

**SUMMARY OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS
REGENTS AGENDA
March 2026**

ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

- 1. New appointments and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks, with tenure.**
 - (1) Collins, Gregory T., Ph.D., associate professor of pharmacology, with tenure, and associate professor of anesthesiology, without tenure, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026.
 - (2) Jak, Amy J., Ph.D., professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation, with tenure, Medical School, and professor of kinesiology, without tenure, School of Kinesiology, effective April 1, 2026.
 - (3) Sauler, Maor, M.D., associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026.
- 2. Reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.**
 - (1) Denton, Brian T., Stephen M. Pollock Collegiate Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2031 (also professor of industrial and operations engineering, with tenure, professor of electrical engineering and computer science, without tenure, College of Engineering, and professor of urology, without tenure, Medical School).
 - (2) Jones, Lenette M., Nancy S. and Michael B. McLelland Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing, effective June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2029 (also associate professor of nursing, with tenure).
 - (3) Lori, Jody R., Sara H. and Robert B. Rothschild Endowed Professor of Global Nursing, School of Nursing, effective June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2029 (also professor of nursing, with tenure).
 - (4) Patil, Crystal L., associate dean for research and rackham graduate studies, School of Nursing, effective September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029 (also professor of nursing, with tenure).
 - (5) Tschannen, Dana J., associate dean for undergraduate studies, School of Nursing, effective September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2029 (also Beatric J Kalisch Collegiate Professor of Nursing, and clinical professor).

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

- (1) Byrn, John C., M.D., Cyrenus G. Darling, Sr., M.D. and Cyrenus G. Darling, Jr., M.D. Professor of Surgery, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030 (also clinical professor, Department of Surgery).
- (2) Chen, Kevin, M.D., Andrea Fischer Newman and Frank Newman Research Professor of Neurosurgery, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030 (also assistant professor of neurosurgery, and assistant professor of neurology).
- (3) Feldman, Keith, Ph.D., associate professor of pediatrics, without tenure, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026 (also associate professor of learning health sciences, without tenure).
- (4) Hankenson, Kurt D., D.V.M., Ph.D., professor of biomedical engineering, without tenure, Medical School and College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2026 (also Henry Ruppenthal Family Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Bioengineering, professor of orthopaedic surgery, with tenure, and professor of molecular and integrative physiology, without tenure, Medical School).
- (5) Jagger, Pamela, Samuel Trask Dana Professor, School for Environment and Sustainability, effective March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2031 (also professor of environment and sustainability, with tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability, professor of public policy, without tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and professor of environment, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and School for Environment and Sustainability).
- (6) Mashour, George A., M.D., Ph.D., Edward F. Domino Collegiate Professor of Neuroscience, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030 (also vice dean for faculty, professor of anesthesiology, with tenure, and professor of pharmacology, without tenure).
- (7) Polenick, Courtney A., Ph.D., associate professor of social work, without tenure, School of Social Work, effective January 1, 2026 (also associate professor of psychiatry, with tenure, Medical School).
- (8) Rajapakse, Indika, Ph.D., professor of biomedical engineering, without tenure, Medical School and College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2026 (also Professor of computational medicine and bioinformatics, with tenure, Medical School, and professor of mathematics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).

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- (9) Soellner, Matthew B., Ph.D., associate professor of internal medicine, without tenure, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026 (also associate professor of chemistry, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).
- (10) Waljee, Akbar, M.D., M.Sc., AGAF, Leslie D. Yamada and Tachi Tamada, M.D. Director, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2028 (also Lyle C. Roll Professor of Medicine, professor of learning health sciences, with tenure, professor of internal medicine, without tenure, Medical School, and professor of epidemiology, without tenure, School of Public Health).
- (11) Wigginton, Krista R., Paul G. and Dorothy A. Ganzenhuber Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2031 (also associate dean for graduate and professional education, and professor of civil and environmental engineering, with tenure).
- (12) Ziff, Robert M., professor of complex systems, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 25, 2026 (also professor of chemical engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering).

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

- (1) Shaefer, H. Luke, extension of government service leave of absence, effective February 3, 2027 through December 31, 2027 (Hermann and Amalie Kohn Professor of Social Justice and Social Policy, professor of public policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and professor of social work, without tenure, School of Social Work).

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

- (1) Establishment of a new academic administrative position as associate dean for faculty, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026.
- (2) Establishment of a collegiate professorship as the John R. Barker Collegiate Professorship in Planetary Sciences and Space Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2026.
- (3) Establishment of a collegiate professorship as the Robert I. Carr Collegiate Professorship in Civil and Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2026.

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- 5. Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic and administrative positions.**
- (4) Establishment of a research professorship as the Dr. Charles Beylard de Nancrede Research Professorship in Surgery Education, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026.
 - (5) Establishment of a research professorship as the Judy Frankel Research Professorship in Women’s Health, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026.
 - (6) Establishment of a collegiate professorship as the Ian Hiskens Collegiate Professorship in Electrical and Computer Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2026.
 - (7) Establishment of a research professorship as the Frederick G.L. Huetwell Research Professorship in Cardiovascular Medicine II, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026.
 - (8) Establishment of a collegiate professorship as the Yoram Koren Collegiate Professorship in Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2026.
 - (9) Establishment of a collegiate professorship as the Charles M. Vest Collegiate Professorship in Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2026.
- 6. Other personnel transactions for regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.**
- (1) Authorization for the president or the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs to approve necessary appointments, effective March 20, 2026 through May 20, 2026.
 - (2) Desai, Manan R., transfer of tenure to professor of American culture, with tenure, and professor of English language and literature, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 25, 2026 (currently professor of American culture, with tenure, and professor of English language and literature, without tenure).
 - (3) Hoffer, Kelly R., Helen Zell Visiting Professor of Creative Writing, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 28, 2026 through May 24, 2028.
 - (4) Hubbell, Diana, Helen L. DeRoy-Otto G. Graf Memorial Visiting Professor in Honors, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 25, 2026 through May 24, 2027.

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- 6. Other personnel transactions for regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.**
- (5) Kaplan, Matthew L., correction of title for an additional academic administrative appointment as associate vice provost for learning and teaching, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective January 1, 2026 (currently associate vice provost for undergraduate education, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, also executive director, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching).

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- 7. Reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.**
- (1) Blume, Brian D., Hagerman Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, School of Management, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029 (also professor of organizational behavior/human resources, with tenure).
- (2) Kelley, Keith J., associate dean, School of Management, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029 (also associate professor of international business and strategic management, with tenure).
- 8. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.**
- (1) Thwaite, Sapna, vice provost for engaged learning and teaching innovation, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, effective March 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026 (also professor of education, with tenure, College of Arts, Sciences and Education).
- (2) Turner, Stephen W., vice provost for academic strategy and effectiveness, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, effective March 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028 (also professor of computer science, with tenure, College of Innovation and Technology).

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Gregory T. Collins, Ph.D.

TITLES: Associate Professor of Pharmacology, and Associate Professor of Anesthesiology, Medical School

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure (Pharmacology)
Without Tenure (Anesthesiology)

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2026

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: 12 Month

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Gregory T. Collins, Ph.D. as associate professor of pharmacology, with tenure, and associate professor of anesthesiology, without tenure, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026.

Academic Degrees:

Gregory T. Collins received their B.A. in biology, chemistry, and philosophy from the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, in 1999. They earned their Ph.D. at the University of Michigan in 2008.

Professional Record:

In 2012, Dr. Collins was appointed to the rank of instructor on the research track in the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA), TX, appointed as an assistant professor on the research track in 2015, as an assistant professor on the tenure track in 2016, and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2021.

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Dr. Collins teaches learners ranging from undergraduate students to post-doctoral fellows. They provide didactic teaching across a wide spectrum of courses, including pharmacology, physiology, neuroscience, dentistry, research design, scientific writing, as well as the chemistry and biology of drugs of abuse and substance abuse. Dr. Collins developed and is the director of the Drugs in Society and Advanced Methods of Rodent Behavior courses. They also developed and currently direct the Addiction Journal Club and the Neuropharmacology Data Blitz for graduate students. Dr. Collins provides teaching and mentorship in the laboratory across the entire spectrum of learners. They have mentored faculty members, post-doctoral fellows, medical students, graduate students, rotating graduate students, undergraduate students, visiting

scholars, research staff, and high school students. Dr. Collins' mentees have a significant record of research presentations and publications. Dr. Collins has served on numerous dissertation committees, including as a supervising professor. A faculty course director responsible for two didactic courses that Dr. Collins has participated in notes that Dr. Collins consistently fosters a stimulating environment for the learners, regardless of the setting, and that they are deeply committed to student learning and success. Past mentees uniformly state that Dr. Collins is a dedicated and effective mentor. Dr. Collins has held multiple educational leadership roles. They are currently the co-director of the Graduate Program in Physiology and Pharmacology and serve on the Student Oversight Committee. They are also a co-director of a T32 grant and previously served as chair of the T32 Post-doctoral Training committee and the Integrated Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program Admissions and Recruitment committees.

Research: Dr. Collins' research focuses on the behavioral pharmacology of substance use disorders. Their greatest scholarly impact is in advancing understanding of the biology of opioid and stimulant co-use, characterization of novel synthetic stimulants, and the study of individual phenotypes that may contribute to the progression of substance use disorder. Dr. Collins is the principal investigator on an R01 from the NIH/NIDA, a VA grant, and one industry grant, and a co-investigator on another active R01. They have five grants currently in submission, including as the principal investigator on three submitted NIH R01 and R21 grants. They have a strong record of past funding, including as the principal investigator or multi-principal investigator on grants from the Veteran's Affairs and the NIH. They hold two patents. Dr. Collins has authored a total of 65 peer-reviewed manuscripts in high-impact journals. They have been invited to present their work on 49 occasions nationally and internationally, including in Canada, Croatia, Ireland, and Morocco, as well as 28 keynote speaker invitations. They have also participated as a panel speaker, organizer, and chair of several national or international meeting panels. In recognition of their research achievements, Dr. Collins received the JH Woods Early Career Award from the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics in 2021.

Service: Dr. Collins has an outstanding service record. Departmentally and institutionally, they have served on more than 20 committees, including as the chair of the William Thomas Booth Memorial Travel Award committee, as co-chair of the Pharmacology Faculty Search committee, and as the chair of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. Nationally, they have been a member of 12 committees, with multiple leadership roles, including as the chair for programming and organizing committees for the UTHSCSA Behavior, Biology, and Chemistry Conference. They recently concluded their term as a councilor for the Behavioral Pharmacology Division of the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. Dr. Collins has served as an ad hoc member of at least 10 study sections, including review panels for the Veterans Affairs, the Department of Defense, and multiple other institutional and foundation grant mechanisms. They serve or have served in editorial roles for several journals, including currently as the associate editor for *Neuropharmacology* for *Frontiers in Pharmacology*, consulting editor for *Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology*, editorial advisory board member for the *Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics*, and guest field editor for the *International Journal of Neuropsychopharmacology*. They perform ad hoc peer review for more than 50 journals in their field. Internationally, they are currently the president of the International Study Group Investigating Drugs as Reinforcers and previously served as the secretary. They were recognized

with the *Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics* Top Performing Reviewer award in 2023.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Seaman RW Jr, Shariatzadeh N, Salinas KA, George CM, Shi YG, Collins GT, “Impact of morphine dependence and withdrawal on economic demand for fentanyl, cocaine, and methamphetamine in rats,” *Drug Alcohol Depend.* 2026 Jan 1;278:112992. Epub 2025 Nov 28. PMID: 41353911

Seaman RW Jr, Galindo DG, Stinson BT, Sulima A, Rice KC, Javors MA, Ginsburg BC, Collins GT, “Cardiovascular and locomotor effects of binary mixtures of common 'bath salts' constituents: Studies with methylone, methylenedioxypyrovalerone and caffeine in rats,” *Br J Pharmacol.* 2025 Apr;182(8):1836-1855. Epub 2025 Jan 22. PMID: 39843219; PMCID: PMC12183792

Doyle MR, Beltran NM, Bushnell MSA, Syed M, Acosta V, Desai M, Rice KC, Serafine KM, Gould GG, Daws LC, Collins GT, “Effects of access condition on substance use disorder-like phenotypes in male and female rats self-administering MDPV or cocaine,” *Drug Alcohol Depend.* 2024 Oct 1;263:112408. Epub 2024 Aug 11. PMID: 39141975; PMCID: PMC11714059

Abbott MS, Seaman RW Jr, Doyle MR, Maguire DR, Rice KC, Collins GT, “Interactions between impulsivity and MDPV self-administration in rats,” *Addict Biol.* 2022 May;27(3):e13168. PMID: 35470552; PMCID: PMC9425731

Seaman RW Jr, Lordson C, Collins GT, “Modeling Stimulant and Opioid Co-use in Rats Provided Concurrent Access to Methamphetamine and Fentanyl,” *Front Psychiatry.* 2022 Feb 14;13:814574. PMID: 35237191; PMCID: PMC8884160

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: “...his independent research has had [a] major impact in the study of emerging drugs of abuse, particularly synthetic cathinones (‘bath salts’) and polydrug interactions...His publications are highly regarded for their reliability, clarity, and innovation, and his presentations are consistently engaging and well received...Dr. Collins is a leader in behavioral pharmacology of drug abuse. His consistent NIH and VA funding demonstrates both the quality and the recognized importance of his work. His scholarship has placed him in the top tier of mid-career researchers...”

