutenant Colonel Bowman served as the chief of Joint Programs in the Office of Security Cooperation in the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya. He is proficient in French and Swahili.

Lieutenant Colonel Bowman's blend of air force experience and strong leadership abilities make him an excellent candidate for this position. With enthusiastic and unanimous support from the Military Officer Education Program Committee, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Anthony C. Bowman as chair, Air Force Officer Education Program, for a three-year term, effective August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2029.

Recommended By:


Valeria Bertacco
Vice Provost for Engaged Learning

Recommendation Endorsed By:


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

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ACTION REQUEST: Change in Title

NAME: Amy Carey

CURRENT TITLE: Assistant Vice Provost for International Engagement,
Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Associate Vice Provost for International Engagement,
Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

I am pleased to recommend the change in title for Amy Carey from assistant vice provost for international engagement, to associate vice provost for international engagement, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective January 1, 2026. Her responsibilities will not include teaching obligations.

Amy Carey earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration degree from Miami University in 1996, a Master of Arts in higher education administration and student affairs degree from The Ohio State University in 2009, and a Doctorate of Education in higher education administration and student affairs degree from The Ohio State University (OSU) in 2021. Ms. Carey was the program associate in the Center for Japanese Studies at the University of Michigan's International Institute from 2001-2004. From 2004-2006, she was the director of communications and alumni affairs in the Knowlton School of Architecture at OSU. Ms. Carey served as an assistant director in the Office of International Affairs OSU from 2006-2010, and as the senior assistant director in the Office of International Affairs at OSU from 2011-2022. During this time, she served as the senior staff member and administrative leader of OSU's five area studies centers, as well as the principal advisor to faculty directors and the associate vice provost for international affairs, secured nearly \$10 million in external funding, and managed the unit's \$1.5 million+ annual budget and 100+ annual events. In 2022, . Carey joined the University of Michigan as an assistant vice provost for international engagement in the Office of the Provost.

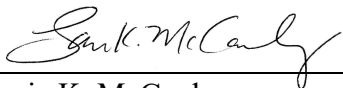
Within the Office of the Provost, Ms. Carey provides strategic leadership for the university's international engagement portfolio, advising on long-term priorities, risk, and opportunities related to global education, partnerships, and international mobility. In partnership with the vice provost for engaged learning, Ms. Carey recently led tri-campus strategic planning efforts and launched the Global Engagement Strategic Plan in 2023, which led to the establishment of 15 new campus-wide initiatives, including scholarships, grants, awards, workshops, and more,

designed to increase participation, expand access, and diversify international experiences for students. Additionally, Ms. Carey works to foster collaboration and strategic alignment among the 40 internationally focused units across the three U-M campuses by providing shared frameworks, guidance, resources, and consultative support tied to institutional priorities. She also identifies, develops, and stewards international strategic partnerships and manages the university-wide international agreement review and execution processes.

Over the last two decades, Ms. Carey's experience in higher education has offered her the opportunity to establish and oversee new academic programs and strategic partnerships with many global institutions and organizations. Thanks to the numerous initiatives and partnerships that the university launched under Ms. Carey's leadership, for the first time in its history, the University of Michigan has ranked #1 among public U.S. institutions by number of domestic students pursuing an education-abroad experience. Such recognition has now been attained for two years in a row (fall 2024 and fall 2025). Thanks to her collaborative demeanor and her impactful achievements, Ms. Carey is highly regarded by her colleagues within the Office of the Provost and across the university.

It is my pleasure to recommend the change in title for Amy Carey from assistant vice provost for international engagement, to associate vice provost for international engagement, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective January 1, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



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

January 2026

**INTERIM APPROVAL
GRANTED**

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ACTION REQUEST: Transfer of Tenure for a Faculty Member

NAME: Peggy S. McCracken

CURRENT TITLES: Anna Julia Cooper Distinguished University Professor of Medieval French Literature, Professor of French, with tenure, Professor of Women's and Gender Studies, with tenure, and Professor of Comparative Literature, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Anna Julia Cooper Distinguished University Professor of Medieval French Literature, Professor of French, with tenure, Professor of Women's and Gender Studies, without tenure, and Professor of Comparative Literature, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the Department of Women's and Gender Studies and the Department of Comparative Literature, we are pleased to recommend the transfer of tenure for Peggy S. McCracken from professor of French, with tenure, professor of women's and gender studies, with tenure, and professor of comparative literature, with tenure, to professor of French, with tenure, professor of women's and gender studies, without tenure, and professor of comparative literature, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2026.

Peggy McCracken completed her B.A. at the University of North Carolina in 1981 and earned her Ph.D. from Yale University in 1989. Professor McCracken began her instructional career as an assistant professor at the University of Illinois in 1993. She joined our faculty as an associate professor, with tenure, in 1999 and was promoted to professor in 2003. In 2022, she was awarded a prestigious Distinguished University Professorship.

Professor McCracken is an internationally recognized scholar of medieval French literature and culture. Her research has focused on romance narratives as well as on medieval theatre, poetry, *chansons de geste*, and medical and theological discourses. She has published six books, a translation, and seven co-edited volumes, as well as numerous articles and book chapters. Professor McCracken's scholarly work represents a valuable contribution of cultural and theoretical reflection to French studies and the humanities.

Professor McCracken is a dedicated and thoughtful teacher and mentor. She has been a key presence in her departments, teaching a variety of undergraduate courses and graduate seminars during her tenure. She has directed or co-directed 23 dissertation committees and served as a member of 64 additional dissertation committees at U-M. She has also mentored students at other national and international academic institutions. In 2015, she was honored with the John H. D'Arms Award for Distinguished Graduate Mentoring in the Humanities.

Professor McCracken has an honorable record of service to the college, the university, and her profession. In addition to serving in numerous important committee roles, she served as the director of the Institute for the Humanities from 2017-2024, the director of the Program in Medieval and Early Modern Studies from 2016-2017, the coordinator of the Michigan Humanities Collaboratory from 2015-2017, and the associate dean for academic initiatives in the Rackham Graduate School from 2006-2011. She has also served as the chair of Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, the director of graduate studies in the Department of Women's and Gender Studies, and the director of graduate studies in the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures. Professor McCracken was a senior fellow of the Michigan Society of Fellows from 2006-2009 and 2017-2021, as well as an elected fellow of the Medieval Academy of America in 2025. She also served as the president elect and the president of the Medieval Academy of America from 2023-2026. She is co-editor of the Gallica Series by Boydell and Brewer Publishers and an editorial board member of *Generation: Bodies in Gender and History*, *Animal Studies*, *Genetics, Anthropology and History*, *Romanic Review*, and *The Mediaeval Journal*.

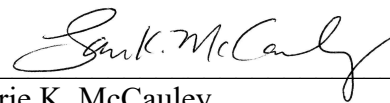
We are very pleased to recommend the transfer of tenure for Peggy S. McCracken from professor of French, with tenure, professor of women's and gender studies, with tenure, and professor of comparative literature, with tenure, to professor of French, with tenure, professor of women's and gender studies, without tenure, and professor of comparative literature, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Rosario Ceballo, Dean
Professor of Psychology &
Women's and Gender Studies
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

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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

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ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member
NAME: Elif Izberk-Bilgin
CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Marketing, with tenure, College of Business
ADDITIONAL TITLE: Interim Chair, Department of Management and Marketing, College of Business
EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026

On the recommendation of the dean of the College of Business, and the interim provost and executive vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Elif Izberk-Bilgin as interim chair, Department of Management and Marketing, College of Business, effective January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

Professor Izberk-Bilgin holds a B.A. in sociology from Bogazici University in Istanbul, Turkey, a M.B.A. with specializations in marketing and international business, and a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois-Chicago. She joined the College of Business in 2006 as an assistant professor of marketing, promoted to associate professor of marketing in 2013 and promoted to professor in 2025.

Professor Izberk-Bilgin is a highly engaged faculty member whose exemplary research is recognized for its distinguished international reputation. Her research focuses on consumer activism, Islamic marketing, branding, and sociological aspects of consumerism in emerging countries. She has been published in the *Journal of Consumer Research* and the *Journal of Academy of Marketing Science*. Professor Izberk-Bilgin is respected by her students, winning the College of Business Teacher of the Year twice in 2018 and 2022. She has been able to integrate her teaching and her research into course development and delivery.