Reviewer B: “Greg is a nationally and internationally recognized leader in the field of behavioral pharmacology. He is a member of several professional societies...It is important to note that Greg is not just a member of these societies – he is an active member, participating in scientific presentations and leadership positions...Greg meets and exceeds all the criteria listed. His reputation in research and mentoring is impeccable. He has a strong and impressive history of extramural funding, and has contributed to his institution and the community.”

Reviewer C: “...Greg has built a solid research foundation and is poised to advance his research program...he has been elected as the current president of the International Study Group Investigating Drugs as Reinforcers (ISGIDAR). This small but influential group has played a leading role in drug abuse research for decades, and Greg’s election as president of this group testifies to both his leadership skills and the high esteem in which he is held by his peers.”

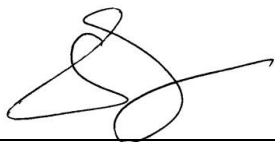
Reviewer D: “Dr. Collins has a nationally and internationally recognized research program examining the behavioral pharmacology of drugs of abuse using in vivo models and working to translate this new knowledge into developing disease-modifying therapeutics... Dr. Collins has spent an extraordinary amount of effort mentoring postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, medical students, and undergraduate students in his research program over his career. Dr. Collins is the senior author of many of his papers with students as his co-authors. This demonstrates that Dr. Collins is spending time teaching his trainees to write and obviously directing these projects. Dr. Collins’s [sic] students have won numerous fellowships, scholarships, travel awards, and poster prizes. Importantly, his students present their projects through talks or posters at regional, national, and international meetings.”

Reviewer E: “...Greg has established himself as a national and international authority...Greg’s reputation is also evident from the invited presentations and seminars...[he] has been the keynote speaker at 27 national and international scientific meetings and the speaker at 49 additional talks...He is the PI for a VA grant...Co-I on a R01 from NIDA...His efforts as a researcher were also recognized with a Young Investigator Award from the International Union of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (IUPHAR) in 2018, a Rising Research Superstar at UTHSCSA in 2019, and the J. H. Woods Early Career Award in Behavioral Pharmacology from ASPET in 2021.”

Summary of Recommendations:

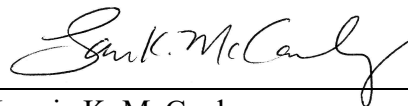
Dr. Collins is a distinguished leader in behavioral pharmacology and neuroscience, recognized internationally for their independent research in neuropharmacology. They have maintained a robust record of scholarly achievement, both individually and in collaboration with renowned scientists. Their career is marked by substantial extramural funding, excellence in teaching and mentoring, and dedicated service to national scientific societies and NIH review panels. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Gregory T. Collins, Ph.D. as associate professor of pharmacology, with tenure, and associate professor of anesthesiology, without tenure, Medical School, effective March 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

March 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Amy J. Jak, Ph.D.

TITLE: Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Medical School, and Professor of Kinesiology, School of Kinesiology

TENURE STATUS: With tenure (Medical School)
Without tenure (Kinesiology)

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2026

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: 12 Month

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Amy J. Jak, Ph.D. as professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation, with tenure, Medical School, and professor of kinesiology, without tenure, School of Kinesiology, effective March 1, 2026.

Academic Degrees:

Amy J. Jak received their B.A. in psychology from Miami University, Oxford, OH, in 1994, their M.A. in counseling from Ball State University, Muncie, IN, in 1995, and their Ph.D. in clinical psychology, with a neuropsychology focus, at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, in 2004.

Professional Record:

In 2007, Dr. Jak was appointed as an assistant professor at the University of California, San Diego, CA, was promoted to associate professor, without tenure, in 2015, and to professor, without tenure, in 2021.

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Dr. Jak teaches learners at all levels, including pre-doctoral interns, practicum students, doctoral candidates, post-doctoral fellows, and faculty. They have mentored faculty members, clinical fellows, post-doctoral fellows, graduate students, and undergraduate students. They have also served on several dissertation committees. They have given a number of lectures nationally, regionally, and at their institution. Teaching evaluations are very good to excellent. They currently serve as the director of the VA San Diego Neuropsychology Residency Program. Dr. Jak was honored with the University of California San Diego Department of Psychiatry Teaching Excellence Award in 2017 and received the APA Division 19 Distinguished Mentor Award in 2020.

Research: Dr. Jak's research focuses on neuropsychology, cognitive aging, TBI, and PTSD. Their greatest scholarly impact is in diagnostic precision in mild cognitive impairment. Notably, they are the co-developer of the Jak/Bondi neuropsychological criteria for mild cognitive impairment, which have been adopted internationally. They are currently the principal investigator on one Department of Defense grant and a co-investigator on an additional Department of Defense grant and an NIH grant, "Vietnam Era Twins Study" (\$18 million). They have past funding as the principal investigator and co-investigator from numerous funding sources such as the NIH, Veterans Affairs, Department of Defense, and foundation grants. They have one submitted grant as a co-investigator (VA) and a mentorship role on another submitted VA Career Development Award. Dr. Jak has authored a total of 149 peer-reviewed manuscripts in top rated journals. They have been invited on 12 occasions to present their work regionally and nationally and have given two keynote lectures, as well as well as been a participant in seven workshops/seminars and four panel speaking sessions.

Service: Dr. Jak has an outstanding service record, institutionally, nationally, and internationally. Departmentally, they have served on three committees. Institutionally, they have participated in two committees. Nationally, they have served on five committees and as the immediate past president for the American Psychological Association, Division 40 (Society for Clinical Neuropsychology). They have served in an ad hoc role on several national panels, including two as the chair. They serve on the editorial board of the *Journal of Clinical and Experimental Neuropsychology*. They perform ad hoc peer review for five journals in their field. Internationally, they are a member of one committee. Clinical leadership positions include currently serving as the neuropsychology program manager at the VA San Diego Healthcare System, previously as the director of the TBI Cognitive Rehabilitation Clinic at the VA San Diego Healthcare System, co-director of the VA San Diego/UC San Diego Psychology Internship Program, and acting section co-chief of Consultative and Integrative Services at the VA San Diego Healthcare System.

Recent and Significant Publications:

- Jak AJ, Merritt VC, Thomas ML, Witten C, Talbert L, Agyemang A, Pugh MJ, "Sex differences in postconcussive symptom reporting in those with history of concussion: Findings from the federal interagency traumatic brain injury research (FITBIR) database," *Clin Neuropsychol*. 2024 Aug;38(6):1468-1480. PMID: 38951990
- Merritt VC, Goodwin GJ, Sakamoto MS, Crocker LD, Jak AJ, "Symptom Attribution and Neuropsychological Outcomes Among Treatment-Seeking Veterans With a History of Traumatic Brain Injury," *J Neuropsychiatry Clin Neurosci*. 2024 Spring;36(2):134-142. PMID: 38192216
- Crocker LD, Sullan MJ, Jurick SM, Thomas KR, Davey DK, Hoffman SN, Twamley EW, Jak AJ, "Baseline executive functioning moderates treatment-related changes in quality of life in veterans with posttraumatic stress disorder and comorbid traumatic brain injury," *J Trauma Stress*. 2023 Feb;36(1):94-105. PMID: 36204974
- Walker WC, O'Neil ME, Ou Z, Pogoda TK, Belanger HG, Scheibel RS, Presson AP, Miles SR, Wilde EA, Tate DF, Troyanskaya M, Pugh MJ, Jak A, Cifu DX, "Can mild traumatic brain injury alter cognition chronically? A LIMBIC-CENC multicenter study," *Neuropsychology*. 2023 Jan;37(1):1-19. PMID: 36174184; PMCID: PMC10117581

Sullan MJ, Crocker LD, Thomas KR, Orff HJ, Davey DK, Jurick SM, Twamley EW, Norman SB, Schiehser DM, Aupperle R, Jak AJ, "Baseline sleep quality moderates symptom improvement in veterans with comorbid PTSD and TBI receiving trauma-focused treatment," *Behav Res Ther*. 2021 Aug;143:103892. PMID: 34091276

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: "...Dr. Jak has a track record of consistently obtaining peer reviewed research grants as principal investigator from foundations such as the Alzheimer's Association, the Veterans Administration, the Department of Defense, and the NIH. Her productivity in research and obtaining research funding is impressive, particularly given her other commitments to teaching and committee service. Given Dr. Jak's outstanding track record, her methodologically rigorous research, and the public health [sic] significance of her work, I am very confident that they will continue to be successful in obtaining grant support in the future."

Reviewer B: "...Dr. Jak has published extensively and has been well-supported through federal funding for her research for many years. Her list of grants reflects an impressive and sustained level of support for her work, further attesting to her creative ideas and collaborative skills. She is probably best known for her work in the area of PTSD and traumatic brain injury, where she has played a key role in expanding the clinical science of these complex conditions...She has mentored many people across disciplines over the years, and she has a reputation of being a good collaborator. Her leadership roles include serving as the Director of training for the neuropsychology residency at UCSD, which is known as one of the top programs in the country."

Reviewer C: "...Dr. Jak has made vitally important and impactful contributions to the fields of neuropsychology and brain injury medicine...she is a nationally recognized expert in our field and is universally respected by all as an outstanding leader...Dr. Jak's accomplishments and national reputation are commensurate with promotion to the rank of Professor with Tenure."

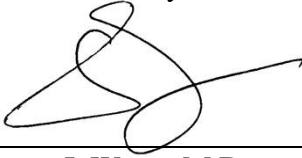
Reviewer D: "Dr. Jak was elected by her peers to lead our field. As President of the Society for Clinical Neuropsychology (Division 40) of the American Psychological Association, she led the major initiative to establish a strategic plan for the field. I honestly cannot imagine a position of standing relative to our field that could be objectively defined as higher in stature than to be elected President of the field's flagship organization...her service contributions at a national level have been substantial; for example, serving as President and in other key positions in the Society for Clinical Neuropsychology. Additionally, her longstanding reputation as a mentor, as well as service on grant panels and on the editorial boards of multiple journals [sic] are important aspects of service to the fields."

Reviewer E: "She is well published and has been funded regularly by grants, including a current grant for which she is PI...I find her work to be readily applicable to clinical practice, and she publishes in journals considered top tier in the field of neuropsychology as well as in more medical/neuroscience journals, so her work reaches a broad audience of health care professionals working with these populations. I have no doubt that she can continue her collaborative scholarship and research productivity in this new setting. I have the most excitement personally for her treatment-oriented work, which I believe can be applied to the civilian setting as well."

Summary of Recommendations:

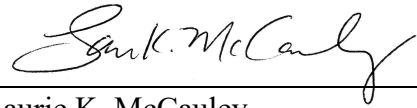
Dr. Jak is an exceptional clinical neuropsychologist with a distinguished regional, national, and international reputation. Renowned for their leadership, scientific rigor, and collaborative approach, Dr. Jak's contributions encompass cognitive aging, TBI rehabilitation, and advancements in neuropsychological diagnostics. Their exemplary record as an educator, clinician, scientist, and collaborator underscores their profound impact on the field. They have outstanding achievements in research, teaching, and service. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Amy J. Jak, Ph.D. as professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation, with tenure, Medical School, and professor of kinesiology, without tenure, School of Kinesiology, effective April 1, 2026.

Recommended by:

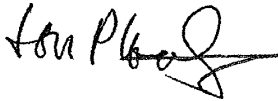


Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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



Lori Ploutz-Snyder
Professor and Dean
School of Kinesiology

March 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Maor Sauler, M.D.

TITLE: Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, Medical School

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2026

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: 12 Months

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Maor Sauler, M.D. as associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026.

Academic Degrees:

Maor Sauler received their B.A. at Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, in 2001 and earned their M.D. at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, Newark, NJ, in 2006.