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Elif Izberk-Bilgin as interim chair, Department of Management and Marketing, College of Business, effective January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

Recommended by:



Gabriella Scarlatta
Interim Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

Recommendation endorsed by:



Domenico Grasso
President

January 2026

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - DEARBORN

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

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ACTION REQUEST: Change in Title

NAME: Charu Chandra

CURRENT TITLES: William E. Stirton Professor, Donald Ross Cowan
Endowed Collegiate Professor, and Professor of Operations
Management, with tenure, College of Business

RECOMMENDED TITLES: William E. Stirton Professor, Donald Ross Cowan
Endowed Collegiate Professor, and Professor of Decision
Sciences, with tenure, College of Business

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 19, 2026

I am pleased to recommend a change in title for Charu Chandra from professor of operations management, with tenure, to professor of decision sciences, with tenure, College of Business, effective February 19, 2026.

Professor Chandra joined the College of Business in fall 2009 as a professor of operations management, with his Ph.D. in industrial engineering from Arizona State University received in 1994. He was appointed as the William E. Stirton Professor in fall 2023, and as the Donald Ross Cowan Endowed Collegiate Professor in fall 2019.

We are pleased to recommend the change in title for Charu Chandra from professor of operations management, with tenure, to professor of decision sciences, with tenure, College of Business, effective February 19, 2026.

Recommended by:



Frédéric Brunel
College of Business Dean
University of Michigan-Dearborn

Recommendation endorsed by:



Gabriella Scarlatta, Interim Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - FLINT

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

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ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Yener Kandogan

CURRENT TITLES: Interim Dean, and Professor of International Business, with tenure, School of Management

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Dean, and Professor of International Business, with tenure, School of Management

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031

We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Yener Kandogan as dean, School of Management, effective March 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031.

Yener Kandogan received his B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees from Bilkent University, Turkey, in 1993 and 1996, respectively, and his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 2001. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan-Flint in 2002 as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2006, and to professor in 2011. He served as a special advisor to the dean for academic programs from 2006 to 2007 and was appointed as the associate dean in 2007. He served as the special advisor to the provost from January-December 2021 and special advisor to the chancellor from October-December 2023. Professor Kandogan was appointed as the interim dean of the School of Management in October 2022 and also served as the interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs from January 2024-May 2025.

Professor Kandogan is also a faculty associate at the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies of the University of Michigan, and frequent contributor to William Davidson Institute working paper series of Stephen M. Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. His service contributions include serving on numerous committees in the school and the university including the Higher Learning Self-Study Committee, Strategic Planning Steering Committee, Honors Council, Diversity Council, and several faculty and staff search committees. He has also served on the School of Management Maintenance of Accreditation Committee, Research and Publication Committee, and Graduate Committee, Adhoc Course Evaluations Task Force, International Business Student Organization Faculty Advisor, SOM Library Liaison, Beta Gamma Sigma - Sergeant at Arms, and Maintenance of Accreditation Committee. In addition, Professor Kandogan serves on the Editorial Board for the *International Journal of Business and Management*.

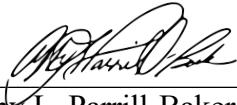
Professor Kandogan's publications have appeared in: *Journal of International Business Studies*, *Journal of World Business*, *International Business Review*, *Review of International Economics*, *Thunderbird International Business Review*, *European Journal of International Management*,

Journal of International Trade and Economic Development, Journal of Applied Economics, Journal of International and Global Economic Studies, Journal of Economic Integration, Review of Applied Economics, International Economic Journal, and Journal of Business Ethics. He also served as a referee to many journals in international economics and business literature. He has given several TV interviews on international business issues and is a frequent speaker at the university's Annual Economic Forum.

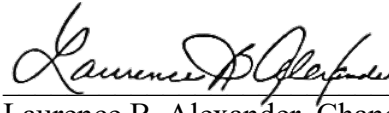
Based on his academic scholarship and leadership experience, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Yener Kandogan as dean, School of Management, effective March 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031.

Recommended by:

Recommendation endorsed by:



Abby L. Parrill-Baker, Provost and
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs



Laurence B. Alexander, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - FLINT

Establishing and renaming professorships and selected
academic and administrative positions.