Professional Record:

Dr. Sauler was appointed as an instructor in the Department of Internal Medicine in 2014, was appointed as an assistant professor in 2015, and was promoted to associate professor on the clinician-scientist track in 2021 at Yale University, New Haven, CT. They were appointed to the rank of clinical instructor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Michigan in 2026.

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Dr. Sauler currently teaches post-doctoral and clinical fellows, as well as graduate and medical students, primarily in clinical and laboratory settings. In the clinical setting, they supervise medical students, residents, and fellows in the inpatient MICU and General Pulmonary Service. They also precept in an outpatient clinic and supervise students in a broad range of pulmonary conditions, including the fellows' continuity clinic. Since 2022, they have served as the course director and lecturer for a semester-long course on the Ethics of Research, designed to meet the NIH requirements for the Responsible Conduct of Research. Dr. Sauler has also delivered didactic teaching at Yale School of Medicine, including sessions in the Advanced Principles of Translational Research course, Clinical Reasoning Case Workshops, the Clinical Skills Course, and modules focused on functional respiratory anatomy. They have mentored faculty members, clinical fellows, post-doctoral fellows, medical students, and postgraduate students. Teaching evaluations are very good to excellent. Students commented that they deeply appreciated how Dr. Sauler interacted with fellows and engaged in thoughtful discussions. Many indicated that

Dr. Sauler was an amazing attending and was extremely informative, encouraging, fun, and engaging. Dr. Sauler serves in an educational leadership role at Yale University as a co-director of the Internal Medicine Residency Investigative Distinction Pathway.

Research: Dr. Sauler's research focuses on the mechanisms underlying lung injury, cellular stress responses, and resilience in chronic airway disease, particularly Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and emphysema. Their greatest scholarly impact is in harnessing advanced technologies such as single-cell RNA sequencing and spatial profiling to characterize cellular microenvironments and disease-specific stress pathways in the lung. Dr. Sauler has eight active grants, including as the principal investigator on an NIH R01, an R21, two Department of Army awards, and one industry award. They are also a co-investigator on three NIH R01 awards. They have ten pending grants as a co-investigator and completed an NIH K08 and four additional small grants. Dr. Sauler has authored a total of 62 peer-reviewed manuscripts and reviews, in high impact journals in the field, including *Developmental Cell*, *JCI Insight*, and *Science Translational Medicine*. They are a co-inventor on one patent. They have been invited on 33 occasions to present their work nationally and internationally, including in the Dominican Republic, Ireland, and Israel. They gave a Keynote talk at the American Thoracic Society International Conference in 2025. In recognition of their research achievements, Dr. Sauler received the Gordon Conference Lung Injury and Repair Top Abstract Award (2022).

Service: Dr. Sauler has an excellent institutional, national, and international service record. Departmentally, they have been a member of two committees, including as chair of the Fellowship Director Search Committee and organizer for the Yale Pulmonary Research Conference. Nationally, they are a member of the Executive Committee and Scientific Advisory Committee for the Assembly for Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology (American Thoracic Society), and previously served on one additional committee. They have served on one grant panel as a standing member and five in an ad hoc role. They are currently an associate editor for *Thorax* and previously served as an associate editor (podcast editor) for the *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*. They are a journal reviewer for at least 15 journals. Internationally, they served as a member of the COPDiNET Organizing Committee. Clinical leadership positions include as the director of the Translational and Experimental Lung Biology Program and the center director of the Pulmonary Injury, Inflammation, Repair and Therapeutics Center.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Zhang Y, Wei H, Nouws J, Jiang W, Brewster RM, Nguyen JP, Liang S, Pass SM, Wang W, Collin F, Oill AT, Kim S-H, Siller SS, Liu J, Zhao AY, Hansbro P, Dela Cruz C, Britto C, Gomez J, Cloonan SM, Herzog E, Lam TT, Banovich NE, Raredon MSB, Zhang X, Mangiola S, Homer RJ, Kaminski N, McDonough J, Polverino F, Yan X, Sauler M, "Aberrant Cellular Communities Define Disease Heterogeneity in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease," *Nature Genetics* (accepted; 2025)

Kim SH, Nouws J, Ruwisch J, Woodard GA, Cooley J, Khoury J, Sun H, Doherty E, Piecychna M, Manning EP, Kang MJ, Bruscia EM, Wei H, Zhang Y, Yarovsky TO, Hwa J, Zacharias WJ, Ingram J, Lee CG, Elias JA, Kaminski N, Redente EF, Herzog EL, Prasse A, Bucala R, Sauler M, "Dysregulated alveolar type 2 epithelial cell proteostasis promotes fibrogenic macrophage migration inhibitory factor-CD74 signaling," *Sci Transl Med*. 2025 Dec 3;17(827):eadr2277. PMID: 41337540

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External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: “...Dr. Sauler is clearly among the most accomplished and promising investigators of his generation in pulmonary research. His scientific trajectory, extramural funding, and invited lectures at leading academic institutions...demonstrate the national and international recognition he has achieved. His keynote address at the 2025 ATS International Conference is particularly noteworthy; keynote invitations at this stage of a career are rare and signify his high standing among peers...Dr. Sauler’s record is simply outstanding. Few physician-scientists balance an active clinical practice with such a productive, high-impact research program. He is widely regarded as a thought leader...”

Reviewer B: “Throughout his career Dr. Sauler has been remarkably productive. He has published over 50 peer reviewed scientific manuscripts, seven review articles [sic] and seven editorial pieces. Of these, over 20 have been first or senior authored works. His publications demonstrate an exceptional combination of originality, productivity, and impact...The body of his work has led to mechanistic insights into cellular stress responses, innate immune signaling, and alveolar niche biology, and have [sic] substantially advanced the field. The quality of his work is further exemplified by the high-impact journals in which he publishes...His continuous NIH R01 and Department of Defense funding, along with industry collaborations, underscore his extramural competitiveness.”

Reviewer C: “Dr. Sauler has a record of excellence in teaching and mentoring. He has been a mentor for 6 postdoctoral scholars or clinical fellows, 2 medical residents, 6 medical students or post-graduate students, 1 undergraduate [sic] and 4 summer students. Through his mentoring, he has also demonstrated a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.”

Reviewer D: “...Maor’s research is advancing the cutting-edge of what we understand about the lung, COPD in particular, and exemplifies what can be achieved using omics datasets to understand human disease. He has been exceptionally strategic with his work. He has developed fantastic research pipelines. He has kept abreast of the most recent advances in technology and rapidly integrated them into the study design. Examining his impressive CV, the success of this

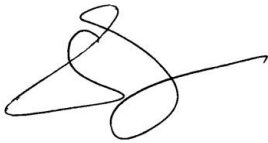
innovative approach is immediately evident in his high-impact scholarship, sustained independent and collaborative grant funding, and extensive list of invited presentations reflective of his national and international stature. Collectively, Maor has positioned himself as a leader in the field [sic] and I believe that the work from his lab will majorly shape lung research for decades.”

Reviewer E: “The quality of Dr. Sauler’s research is supported by his receipt of NIH R01 [sic] and foundation [sic] and industry grant funding. He has an impressive number of connections and collaborations in [the] pulmonary research community beyond his home institution. This extensive network demonstrates both the importance of his work and his ability to form lasting collaborations. Dr. Sauler’s combination of skills [sic] both at the bench and in data science and interaction with omics data is rare.”

Summary of Recommendations:

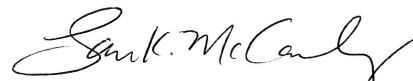
Dr. Sauler is an acclaimed expert in pulmonary disease and critical care, recognized for innovative research in lung injury and chronic airway disease. They have an impressive record of scholarship, funding, and leadership, and they are an outstanding educator and mentor with substantial service at institutional, national, and international levels. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Maor Sauler, M.D. as associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure, Medical School, effective March 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

March 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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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 a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Brian T. Denton

CURRENT TITLES: Stephen M. Pollock Collegiate Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering, Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering, with tenure, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, without tenure, College of Engineering, and Professor of Urology, without tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Stephen M. Pollock Collegiate Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2031

We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Brian T. Denton as the Stephen M. Pollock Collegiate Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2031.

The Stephen M. Pollock Collegiate Professorship in Industrial and Operations Engineering was established in February 2021 to honor Stephen M. Pollock, a former faculty member at the University of Michigan. The professorship is funded by the College of Engineering. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Brian Denton received his Ph.D. in 2001 from McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada. Following graduation, he held positions at IBM as an advisory engineer and a senior engineer until 2005. In 2005, he was appointed as an assistant professor at the Mayo College of Medicine. Between 2005 and 2007, he also served as a senior associate consultant at the Mayo Clinic and as an affiliate faculty member at the University of Minnesota. Professor Denton was appointed as an assistant professor at North Carolina State University in 2007, and was named an Edward P. Fitts Faculty Fellow. He was promoted to associate professor in 2010. In 2012, he joined the faculty at the University of Michigan's Department of Industrial and Operations Engineering as an associate professor. He received a joint appointment in the Medical School's Department of Urology in 2014. Professor Denton was promoted to the rank of professor in 2016. From 2018 to 2023, he served as the chair of the Department of Industrial and Operations Engineering at the University of Michigan.

Professor Denton's research interests are in data-driven sequential decision-making and optimization under uncertainty, with applications to healthcare delivery and medical decision-making. In addition to his cross-appointment in the Medical School, Professor Denton is a

member of the University of Michigan's Cancer Center and the Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation. He has co-authored more than 100 journal articles, conference proceedings, and book chapters, and holds 27 U.S. patents. Professor Denton has won the INFORMS Service Section Prize (2010), the National Science Foundation CAREER Award (2009), the INFORMS Daniel H. Wagner Prize (2005), the Institute of Industrial Engineers Outstanding Publication Award (2005), and the Canadian Operations Research Society Best Paper Award (2000). He has served on the editorial boards of *Health Systems*, *INFORMS Journal on Optimization*, *IIE Transactions*, *Interfaces*, *Manufacturing & Service Operations Management*, *Medical Decision Making*, *Operations Research*, *Optimization in Engineering*, and *Production and Operations Management*. He served as the founding medical decision-making department editor for *IIE Transactions on Healthcare Systems Engineering* from 2008-2015. He is the former chair of the INFORMS Health Applications Section, served as INFORMS secretary (2012-2015), was president of INFORMS in 2017, and was elected as a fellow of INFORMS in 2019 and a fellow of the Institute for Industrial and Systems Engineering in 2022. He was awarded the INFORMS George E. Kimball medal for service to the field of Operations Research and Management Science in 2025.

Professor Denton's distinguished career exemplifies the highest standards in all aspects of academic performance. His research and teaching will continue to contribute significantly to the excellent reputation of the college and university. We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Brian T. Denton as the Stephen M. Pollock Collegiate Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering, College of Engineering, March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2031.

RECOMMENDED BY:

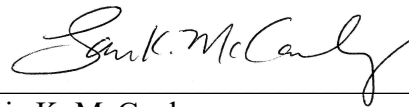


Karen A. Thole, Ph.D.
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
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Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

March 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Lenette M. Jones

CURRENT TITLES: Nancy S. and Michael B. McLelland Professor of Nursing,
and Associate Professor of Nursing, with tenure, School of
Nursing

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Nancy S. and Michael B. McLelland Professor of Nursing,
School of Nursing

EFFECTIVE DATES: June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2029

The dean of the School of Nursing is pleased to recommend the reappointment of Lenette M. Jones as the Nancy S. and Michael B. McLelland Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing, for a three-year renewable term, effective June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2029.

The Nancy S. and Michael B. McLelland Professorship in Nursing was established in March 2022 from a generous gift of \$2,500,000. The primary focus of the professorship is health equity and to enhance the school's mission to make a positive impact on future generations of nurses that contributes to the nursing profession through dedicated leadership, focused education, research, and programs that enhance nursing practice and care.

Lenette Jones earned her Bachelor of Nursing Science, Master of Science in nursing, and Doctor of Philosophy in nursing degrees from the University of Michigan in 2002, 2011, and 2014, respectively. She was a post-doctoral research fellow at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing in Cleveland, OH in 2017. She was appointed as an assistant professor in the University of Michigan School of Nursing in 2017. She was promoted to associate professor, with tenure in 2024.

Professor Jones has been involved in teaching undergraduate students, serving as a role model to sophomore students. Her formal teaching has focused on sophomore students. She has advised more than 10 undergraduate research opportunity participant (UROP) students from the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, Public Health, Music and Psychology; mentored three students in Independent Study and two Michigan Research and Discovery Scholars (MRADS). This had a positive impact on her students' success in summer internships and admission to graduate studies. She also guest lectures.

Professor Jones is a behavioral nurse scientist interested in eliminating the health disparities affecting African American women with hypertension. She is establishing a productive, novel program of research that focuses on reducing health disparities in chronic illness that

disproportionately affects African American women. As a principal investigator, she received two small internal research awards from the School of Nursing and two pilot study grants from National Institutes of Health funded Centers, the Center for Complexity and Self-Management of Chronic Disease and the Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging. She regularly disseminates the results of her work in respected peer-reviewed journals. She received the Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS) Harriet H. Werley New Investigator Award, a highly competitive regional award.

Professor Jones is a member of multiple professional organizations, including the American Heart Association and the American Nurses Association, and regularly conducts peer-review for several professional journals. She is an active member of MNRS and served as the chair of the Self-Care Research Interest Group. Her work inherently is interdisciplinary, community-based, and labor-intensive.

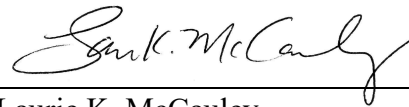
We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Lenette M. Jones as the Nancy S. and Michael B. McLelland Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing, for a three-year renewable term, effective June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2029.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Patricia D. Hurn
Dean and Professor
School of Nursing

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

March 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Jody R. Lori

CURRENT TITLES: Sara H. and Robert B. Rothschild Endowed Professor of Global Nursing, and Professor of Nursing, with tenure, School of Nursing

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Sara H. and Robert B. Rothschild Endowed Professor of Global Nursing, School of Nursing

EFFECTIVE DATES: June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2029

The dean of the School of Nursing is pleased to recommend the reappointment of Jody R. Lori as the Sara H. and Robert B. Rothschild Endowed Professor of Global Nursing, School of Nursing, for a three-year renewable term, effective June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2029.

The Sara H. and Robert B. Rothschild Endowed Professorship in Global Nursing was established in March 2022 from a generous gift of \$2,500,000. As the understanding of health and wellness issues transcends geographical and national borders, this professorship will be used to enhance the school's mission to make a positive impact on future generations of nurses who contribute to the nursing profession through dedicated leadership, focused education, research, and programs that enhance nursing practice and care to diverse populations.

Jody Lori earned her Bachelor of Nursing Science and her Master of Science in nursing degrees from the University of Michigan in 1980 and 1992, respectively. She received her Doctor of Philosophy in nursing from the University of Arizona in 2009. She is a certified nurse-midwife. She was appointed as an associate professor, with tenure, in 2013. She was appointed as the associate dean for global affairs and community engagement from 2015 to 2024. She was promoted to professor, with tenure, in 2018.

Professor Lori has developed two undergraduate elective courses, Perspectives in Global Health (N420) and Introduction to Global Health: Issues and Challenges (N421) to introduce students to global health concepts. N421 provides students with an opportunity for a supervised international experience in a low or middle-resource country focused on the global and public health concepts of health promotion and risk reduction. With a core group of faculty, Professor Lori developed the Global Health Minor for undergraduates and the Global Health Concentration for graduate students. Professor Lori is highly respected as a master teacher and has significant experience working with undergraduate and graduate students.

Professor Lori's work is based on a human rights approach to reduce maternal mortality disparities globally. With this focus, her program of research centers on community-based interventions to address the high rates of maternal and neonatal mortality in sub-Saharan Africa. Professor Lori has emerged as a key researcher on childbirth issues, midwifery programs, reproductive health, as well as in training programs focusing on interdisciplinary research. She has authored numerous articles, a majority databased, published or in press in peer-reviewed nursing and interdisciplinary journals. Professor Lori has been the principal investigator (PI), co-PI, and co-investigator.

Professor Lori has been an invaluable asset to the School of Nursing with her efforts to reignite the global affairs agenda of the school by introducing innovative ideas. Professor Lori's national and international reputation in improving maternal and child health is clearly recognized by her selection as a fellow by both the American Academy of Nursing in 2012 and the American College of Nurse-Midwives in 2010, and other awards, such as the Midwest Nursing Research Society, Harriet H. Werley New Investigator Award in 2012 and the Sigma Theta Tau Excellence in Nursing Research Award in 2011.

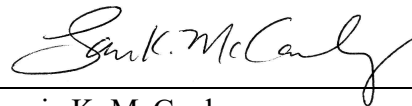
We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Jody R. Lori as the Sara H. and Robert B. Rothschild Endowed Professor of Global Nursing, School of Nursing, for a three-year renewable term, effective June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2029.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Patricia D. Hurn
Dean and Professor
School of Nursing

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

March 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment

NAME: Crystal L. Patil

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Dean for Research and Rackham Graduate Studies,
and Professor of Nursing, with tenure, School of Nursing

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Associate Dean for Research and Rackham Graduate Studies,
School of Nursing

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

The dean of the School of Nursing is pleased to recommend the reappointment of Crystal L. Patil as associate dean for research and Rackham graduate studies, School of Nursing, effective September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

Crystal Patil received her Bachelor of Arts degree in anthropology from Bloomsburg University in 1993. She received her Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in anthropology from The Ohio State University in 1996 and 2004, respectively. She was appointed as a professor, with tenure, and associate dean for research and Rackham graduate studies in the School of Nursing in 2023.

Professor Patil is an esteemed member of the University of Michigan faculty, bringing an inclusive and mentorship-driven teaching philosophy to her work. Her commitment to educational excellence is reflected in consistently high student evaluations and recognition, such as the UIC College of Nursing Distinguished Mentor of Faculty Award. At the University of Michigan, Professor Patil continues to mentor students, fellows, and colleagues while guiding innovative research projects and fostering academic growth within the university's diverse learning environment.

Internationally recognized for her expertise in implementation science, Professor Patil collaborates with community experts and organizations to improve the health of women, families, and communities. Her research spans clinical and community-based interventions among diverse populations in the U.S. and globally, with a particular focus on adapting and implementing evidence-based group healthcare models, including pre- and postnatal care, HIV prevention, sickle cell disease care transitions, and promoting PrEP uptake among sex workers. As a fellow of the Human Biology Association and the Society for Applied Anthropology, and a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, she maintains significant engagement with the broader scientific community.

At the University of Michigan, Professor Patil also serves as a guest editor for the journal *Nutrients* and leads pioneering research initiatives locally and globally. Her collaborative approach and dedication to mentorship continue to advance the mission of the university, enhance the impact of evidence-based interventions, and strengthen health outcomes for diverse communities. Through these efforts, Professor Patil demonstrates exemplary university citizenship and a steadfast commitment to promoting equity and excellence in academic and public health settings.

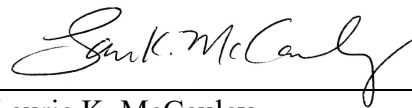
I am very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Crytal L. Patil as associate dean for research and Rackham graduate studies, School of Nursing, effective September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

Recommended by:



Patricia D. Hurn
Dean and Professor
School of Nursing

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

March 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment

NAME: Dana J. Tschannen

CURRENT TITLES: Beatric J Kalisch Collegiate Professor of Nursing, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, and Clinical Professor, School of Nursing

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, School of Nursing

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2029

The dean of the School of Nursing is pleased to recommend the reappointment of Dana J. Tschannen as associate dean for undergraduate studies, School of Nursing, effective September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2029.

Dana Tschannen earned her bachelor's degree in nursing, master's degree in nursing administration and patient care services, and Ph.D. in nursing from the University of Michigan in 1997, 2002, and 2005, respectively. She joined the U-M School of Nursing as a lecturer from 2005 to 2007, and in 2007 was appointed as a clinical assistant professor. Professor Tschannen was promoted to clinical associate professor in 2013 and to clinical professor in 2020. From 2015 to 2018, she also served as the vice chair of academic affairs for the Department of Systems, Populations, and Leadership, and the director of the Post-Master's Doctorate of Nursing Practice Program. She was appointed as the associate dean for undergraduate studies in 2020.

Professor Tschannen's expertise in evidence-based practice (EBP) and quality improvement (QI) methodologies has advanced healthcare quality and safety, shaping interprofessional understanding and adoption of evidence-based strategies. Her research focuses on enhancing quality through knowledge acquisition, such as interprofessional team training, nurse QI competency, and pressure injury risk identification—as well as EBP adoption efforts, including pressure injury prevention, early mobility, and fall reduction. She collaborates closely with Nursing Administration at Michigan Medicine to drive improvements in point-of-care delivery through evidence-based practice.

Deeply committed to strengthening healthcare systems, Professor Tschannen integrates evidence-based practice, quality improvement, skilled professionals, and robust processes to deliver world-class care. She has made significant contributions through her teaching and mentoring across undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral levels, supporting students, faculty, and interprofessional teams in healthcare quality, evidence-based practice, systems leadership, and quality analytics. Her innovative teaching strategies and expertise in QI/EBP methodologies

have resulted in exceptional guidance on EBP/QI project processes, career development, and strategies for success. Professor Tschannen is a respected leader and dedicated contributor to the nursing profession.

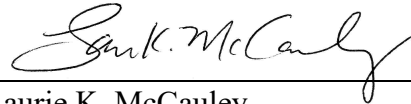
I am very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Dana J. Tschannen as associate dean for undergraduate studies, School of Nursing, effective September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2029.

Recommended by:



Patricia D. Hurn
Dean and Professor
School of Nursing

Recommendation endorsed by:



Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice
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March 2026

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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: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: John C. Byrn, M.D.

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Cyrenus G. Darling, Sr., M.D. and Cyrenus G. Darling, Jr., M.D.
Professor of Surgery, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 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. Byrn, M.D. as the Cyrenus G. Darling, Sr., M.D. and Cyrenus G. Darling, Jr., M.D. Professor of Surgery, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

The Cyrenus G. Darling, Sr., M.D. and Cyrenus G. Darling, Jr., M.D. Professorship in Surgery was established in June 2010 through a generous gift and pledge from Mr. David P. Darling in recognition of his grandfather, Dr. Cyrenus G. Darling, Sr., who was renowned as a skilled teacher and clinician, and his father, Dr. Cyrenus G. Darling, Jr., who received his medical degree from the University of Michigan and was the chief of surgery at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, Michigan. The incumbents of this professorship may be a tenure track, non-tenured tenure track, clinical track, or research track faculty in the Department of Surgery who has demonstrated teaching and clinical excellence. The appointment period may be up to five years and may be renewed.

John C Byrn received his M.D. from University of Chicago College of Medicine in 2002. He completed his residency in general surgery at Mount Sinai Medical Center in 2008. He followed this with a fellowship from 2008-2009 in colorectal surgery from the Cleveland Clinic. He was appointed as a clinical assistant professor at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics from 2009-2015. He was then promoted to clinical associate professor of surgery in 2015 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Dr. Byrn joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2015 as a clinical associate professor of surgery and was promoted to clinical professor in 2022.

Dr. Byrn leads nationally recognized research on surgical quality improvement, surgical coaching, and video-based assessment to enhance surgeon performance and patient outcomes. As the director of surgical coaching for MSQC's statewide program, he developed structured interventions that improve technical skills across institutions. He served as a co-investigator on an AHRQ R01-funded study evaluating video coaching in colectomy and has contributed extensively to the evidence base through multi-institutional collaborations and national presentations. Dr. Byrn has authored 29 peer-reviewed publications in leading journals such as

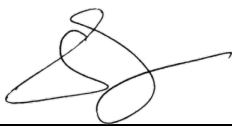
JAMA Surgery and *Journal of the American College of Surgeons*, along with 15 book chapters, including contributions to Hamilton Bailey's Demonstrations of Physical Signs in Clinical Surgery. His excellence in teaching is recognized by awards such as the William W. Coon Award and the Arnold Coran Teaching Award. In addition, he serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Surgical Research*, reviews four journals, participates in national grant review panels, underscoring his commitment to advancing surgical education, research, and innovation.

Throughout his career, Dr. Byrn has advanced colorectal surgery through exceptional clinical care, innovative quality improvement initiatives, and dedicated teaching. As one of the highest-volume surgeons in the Department of Surgery, he consistently manages the most complex and high-risk colorectal cases, reflecting his expertise and commitment to patient outcomes. In recognition of his contributions, he received the Department of Surgery's Unsung Hero Award in 2025.