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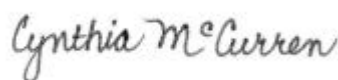
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a New Academic Administrative Position
RECOMMENDED TITLE: Associate Dean for Graduate Nursing Programs, School of Nursing
EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2026

I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a new academic administrative position as associate dean for graduate nursing programs, School of Nursing, effective March 1, 2026.

The associate dean for graduate nursing programs will be responsible for the Master of Science in nursing and the Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees, which include six specialty tracks and new specialty emphasis programs on the horizon. The scope of responsibilities applicable to this requested position include: program leadership with primary responsibility for comprehensive oversight: recruitment, curriculum development, implementation, and rigorous evaluation; personnel management with direct supervision of faculty and supervisory collaboration over academic advisors and administrative staff, fostering an integrated environment and resolving complex personnel and student issues; resource and fiscal stewardship leading efforts in financial planning and budget administration for their respective programs, including resource development and allocation to ensure program sustainability and growth; accreditation and regulatory compliance upholding our commitment to regulatory and accreditation standards and safeguarding the standing and reputation of our programs; and student success with direct accountability for student retention, graduation rates, and overall achievement to advance the school's mission and university priorities. This position will report to the dean of the School of Nursing.

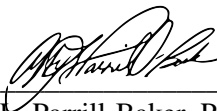
The position of associate dean for graduate programs accurately reflects the strategic leadership, breadth of responsibility, and institutional impact expected, and acknowledges the complexity and seniority of this role, ensuring alignment with peer institutions and clarifying the authority within and beyond the school. I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a new academic administrative position as associate dean for graduate nursing programs, School of Nursing, effective March 1, 2026.

Recommended by:

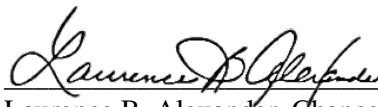


Cynthia McCurren, Dean
School of Nursing

Recommendation endorsed by:



Abby L. Parrill-Baker, Provost and
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs



Laurence B. Alexander, Chancellor
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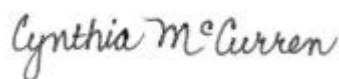
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a New Academic Administrative Position
RECOMMENDED TITLE: Associate Dean for Undergraduate Nursing Programs, School of Nursing
EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2026

I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a new academic administrative position as associate dean for undergraduate nursing programs, School of Nursing, effective March 1, 2026.

The associate dean for undergraduate nursing programs will be responsible for the Baccalaureate in Nursing degree program, which includes pre-nursing students and three distinct tracks. The scope of responsibilities applicable to this requested position include: program leadership with primary responsibility for comprehensive oversight: recruitment, curriculum development, implementation, and rigorous evaluation; personnel management with direct supervision of faculty and supervisory collaboration over academic advisors and administrative staff, fostering an integrated environment and resolving complex personnel and student issues; resource and fiscal stewardship leading efforts in financial planning and budget administration for their respective programs, including resource development and allocation to ensure program sustainability and growth; accreditation and regulatory compliance upholding our commitment to regulatory and accreditation standards and safeguarding the standing and reputation of our programs; and student success with direct accountability for student retention, graduation rates, and overall achievement to advance the school's mission and university priorities. This position will report to the dean of the School of Nursing.

The position of associate dean for undergraduate nursing accurately reflects the strategic leadership, breadth of responsibility, and institutional impact expected, and acknowledges the complexity and seniority of this role, ensuring alignment with peer institutions and clarifying the authority within and beyond the school. I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a new academic administrative position as associate dean for undergraduate nursing programs, School of Nursing, effective March 1, 2026.

Recommended by:

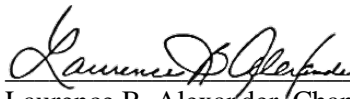


Cynthia McCurren, Dean
School of Nursing

Recommendation endorsed by:



Abby L. Parrill-Baker, Provost and
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs



Laurence B. Alexander, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

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ACTION REQUEST: Change in Title of an Existing Academic Administrative Position

CURRENT TITLE: Vice Provost for Assessment and Accreditation, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Vice Provost for Academic Strategy and Effectiveness, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2026

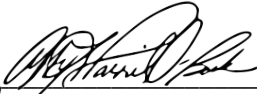
We are pleased to recommend a change in title of an existing academic administrative position from vice provost for assessment and accreditation, to vice provost for academic strategy and effectiveness, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, effective March 1, 2026.