Since joining Michigan Medicine in 2015, Dr. Byrn has assumed multiple leadership roles focused on improving clinical operations, surgical quality, and technical performance. He serves as the medical director of the Taubman Center Surgery Ambulatory Care Unit, clinical champion for the ACTIVATE Colorectal initiative, and surgeon champion for Michigan Medicine within the Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan Surgical Quality Collaborative. As the MPLAN director for the 8C inpatient surgical ward and physician co-lead for the Colectomy Surgical Site Infection work group, he drives initiatives to reduce complications and enhance patient outcomes. Nationally, Dr. Byrn's expertise in surgical quality and video-based assessment has earned him appointments to the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons New Technologies Committee and invitations to present at major meetings for American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons and the American College of Surgeons. These roles underscore his leadership in advancing surgical care locally and nationally.

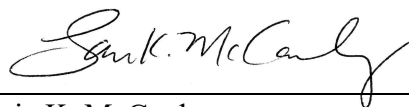
Dr. Byrn is a productive scholar, clinician, leader, dedicated scientist, and excellent educator who is an appropriate candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of John C. Byrn, M.D. as the Cyrenus G. Darling, Sr., M.D. and Cyrenus G. Darling, Jr., M.D. Professor of Surgery, 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

March 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Kevin Chen, M.D.

CURRENT TITLE: Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery, and Assistant Professor of Neurology, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Andrea Fischer Newman and Frank Newman Research Professor of Neurosurgery, Medical School

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

On the recommendation of Aditya S. Pandey, M.D., FAANS, the Julian T. Hoff Professor and chair of the Department of Neurosurgery, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Kevin Chen, M.D. as the Andrea Fischer Newman and Frank Newman Research Professor of Neurosurgery, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

The Andrea Fischer Newman and Frank Newman Research Professorship in Neurosurgery was established in February 2026 and is being funded through the generosity of a commitment of \$1,000,000 from Andrea Fischer Newman and Frank Newman. 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 on the tenure track, clinical track, or research track faculty. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Kevin Chen received his M.D. from Duke University School of Medicine in 2011, followed by neurosurgical residency training at the University of Michigan in 2018 and fellowship training in stereotactic and functional neurosurgery at Stanford University in 2019. Dr. Chen joined the University of Michigan faculty in 2021 as a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Neurosurgery and Department of Neurology. In 2025, he transferred to the tenure track being appointed as an assistant professor in both departments.

Dr. Chen is a board-certified neurosurgeon with clinical expertise that includes deep brain stimulation, focused ultrasound, epilepsy surgery, neuromodulation for chronic pain, and advanced image-guided and robotic techniques. Dr. Chen has established a highly productive, externally funded research program focused on inhibitory interneuron dysfunction and cell-based therapies in neurodegenerative disease. He is the principal investigator of an NIH NIA K08 Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award, supporting his work on modeling interneuron pathology in Alzheimer's disease, with total direct research support exceeding

\$800,000. His prior funding includes a Clinician Scientist Fellowship from the Alzheimer's Association and NIH-supported institutional training awards. Dr. Chen's scholarly output is extensive and impactful, with a strong record of 39 peer-reviewed publications in leading journals including *Neurobiology of Disease*, *Alzheimer's & Dementia*, *Neurotherapeutics*, *Annals of Neurology*, and *Nature Protocols*. He has contributed multiple invited review articles and eleven book chapters in major neurosurgical and neurological texts, reflecting his national reputation in both translational neuroscience and functional neurosurgery. Dr. Chen is also a committed educator and mentor. He has received multiple teaching and mentoring awards, including the Julian T. Hoff Teaching Award and the Frances and Kenneth Eisenberg Emerging Scholar Award in 2024. He is actively involved in resident, fellow, medical student, and undergraduate education and serves in key departmental roles related to education, clinical competency, and physician documentation. His national service includes editorial responsibilities and peer review for high-impact scientific journals, including *Operative Neurosurgery* and *Frontiers in Neurology*.

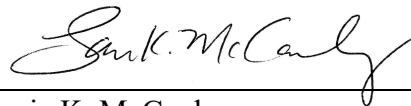
Dr. Chen's blend of clinical excellence, consistent scholarly productivity, national visibility, and dedication to education and service mark him as an exceptional faculty member who is an appropriate candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Kevin Chen, M.D. as the Andrea Fischer Newman and Frank Newman Research Professor of Neurosurgery, 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

March 2026

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

NAME: Keith Feldman, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Learning Health Sciences, without tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Professor of Pediatrics, without tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2026

With the support of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Keith Feldman, Ph.D. as associate professor of pediatrics, without tenure, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026.

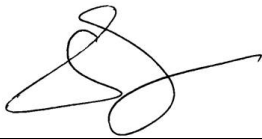
Keith Feldman received their B.S. in 2012, their M.S. in 2017, and their Ph.D. in 2018, all from the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN. Dr. Feldman was appointed as an assistant professor of pediatrics in 2019, was promoted to associate professor, without tenure, and appointed as an adjunct graduate faculty member of biomedical and health informatics from 2020-2025 at the University of Missouri, Kansas City, MO. They were recruited to the University of Michigan in 2025 and appointed as an associate professor, without tenure, in the Department of Learning Health Sciences.

Dr. Feldman is an expert in informatics and computer science. Their research is focused on developing computational models to improve our ability to identify optimal treatment patterns and improve long term health outcomes. Their greatest scholarly impact is in evaluating care patterns of patients with congenital heart disease in order to predict their health trajectory. They have authored a total of 43 peer-reviewed manuscripts, and their work has appeared in well-regarded journals in their. Their research is funded by an American Heart Association grant as the principal investigator, two co-investigator R01s, and an internal grant. They have an R01 in submission as a multi-principal investigator that has scored in the 13th percentile. They have been invited to give 10 external invited presentations regionally and nationally. Dr. Feldman has been actively engaged in teaching and mentoring learners, from clinical fellows to high school students, and is currently serving as the instructor of record for two graduate-level courses for Learning Health Sciences. They previously served in a leadership position as the faculty director for the Summer Scholars Program at Children's Mercy Hospital. Dr. Feldman serves on institutional, national, and international committees with leadership on one. They serve as an ad hoc reviewer for internal and foundation grant panels and over a dozen journals in their field. Dr. Feldman serves or has served on the editorial boards of four journals.

Dr. Feldman is actively engaged in mentoring a neonatal-perinatal medicine fellow and is collaborating with multiple divisional faculty in the Department of Pediatrics. The department chairs are strongly supportive of the additional appointment and comment that Dr. Feldman has demonstrated a clear potential to contribute meaningfully to the department's scholarly mission.

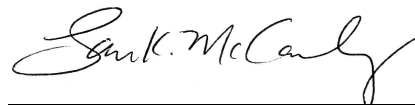
Dr. Feldman is a highly regarded clinical informatics researcher who frequently works in collaborative, interdisciplinary teams. They have established a national scholarly portfolio, have been actively involved in teaching, and have participated in national and international service activities. They have achieved appropriate scholarly productivity, reputation, teaching, and service. We are pleased, therefore, to recommend the additional appointment of Keith Feldman, Ph.D. as associate professor of pediatrics, without tenure, Medical School, effective March 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

March 2026

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

NAME: Kurt D. Hankenson, D.V.M., Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Henry Ruppenthal Family Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Bioengineering, Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, with tenure, and Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, without tenure, Medical School

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2026

With the support of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Kurt D. Hankenson, D.V.M., Ph.D. as professor of biomedical engineering, without tenure, Medical School and College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2026.

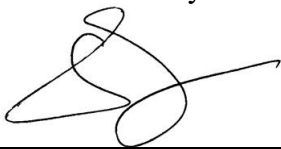
Kurt D. Hankenson received their B.V.S. in 1990 and earned their D.V.M. in 1992 from the University of Illinois, Urbana, IL. They obtained their M.S. at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, in 1997, and their Ph.D. at the University of Washington, Seattle, WA, in 2001. They were appointed to the rank of assistant research scientist in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Michigan in 2002 and appointed as an assistant professor in 2003. They were additionally appointed in the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology in 2004 and the Department of Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering, in 2005. They were recruited to the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, as an assistant professor in 2006 in the Departments of Animal Biology and Orthopaedic Surgery. They were promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2012. They were appointed as an associate professor, with tenure, at Michigan State University in 2014 and promoted to professor in 2016. They returned to the University of Michigan in 2017, where they were appointed as a professor of orthopaedic surgery, with tenure, and additionally appointed in the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology in 2024.

Dr. Hankenson is a researcher in the area of bone formation and regeneration. Their work has been published in high-impact journals in the field, and their research program is well-funded by multiple NIH and Department of Defense grants. They have been invited to give multiple external presentations, including the keynote address at the European Cell Materials Conference in Switzerland and as an invited speaker at the Wilson Hayes Distinguished Lecture Series at Harvard University. They serve in leadership positions at Michigan Medicine and nationally, including as the president of societies, on the editorial boards for leading journals in their field, and as a permanent member of NIH study sections. Dr. Hankenson is actively engaged in teaching,

including lecturing in courses and mentoring master's and Ph.D. students in the Department of Biomedical Engineering (BME). They have also served on Biomedical Engineering Ph.D. thesis committees and received an Outstanding Mentor award from the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP). They will continue to teach and mentor graduate students for Biomedical Engineering, participate in departmental activities, and foster connections between Biomedical Engineering, the Departments of Orthopaedic Surgery, and Molecular and Integrative Physiology.

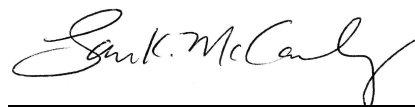
Dr. Hankenson is a nationally and internationally recognized expert in bone formation and regeneration, with well-funded research published in top journals. They are an invited speaker at prestigious conferences, hold leadership roles in Michigan Medicine and professional societies, and actively serve on editorial boards and NIH study sections. They are committed to mentorship and education, where they teach and mentor graduate students in Biomedical Engineering and foster interdisciplinary collaboration across departments at the University of Michigan. We are pleased, therefore, to recommend the additional appointment of Kurt D. Hankenson, D.V.M., Ph.D. as professor of biomedical engineering, without tenure, Medical School and College of Engineering, effective March 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



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

March 2026

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

NAME: Pamela Jagger

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Samuel Trask Dana Professor, School for Environment and Sustainability

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2031

On recommendation of the dean of the School for Environment and Sustainability, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Pamela Jagger as the Samuel Trask Dana Professor, School for Environment and Sustainability, for a five-year renewable term, effective March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2031.

The Samuel Trask Dana Professorship was established in 1968 through the cooperative efforts of Laurance Rockefeller, based on his high regard and admiration for Sam Dana, the Regents of the University of Michigan, and gifts from alumni and friends. The intentions of the professorship included recognizing teaching and research, an articulate leader with a modern approach to management and policy, and someone with a keen awareness of urban needs who uses science to solve real problems. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Pamela Jagger received her B.A. in economics (1994), and subsequent M.Sc. in forest economics (1998) from the University of Alberta (Canada) then a Ph.D. in public policy from Indiana University in 2009. Following a post-doctoral research fellow appointment at Purdue University, Professor Jagger joined the faculty of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as an assistant professor of public policy in 2010, and promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2015. Professor Jagger joined the faculty at the School for Environment and Sustainability in 2018 as an associate professor, with tenure, and was promoted to professor in 2022. She also holds a joint appointment as a professor in the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy.

Professor Jagger's research falls broadly in the domain of public policy, with a particular focus on environmental policy. Her research has been internationally recognized as influential in understanding the impact of environmental programs and policies on human well-being and environmental outcomes. Professor Jagger's scholarly activities span multiple professional communities, and it is noteworthy that her research addresses a diverse set of topics: forest governance and restoration, poverty-environment linkages, energy access and poverty, energy transitions at the household and the macro levels, and household health and wellbeing. These diverse contributions are all united by her concern with patterns of empirical relationships between the multiple social and environmental outcomes of interventions in the field of sustainability.

Professor Jagger's scholarship is impressive in its quantity, quality, and international influence, and has allowed her to publish in top-tier journals in her field and in interdisciplinary, high impact journals. These scholarly activities span multiple professional communities, and it is noteworthy that her research addresses a diverse set of topics: forest governance and restoration, poverty-environment linkages, energy access and poverty, energy transitions at the household and the macro levels, and household health and wellbeing. These diverse contributions are all united by her concern with patterns of empirical relationships between the multiple social and environmental outcomes of interventions in the field of sustainability.