The organizational structure for the Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs has been reviewed and optimized with offices supporting curriculum development, assessment, and enrollment efforts reporting to the vice provost for academic strategy and effectiveness, who will advise the provost on all program-level and institutional accreditation related issues; advise and assist in formulating and implementing assessment policy; make recommendations for professional development related to assessment; support expanding educational opportunities for students, and support accurate data and information collection related to the general operations of the institution.

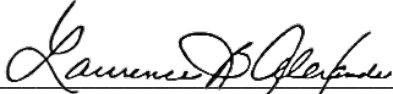
The vice provost for academic strategy and effectiveness will have a greater role in guiding academic strategy and curriculum development processes and be responsible for steering all reporting and communication activities related to institutional HLC accreditation, working with the Academic Assessment and Policy Committee on assessment plans for new and revised programs, along with providing a broad base for learning through the General Education Program. The vice provost for academic strategy and effectiveness will report to the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

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Recommended by:


Abby L. Parrill-Baker, Provost and
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Recommendation endorsed by:


Laurence B. Alexander, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Change in Title of an Existing Academic Administrative Position

CURRENT TITLE: Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Vice Provost for Engaged Learning and Teaching Innovation, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2026

We are pleased to recommend a change in title of an existing academic administrative position from vice provost for academic affairs, to vice provost for engaged learning and teaching innovation, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, effective March 1, 2026.

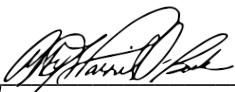
The organizational structure for the Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs has been reviewed and optimized with offices supporting engaged learning and teaching innovation reporting to the vice provost for engaged learning and teaching innovation, who will work in collaboration with the academic deans and faculty to promote academic excellence throughout the academic enterprise.

The vice provost for engaged learning and teaching innovation will be responsible for leading units that focus on supporting teaching and learning, global collaboration and community engagement. The vice provost for engaged learning and teaching innovation will report to the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

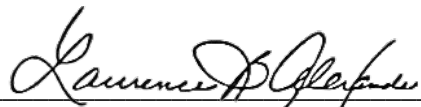
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Recommendations for approval of other personnel transactions
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Change in Title

NAME: Muhammad U. Ahmed

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Operations Management, with tenure, School of Management

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Associate Professor of Operations and Supply Chain Management, with tenure, School of Management

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2026

I am pleased to recommend a change in title for Muhammad U. Ahmed from associate professor of operations management, with tenure, to associate professor of operations and supply chain management, with tenure, School of Management, effective March 1, 2026.

Muhammad Ahmed received his Ph.D. from York University in 2015. His research focuses on sustainable supply chains and performance of supply chain relationships and supply chain analytics, and appeared in leading journals in his field such as *International Journal of Operations and Production Management*, *Production Planning and Control*, *Logistics*, and *Supply Chain Management: An International Journal*. At the University of Michigan-Flint, he teaches courses on Global Supply Chain Management, Supply Chain Strategy, Global Logistics and Operations Management at undergraduate and graduate level.

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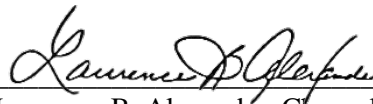


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School of Management

Recommendation endorsed by:



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ACTION REQUEST: Change in Title

NAME: Gregory A. Laurence

CURRENT TITLES: Chair, Department of Management and Marketing, and Professor of Management, with tenure, School of Management

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Chair, Department of Management and Marketing, and Professor of Organizational Behavior and Human Resources Management, with tenure, School of Management

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2026

I am pleased to recommend a change in title for Gregory A. Laurence from professor of management, with tenure, to professor of organizational behavior and human resources management, with tenure, School of Management, effective March 1, 2026.

Gregory A. Laurence received his Ph.D. in organizational behavior from Syracuse University in 2010. His research focuses on employee well-being and stress and workspace design, and appeared in leading journals in his field such as *European Journal of Work and Organizational Psychology*, *Work and Stress: International Journal of Work, Health and Organizations*, and *Journal of Organizational Behavior*. At the University of Michigan-Flint, he teaches courses on organizational behavior, communication and negotiations, and human resource development and management at undergraduate and graduate level.

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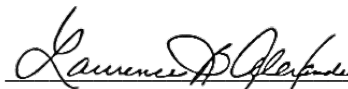


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