Professor Jagger's service has been extensive; she has a strong record of service both externally and internally, demonstrating her qualities of leadership, collaboration, and collegiality. Internally, the breadth of Professor Jagger's scholarship has led to her joint appointment in the Ford School. She is a valued and active member of the University of Michigan's Center for Global Health Equity. In addition, Professor Jagger has served as an elected member of the Executive Committees for both SEAS and the African Studies Center. Notably, Professor Jagger has been instrumental to the development of the inaugural set of materials for the online Sustainability and Development Master's Track Program on Coursera, leading the efforts to develop course content and modules. Professor Jagger also led the successful assessment of the SEAS Ph.D. program which provided invaluable suggestions to grow the program. In January 2022, she was appointed as the director of Ph.D./Post-Doctoral programs.

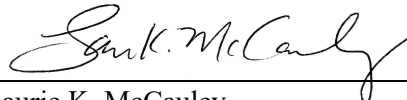
In recognition of her many accomplishments, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Pamela Jagger as the Samuel Trask Dana Professor, School for Environment and Sustainability, for a five-year renewable term, effective March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2031.

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



Celeste Watkins-Hayes
Dean
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy



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

March 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Unendowed Collegiate Professorship

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

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Edward F. Domino Collegiate Professor of Neuroscience, Medical School

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

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, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of George A. Mashour, M.D., Ph.D. as the Edward F. Domino Collegiate Professor of Neuroscience, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

This professorship was established in the Provost Office and was originally named the Cyrus Levinthal Collegiate Professorship in the Life Sciences in December 2019 and was renamed as the Edward F. Domino Collegiate Professorship in Neuroscience. 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. This professorship will support the research efforts of a faculty member in the Medical School and 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.

George Mashour received his Ph.D. degree in neuroscience in 1999 and his M.D. in 2001 from Georgetown University. He was a Fulbright Scholar at the Max Delbruck Center in Berlin and the University of Bonn before completing a residency and chief residency in anesthesiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School. 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 the Department of Psychology in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Dr. Mashour has demonstrated exceptional and sustained leadership across UM through a distinguished record of service that includes directing the Division of Neuroanesthesiology, founding and leading the Center for Consciousness Science (2014–2020), and advancing the institution's research mission as associate dean for clinical and translational research (2015–2019) and as the executive director and later co-director of the Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research (2015–2023). He further expanded the university's innovative portfolio by founding the Michigan Psychedelic Center in 2022, which he continues to direct. As the chair of the Department of Anesthesiology (2019–2024), senior associate dean for faculty and faculty development (2024), interim executive vice dean for academic affairs (2025), and now vice dean for faculty (2026),

Dr. Mashour has consistently demonstrated visionary leadership, institutional commitment, and a transformative impact.

Dr. Mashour is an internationally recognized expert in consciousness, with a research program distinguished by its multidisciplinary approach to understanding the mechanisms of consciousness. His scientific contributions have advanced knowledge of frontoparietal feedback inhibition and the loss of information integration during anesthetic-induced unconsciousness. He serves as the principal investigator on one major National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant and a co-investigator on three others, with continuous support from the NIH and multiple foundations during his time as faculty at UM. His scholarly productivity is equally notable, with more than 230 peer-reviewed publications. Dr. Mashour has also played key leadership roles in major institutional scientific initiatives. Through his involvement with the Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research, he contributed at the executive level to the Michigan Drug Discovery program and founded the Center for Drug Repurposing, which is aligned with pharmacology and supports funded projects in that department. He also served as the lead principal investigator of an NIH grant establishing a national consortium to optimize the FDA Expanded Access program, thereby improving national capacity for the use and study of experimental therapeutics. Dr. Mashour's achievements have been recognized at the highest levels, including receipt of the Excellence in Research Award from the American Society of Anesthesiologists in 2021, an honor awarded internationally to one outstanding senior investigator each year. He is an elected as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (2021) and Elected Member of the National Academy of Medicine (2018). Clinically, he still practices as an operating room neuroanesthesiologist, serving in the role of an applied pharmacologist. He also contributes substantially to the academic community through editorial and professional service: he is an ad hoc reviewer for several journals, immediate past-president of the Association of University Anesthesiologists, a member of the editorial board of *Anesthesiology*, and continues to conduct translational research on consciousness, including studies of psychedelics.

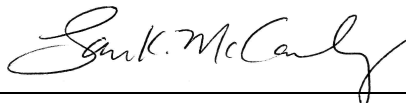
Dr. Mashour is an outstanding investigator, scientist, leader, and an excellent educator. He is an appropriate candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of George A. Mashour, M.D., Ph.D. as the Edward F. Domino Collegiate Professor of Neuroscience, 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

March 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Courtney A. Polenick, Ph.D.

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Professor of Social Work, without tenure, School of Social Work

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the School of Social Work, and with the endorsement of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Courtney A. Polenick, Ph.D. as associate professor of social work, without tenure, School of Social Work, effective January 1, 2026.

Courtney Polenick received her Bachelor of Arts from Youngstown State University in 2007, her Master of Science in applied behavior analysis from Youngstown State University in 2011, and her Doctor of Philosophy in human development and family studies from The Pennsylvania State University in 2016. She completed post-doctoral training as an NIH/NIMH T32 post-doctoral fellow in geriatric mental health services research in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan. Professor Polenick joined the University of Michigan faculty in 2018 as an assistant professor of psychiatry and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2024.

Dr. Polenick is a nationally recognized scholar whose research focuses on family and social relationships in the context of chronic illness management, caregiving, and complex care needs, including dementia and multimorbidity. She is the principal investigator of an NIH/NIA R01 grant examining daily experiences among couples living with early-stage dementia and has received additional support from the Alzheimer's Association and other federal and foundation funders. Her work has made significant contributions to the fields of gerontology, caregiving research, and health equity.

In addition, Dr. Polenick is deeply committed to mentoring and interdisciplinary collaboration. She has successfully mentored post-doctoral fellows, graduate students, and undergraduate researchers. She holds leadership roles across several university-wide research initiatives, including serving as a faculty lead in the Outreach, Recruitment, and Engagement Core of the Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center and as a co-lead of the Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation Aging Research Network. She also completed the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program, where she worked on legislative and advocacy issues related to home- and community-based services and family caregiver health.

Through her joint appointment in the School of Social Work, Dr. Polenick will contribute to the school's research and service missions by fostering interdisciplinary collaboration in aging, family caregiving, chronic illness management, and health equity. She will support MSW and doctoral student mentoring and collaborate with School of Social Work faculty on externally funded research initiatives. This appointment will formally recognize and strengthen her ongoing contributions to social work education and scholarship while advancing interdisciplinary research and training across the University.

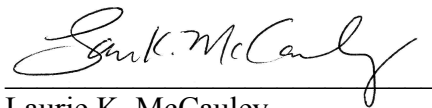
We are very pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Courtney A. Polenick, Ph.D. as associate professor of social work, without tenure, School of Social Work, effective January 1, 2026.

Recommended by:



Beth Angell, Dean
Phillip Fellin Collegiate Professor of Social Work
School of Social Work

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

March 2026

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

NAME: Indika Rajapakse, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics, with tenure, Medical School, and Professor of Mathematics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2026

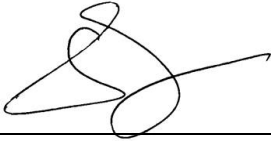
With the support of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Indika Rajapakse, Ph.D. as professor of biomedical engineering, without tenure, Medical School and College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2026.

Indika Rajapakse earned their B.Sc. in electrical engineering from the University of Moratuwa, Moratuwa, Sri Lanka, in 1997, and their Ph.D. in applied mathematics at Washington State University, Pullman, WA, in 2004. They were appointed as an assistant professor in the Department of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics at the University of Michigan in 2013, and jointly appointed in the Department of Mathematics in 2014. They rose through ranks to associate professor, with tenure, in 2018, and to professor in 2023.

Dr. Rajapakse's research program is focused on cell reprogramming, digital biology, and the dynamics of genome organization. Their research is funded by the National Science Foundation, the Department of Defense, and industry grants. They have published a total of 51 peer-reviewed papers, and their work has appeared in highly regarded journals in their field. They also hold one active patent. Dr. Rajapakse has been invited to give multiple external presentations, including recent invited presentations at the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, the University of Arizona, and Michigan State University. Dr. Rajapakse is engaged in teaching and mentoring trainees in the classroom and the laboratory. They lecture in graduate-level bioinformatics and mathematics courses and have served on multiple preliminary exam and dissertation committees, including as a member on two Biomedical Engineering (BME) Ph.D. committees. Dr. Rajapakse has a solid record of service institutionally, regionally, and nationally. They have also been actively involved in organizing STEM outreach events for middle and high school students. Dr. Rajapakse has taught Biomedical Engineering graduate students through their current classes and is developing a new course that will be relevant to the Biomedical Engineering graduate training program. They will also contribute to the department through their service on committees, research collaborations, and fostering connections between Biomedical Engineering, Computational Medicine, and Mathematics.

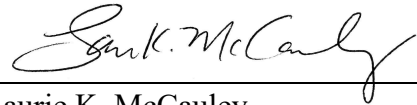
Dr. Rajapakse is a nationally and internationally recognized researcher in cell reprogramming and digital biology. They have over 50 publications, an active patent, and major funding from national funding sources and industry sponsors. They are an active educator and mentor, serve on Biomedical Engineering Ph.D. committees, and organize STEM outreach, while fostering interdisciplinary connections. We are pleased, therefore, to recommend the additional appointment of Indika Rajapakse, Ph.D. as professor of biomedical engineering, without tenure, Medical School and College of Engineering, effective March 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



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

March 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Matthew B. Soellner, Ph.D.

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, without tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2026

With the support of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Matthew B. Soellner, Ph.D. as associate professor of internal medicine, without tenure, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026.

Matthew B. Soellner received their B.A. in biochemistry at Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH, in 1999, and their Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, in 2005.

Dr. Soellner was appointed as an assistant professor in the Department of Medicinal Chemistry at the University of Michigan from 2008-2017. They were appointed as a research assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine in 2017 and promoted to research associate professor in 2020. They were appointed as a research associate professor in the Department of Chemistry from 2020-2021 and appointed as an adjunct research associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine in 2021. In 2024, they were appointed as an assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry and were promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2025.

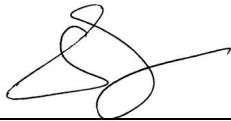
Dr. Soellner teaches post-doctoral fellows, Ph.D. students, undergraduates, and research staff in the laboratory setting. Dr. Soellner received an internal award in 2024 for Outstanding Contribution to Undergraduate Education, and in 2025, they received the Class of 1923 Teaching Award.

Dr. Soellner's research focuses on translational cancer therapy, particularly in breast cancer and other highly aggressive cancers, with an emphasis on developing new targeted treatment strategies based on cancer cell signaling and metabolism. They collaborate closely with their mentor and colleague, Dr. Sofia Merajver. Specifically, their work focuses on developing reliable methods to detect changes in the shape of protein kinases and on designing drugs that control these shape changes. Their greatest scholarly impact is in creating a selective protein breakdown approach that reveals how kinases shift between different forms, and in advancing kinase inhibitors that stabilize specific conformations. Their work provides new ways to study and target kinases by influencing not only their enzyme activity but also their structural and regulatory roles in cells. They have four active grants, which include serving as the principal investigator on an R01, as a co-principal investigator on a very large Judith L. Tam and Richard Tam Foundation grant, and as a co-investigator on an R37 and a Susan G. Komen for the Cure grant. They have authored 31 peer-reviewed manuscripts in high-impact journals in their field. Additionally, they have three active patents.

Dr. Soellner has a good service record, institutionally and nationally. Departmentally, they have participated in four committees, including the Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions Committees. Institutionally, they have served on two committees, with leadership as the faculty lead on the Rogel Cancer Center Fast Forward Innovation Program. They have served on one grant panel in an ad hoc role in 2024. They perform ad hoc peer reviews for more than 40 journals in their field.

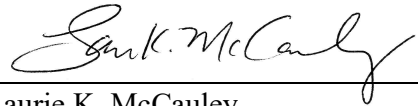
Dr. Soellner is an accomplished educator, mentor, and researcher specializing in cancer therapy. Dr. Soellner combines dedication to education with impactful scientific contributions, receiving awards recognizing excellence in teaching and a strong record of mentoring students and fellows. Their research focuses on developing new treatments for aggressive cancers, supported by active grants and patents. Dr. Soellner is widely published, highly cited, and actively engaged in service to their department, institution, and the broader scientific community. We are pleased, therefore, to recommend the joint appointment of Matthew B. Soellner, Ph.D. as associate professor of internal medicine, without tenure, Medical School, effective March 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:



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

March 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Directorship

NAME: Akbar Waljee, M.D., M.Sc., AGAF

CURRENT TITLES: Lyle C. Roll Professor of Medicine, Professor of Learning Health Sciences, with tenure, Professor of Internal Medicine, without tenure, Medical School, and Professor of Epidemiology, without tenure, School of Public Health

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Leslie D. Yamada and Tachi Yamada, M.D. Director, Medical School

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

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Akbar Waljee, M.D., M.Sc., AGAF as the Leslie D. Yamada and Tachi Tamada, M.D. Director, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2028.

The Leslie D. Yamada and Tachi Tamada, M.D. Directorship was established in June 2024 through a generous gift from the Leslie and Tachi Yamada Strategic Fund for Health Equity. This directorship honors the legacy of Tachi Yamada and recognizes the generosity of the Yamada family in honoring Tachi's commitment to improving health in low resourced countries. This directorship is intended to be used to further the center's activities and strategic priorities.

Dr. Waljee is dedicated to advancing health and healthcare access, quality, and efficiency in low-resource settings around the world. Originally from Nairobi, Kenya, Dr. Waljee's global work is driven by a commitment to health equity and focuses on using data science to address healthcare delivery, particularly in low-resource settings. He is widely recognized for leveraging advanced methodological approaches, such as artificial intelligence and machine learning, to deliver efficient, effective, and equitable care. His work facilitates better decision-making in areas with limited resources by addressing social and environmental determinants of health. He has held a number of administrative appointments including the director of the Aga Kahn University, University of Michigan Collaboration and director of the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Program at the VA Ann Arbor.

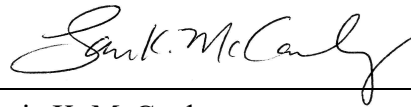
Dr. Waljee's leadership and involvement in the tripartite mission spans far beyond the University of Michigan and the nation. He is truly a global educator and is very deserving of appointment to this prestigious directorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Akbar Waljee, M.D., M.Sc., AGAF as the Leslie D. Yamada and Tachi Tamada, M.D. Director, Medical School, effective January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2028.

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



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

March 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Krista R. Wigginton

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Dean for Graduate and Professional Education, and Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Paul G. and Dorothy A. Ganzenhuber Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2031

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering are pleased to recommend the appointment of Krista R. Wigginton as the Paul G. and Dorothy A. Ganzenhuber Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering, for a five-year renewable term, effective March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2031.

The Paul G. and Dorothy A. Ganzenhuber Professorship in Civil and Environmental Engineering was established by the Paul G. Ganzenhuber Living Trust in May 2025. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Krista Wigginton received her B.S. in professional chemistry from the University of Idaho (2001) and her M.S. and Ph.D. in environmental engineering from Virginia Tech (2004, 2008). Following a post-doctoral fellowship at EPFL in Switzerland (2010) and an assistant professorship at the University of Maryland (2011–2012), she joined the University of Michigan in 2013. She was promoted to professor in 2024 and currently serves as the associate dean for graduate and professional education for the College of Engineering.

Professor Wigginton is a globally recognized leader in environmental virology. Her research program is defined by developing a mechanistic, first-principles understanding of virus behavior in environmental systems. By elucidating the chemical and physical mechanisms governing virus fate and transport, her group has moved the field beyond empirical observations toward predictive models for public health and water purification. These insights were central to advancing wastewater-based epidemiology (WBE) during the COVID-19 pandemic, where her group's established methods for detecting enveloped viruses provided a scientific foundation for large-scale disease surveillance. Her excellence has been recognized with the NSF CAREER Award and the Water Research Foundation's Paul L. Busch Award, and she currently serves as an editor for *Environmental Science & Technology*, the premier journal in her field.

A dedicated mentor and academic leader, Professor Wigginton has guided 15 Ph.D. students and led significant curricular modernizations. As associate dean, she is establishing the institutional infrastructure to launch the college's first distance-learning graduate degrees in over 20 years. This includes her pivotal leadership in the multi-departmental M.Eng. AI+ initiative, which integrates artificial intelligence fundamentals into specialized engineering disciplines to meet emerging workforce needs. Her work ensures that graduate education at Michigan remains at the cutting edge of both rigorous research and professional relevance.

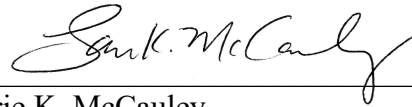
Professor Wigginton's academic achievements fully merit her appointment to this professorship. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Krista R. Wigginton as the Paul G. and Dorothy A. Ganzenhuber Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering, for a five-year renewable term, effective March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2031.

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

March 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Robert M. Ziff

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 25, 2026

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Center for the Study of Complex Systems 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 Robert M. Ziff as professor of complex systems, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 25, 2026.

Robert Ziff completed his B.S. in physics at the University of California at Los Angeles in 1971. He earned his Ph.D. in statistical physics from Rockefeller University in 1976. Following post-doctoral fellowships at the University of California Los Alamos National Laboratory and the State University of New York at Stony Brook, Professor Ziff began his instructional career in the College of Engineering in 1982 as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 1988, and to professor in 1999.

Professor Ziff carries out computational and theoretical studies of various physical problems, including percolation, catalysis modeling, and several reaction and diffusion systems. He is recognized for studying the percolation model, the model for long-range connectivity formation in systems that include polymerization, flow in porous media, cellphone signals, and the spread of diseases. He has developed various percolation algorithms that have allowed substantial increases in performance, for the study of threshold behavior, crossing probability, and more. He also studies algorithms for efficiently simulating rare-events in chemical reactions and diffusion-limited aggregation. Professor Ziff was named a fellow of the American Physical Society in 2006, and his work has been published in *Physical Review Letters*, *Physical Review B – Condensed Matter*, and *Physical Reports*, among many others. His research interests in percolation and critical transitions are central topics in the field of complex systems, and he regularly engages with the center’s faculty in a range of scientific and administrative topics.

Professor Ziff has taught several courses, including “Thermodynamics II,” “Mathematical Methods in Chemical Engineering,” and “Statistical and Irreversible Thermodynamics.” He has also developed and taught innovative courses for Complex Systems, the most recent being

“Percolation and Fractals,” a course that has been taught as a meet-together with the Department of Chemical Engineering. He has attended and given many seminars over the years, and we anticipate continuing this productive relationship of joint teaching and seminar participation.

Professor Ziff has a strong record of service to the university and his profession. He has served on his department’s executive committee, as the chair of several faculty promotion committees, and as a member of the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs. He has been the department’s graduate chairman, graduate recruitment chair, and the College of Engineering’s Ombudsperson. He has also provided critical service to Complex Systems, including serving on multiple faculty search committees in recent years. Professor Ziff has been an editorial board member of *Philosophical Magazine Letters B* since 1995 and of the *Journal of Physics A: Mathematical and Theoretical* since 2015. He previously served as the associate editor of *Physical Review E* and was an editorial board member of both *Physical Review E* and *Fractals*.

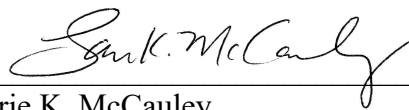
We are very pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Robert M. Ziff as professor of complex systems, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 25, 2026.

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



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

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS
COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Extension of Leave for a Faculty Member

NAME: H. Luke Shaefer

CURRENT TITLES: Hermann and Amalie Kohn Professor of Social Justice and Social Policy, Professor of Public Policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and Professor of Social Work, without tenure, School of Social Work

TYPE OF LEAVE: Government Service Leave

DATES OF CURRENT LEAVE: February 3, 2026 through February 2, 2027

TIME EXTENSION REQUESTED: February 3, 2027 through December 31, 2027

It is recommended that H. Luke Shaefer be granted an extension of a government service leave, effective February 3, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

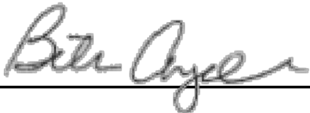
Professor Shaefer is on leave from the Ford School, serving as the chief executive of health, human services and poverty solutions for the City of Detroit. This leave provides a unique opportunity for Professor Shaefer to leverage his academic expertise for policy impact.

We recommend this extension of a government service leave of absence for H. Luke Shaefer.

Recommended by:

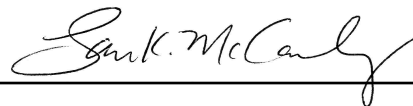


Celeste Watkins-Hayes
Joan and Sanford Weill Dean of Public Policy
University Diversity and Social Transformation
Professor
Jean E. Fairfax Collegiate Professor of Public Policy
Professor of Sociology
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy



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

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

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5

Establishing and renaming professorships and selected
academic and administrative positions.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a New Academic Administrative Position

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Associate Dean for Faculty, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2026

The Medical School wishes to recommend establishing a new academic administrative position as associate dean for faculty, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026.

The associate dean for faculty role will serve as a critical partner to the vice dean for faculty in advancing the Medical School's strategic priorities related to faculty success, development, and engagement. The position will provide leadership in the planning, evaluation, and enhancement of faculty development initiatives, ensuring they are aligned with institutional goals and responsive to evolving needs across departments.

In this capacity, the associate dean will oversee the design, implementation, and continuous improvement of faculty development programming, informed by systematic assessment, data-driven evaluation, and best practices. The role will also represent the Office of Faculty Development in collaborative efforts with department chairs, university leadership, and external organizations, contributing to institutional initiatives, cross-campus committees, and national conversations on faculty development.

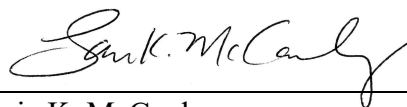
Given the increasing complexity of faculty roles and the school's commitment to supporting faculty at every stage of their academic careers, the creation of this academic administrative position is essential. Therefore, we recommend the establishment of a new academic administrative position as associate dean for faculty, Medical School, effective March 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
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: John R. Barker Collegiate Professorship in Planetary Sciences and Space Engineering, College of Engineering

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2026

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering are pleased to recommend the establishment of a collegiate professorship as the John R. Barker Collegiate Professorship in Planetary Sciences and Space Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2026.

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

John Barker received his B.S. in chemistry (cum laude) from Hampden-Sydney College in 1965 and his M.S. and Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Carnegie Mellon University in 1969. From 1969 to 1971, he pursued post-doctoral training at the University of Washington, and from 1971 to 1973 at Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York. From 1973 to 1974, he was a senior research associate at Brookhaven National Laboratory and Yeshiva University. From 1974 to 1985, he was a chemist, senior chemist, and program manager at Stanford Research Institute, and in 1984, he was a consulting associate professor of chemistry at Stanford University. He joined the University of Michigan as a professor in 1985.

Professor Barker's research focused on experimental and computational chemical kinetics, particularly in atmospheric chemistry. His experimental work included measuring reaction rate constants and fundamental energy-transfer parameters, while his computational research involved chemical-dynamical modeling of elementary reactions and the development of methods for master-equation modeling. Noteworthy was the development of the MultiWell Software Suite, which was published online; it uses statistical mechanics and reaction rate theory to calculate reaction rates and product yields in complex unimolecular reaction systems. Professor Barker's research was supported through funding from agencies such as the National Science Foundation, NASA, the Petroleum Research Fund, and the Division of Chemical Sciences, Department of Energy.

Professor Barker was recognized with the H. Julian Allen Award as an early contributor (with Louis J. Allamandola and A. G. G. M. Tielens) of the "PAH Hypothesis" — that polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon species are abundant in the interstellar medium and in the outflows from carbon-rich stars. In 2006, he received his department's Outstanding Achievement Award. His dedication as a teacher was recognized with the department's Excellence in Teaching Award in

1993 and 1997. He was a member of the American Geophysical Union, American Physical Society, and the American Chemical Society

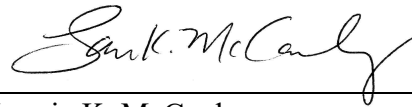
The College of Engineering is pleased to have an opportunity to honor John Barker by establishing a professorship in his name. We are pleased to recommend the establishment of a collegiate professorship as the John R. Barker Collegiate Professorship in Planetary Sciences and Space Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 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

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Robert I. Carr Collegiate Professorship in Civil and Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2026

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering are pleased to recommend the establishment of a collegiate professorship as the Robert I. Carr Collegiate Professorship in Civil and Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2026.

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

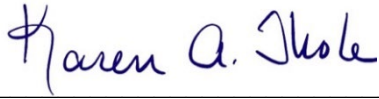
Robert Carr received his B.S. (1961) and M.S. (1963) from the University of Texas at Austin. He received his Ph.D. (1971) in construction engineering and management from Stanford University. Between 1967 and 1973, he was an assistant professor of architectural engineering at the University of Texas at Austin. He continued his academic career at the University of Colorado, where he was an associate professor of civil and architectural engineering from 1973 to 1978. In 1978, Professor Carr joined the faculty of the University of Michigan as a professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. Professor Carr was the director of the Center for Construction Engineering and Management (now the Tishman Construction Management Program) at the University of Michigan from 1983 until his retirement.

Professor Carr's research focused on construction management and building and transportation technology. He supervised 13 Ph.D. theses and authored over 100 publications. He was the founder and member of the Construction Innovation Forum (CIF) and NOVA Awards. Professor Carr was also a founder and member of the Construction Institute. As a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, he held a variety of offices, including the Advisory Committee for Civil Engineering Education, and served on the Executive Committee of the Construction Division as the vice chair and chair. Professor Carr served the University of Michigan on several university, departmental, and college committees, including the College of Engineering Executive Committee.

Professor Carr was the recipient of the College of Engineering's Excellence in Teaching Award and the Excellence in Service Award. At the national level, Professor Carr received the Peurifoy Construction Research Award of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Nova Award Statue.

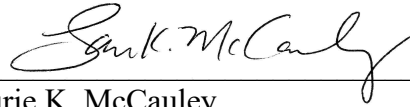
The College of Engineering is pleased to have an opportunity to honor Robert Carr by establishing a professorship in his name. We are pleased to recommend the establishment of a collegiate professorship as the Robert I. Carr Collegiate Professorship in Civil and Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 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

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Research Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Dr. Charles Beylard de Nancrede Research Professorship in Surgery
Education, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 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 Dr. Charles Beylard de Nancrede Research Professorship in Surgery Education, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026.

This professorship is being established through a split of excess market value from the Charles B. de Nancrede Memorial Fund, which was endowed through a gift in 1956 by the will of William A. Spizley. This professorship will recognize Dr. Charles de Nancrede's lifelong influence, incentive, and his continued importance and influence and his service to the university and its students. Dr. Charles de Nancrede served as a professor of surgery, plastic surgery and orthopaedic surgery at the University of Michigan, as well as major and chief surgeon of division for the United States Volunteers during Spanish-American War. This professorship will support the education and research purpose of the Department of Surgery under the direction of the chair of the department and the dean of the Medical School, including, but not limited to support for the faculty in the department. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

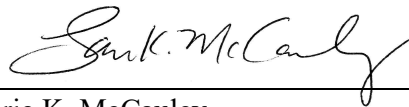
I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the Dr. Charles Beylard de Nancrede Research Professorship in Surgery Education, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026.

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
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Research Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Judy Frankel Research Professorship in Women's Health, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2026

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 establishment of a research professorship as the Judy Frankel Research Professorship in Women's Health, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026.

This professorship is being established through a generous donation from the Stanley and Judith Frankel Family Foundation. Judith and Stanley have been transformative partners to the University of Michigan, supporting programs across campus, including the Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies and the Frankel Cardiovascular Center. Their generosity in advancing healthcare, culture, and scholarship at U-M ranks among the most significant in the university's history. This professorship will recognize a commitment to advancing women's health through research and innovation and support physician-scientist or Ph.D. faculty member in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology committed to improving women's health through leadership and excellence. Incumbents may be clinical track faculty, tenured faculty, non-tenured faculty, or research track faculty. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

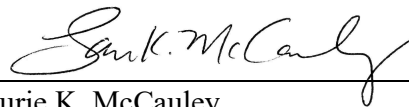
I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the Judy Frankel Research Professorship in Women's Health, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026.

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

March 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Ian Hiskens Collegiate Professorship in Electrical and Computer Engineering, College of Engineering

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2026

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering are pleased to recommend the establishment of a collegiate professorship as the Ian Hiskens Collegiate Professorship in Electrical and Computer Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2026.

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

Ian Hiskens received a B.Eng. in electrical engineering (1980) and a B.App.Sc. in mathematics (1983) from the Capricornia Institute of Advanced Education, and a Ph.D. (1991) from The University of Newcastle, Australia. He held positions with the Queensland Electricity Commission as a security applications engineer (1983-86) and as a planning engineer, transmission systems (1986-92). He also held positions as a senior lecturer at the University of Newcastle (1992-99) and as a visiting associate professor at the University of Illinois (1999-02). In 2002, he joined the University of Wisconsin-Madison as an associate professor of electrical and computer engineering and was promoted to professor in 2005. In 2008, he joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor and as the Vennema Professor of Engineering.

Professor Hiskens is a renowned expert in power system analysis with a special focus on grid integration of renewable generation. His expertise extended to the analysis and control of nonlinear non-smooth (hybrid) dynamical systems. In the power systems context, this includes dynamics and control of inverter-based sources and non-disruptive load control. He made fundamental contributions in theoretical and practical techniques for assessing voltage collapse, trajectory sensitivity analysis for hybrid dynamical systems, optimal power flow, and algorithms for inverse problems. He supervised 24 Ph.D. students and 15 M.S. students. He authored two books, 10 book chapters, 86 refereed journal papers, and 180 conference papers.

Professor Hiskens is currently the editor-in-chief of the *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, and he has served on the editorial board of the *Proceedings of the IEEE*, as the chair of the board of directors of the International Institute for Research and Education in Power System Dynamics (IREP), and as the vice president of finance of the IEEE Systems Council. He is a fellow of the IEEE, and Engineers Australia, and a chartered professional engineer in Australia. Professor

Hiskens was recognized with the M.A. Sargent Medal from the Electrical College board of Engineers Australia.

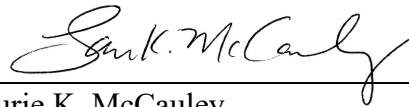
The College of Engineering is pleased to have an opportunity to honor Ian Hiskens by establishing a professorship in his name. We are pleased to recommend the establishment of a collegiate professorship as the Ian Hiskens Collegiate Professorship in Electrical and Computer Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 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

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Research Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Frederick G.L. Huetwell Research Professorship in
Cardiovascular Medicine II, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2026

On the recommendation of Timothy S. Blackwell, M.D., the John G. Searle Professor and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the Frederick G.L. Huetwell Research Professorship in Cardiovascular Medicine II, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026.

This professorship is being established through a split of funds from the Frederick G.L. Huetwell Research Professorship in Cardiovascular Medicine. This professorship will recognize a faculty member in the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, for their exceptional research achievements. This new professorship will support research and teaching of a faculty member in the field of cardiovascular medicine, with the ability to attract and retain outstanding faculty. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

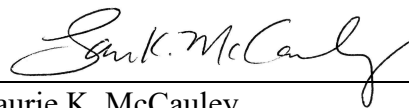
I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the Frederick G.L. Huetwell Research Professorship in Cardiovascular Medicine II, Medical School, effective March 1, 2026.

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

March 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Yoram Koren Collegiate Professorship in Engineering, College of Engineering

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2026

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering are pleased to recommend the establishment of a collegiate professorship as the Yoram Koren Collegiate Professorship in Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2026.

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

Yoram Koren received his B.Sc. (1965), M.S. (1968), and Ph.D. (1971) from Technion, Israel Institute of Technology. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1986. He was a world-renowned researcher and pioneer in manufacturing and regarded as the *father* of a new production paradigm – reconfigurable manufacturing systems (RMS). He was considered to have a truly exceptional record of high-quality and high-impact publications. He co-authored over 270 scholarly articles and four popular textbooks and held 14 U.S. patents at the time of his retirement. Professor Koren's work had a significant impact on both fundamental knowledge and practical technology, and was highly praised and cited by eminent scholars from academic institutions as well as by engineers in industry. Professor Koren provided visionary leadership as the founding director of the Engineering Research Center (ERC) for RMS, sponsored by the National Science Foundation. The RMS Center was the first NSF-sponsored ERC in the College of Engineering. Professor Koren helped establish the University of Michigan as a premier institution for advanced manufacturing research.

Professor Koren made exceptional contributions to education, developed a world-class curriculum in manufacturing at Michigan. He advised over 30 doctoral students who went on to secure highly responsible positions in industry and academia. Professor Koren served the University of Michigan with distinction and generously contributed his time to a broad range of leadership/service activities in the engineering societies. In addition, he was a wonderful mentor to junior colleagues, helping them to succeed in their careers.

Professor Koren was recognized through numerous prestigious awards, including the election to the National Academy of Engineering, the ultimate recognition in the engineering discipline. By any measure, he distinguished himself as an outstanding member of the College of Engineering's faculty with extraordinary accomplishments and brought distinct honor to the university.

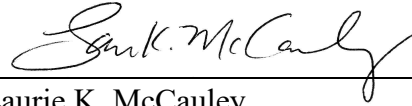
The College of Engineering is pleased to have an opportunity to honor Professor Koren by establishing a professorship in his name. We are pleased to recommend the establishment of a collegiate professorship as the Yoram Koren Collegiate Professorship in Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY:



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

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 a Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Charles M. Vest Collegiate Professorship in Engineering, College of Engineering

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2026

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering are pleased to recommend the establishment of a collegiate professorship as the Charles M. Vest Collegiate Professorship in Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2026.

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

Charles Vest received his B.S. (1963) in mechanical engineering from West Virginia University. He received his M.S. (1964) and his Ph.D. (1967) in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as an assistant professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering in 1968. He taught heat transfer, thermodynamics, and fluid mechanics, and conducted research in heat transfer and in the engineering applications of laser optics and holography. He and his graduate students developed techniques for quantitative measurements of various properties and motions from holographic interferograms, especially for three-dimensional temperature and density fields using computer tomography. He was promoted to associate professor in 1972 and to professor in 1977.

Professor Vest held several leadership positions, beginning with his role as the College of Engineering's associate dean of engineering (1981), then as the dean from 1986, and, in 1989, as the provost and vice provost for Academic Affairs. In 1990, Professor Vest became MIT's 15th president and served in that role until 2004. In 2007, Professor Vest was elected as the president of the U.S. National Academy of Engineering.

Professor Vest served on the boards of directors of DuPont for 14 years and IBM for 13 years. He served as a vice chair of the U.S. Council on Competitiveness for eight years. In addition, he was a member of federal committees and commissions, including the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) during the Clinton and Bush administrations. He also served on the boards of several nonprofit organizations and foundations devoted to education, science, and technology.

Professor Vest was recognized many times for his contributions to engineering and education. He was awarded the 2006 National Medal of Technology, the highest honor the United States

can bestow on a citizen for technological achievements. Professor Vest was also the recipient of the 2011 Vannevar Bush Award from the National Science Board. He held an honorary doctorate from 18 universities and received the College of Engineering's 2004 Alumni Society Medal.

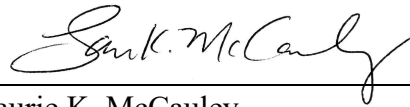
The College of Engineering is pleased to have an opportunity to honor Charles Vest by establishing a professorship in his name. We are pleased to recommend the establishment of a collegiate professorship as the Charles M. Vest Collegiate Professorship in Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 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

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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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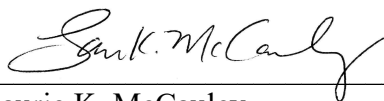
ACTION REQUEST: Recess appointment approval for the period between regularly scheduled meetings

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorization for approving necessary appointments

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 20, 2026 through May 20, 2026

During the period between this board meeting and the next regularly scheduled board meeting, it is requested that the Regents authorize the president or the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs to make such recess appointments and/or changes as may become necessary. All such appointments will be reported to the Regents at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



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

March 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Transfer of Tenure for a Faculty Member

NAME: Manan R. Desai

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of American Culture, with tenure, and Associate Professor of English Language and Literature, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Associate Professor of American Culture, with tenure, and Associate Professor of English Language and Literature, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 25, 2026

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of American Culture, the Department of English Language and Literatures and the College of Literature, Science, we are pleased to recommend the transfer of tenure for Manan R. Desai from professor of American culture, with tenure, and professor of English language and literature, without tenure, to professor of American culture, with tenure, and professor of English language and literature, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 25, 2026.

Manan Desai attended the University of Michigan where he earned his B.S. in 2002, his M.A. in 2005, and his Ph.D. in 2011. He began his instructional career as an assistant professor at Syracuse University in 2011, and joined our faculty as an assistant professor in 2014. Professor Desai was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2020.

Professor Desai's research pioneers transnational American/South Asian and intersectional African American/South Asian American Studies. His first book, The United States of India: Anticolonial Literature & Transnational Refraction (Temple University Press, 2020), was published as part of the "Asian American History and Culture" series. His work has been published in *Comparative Literature*, the *Journal of Popular Culture*, and *Asian American Literature in Transition, 1930-65*. He is currently working on a book project entitled Imperial Vinyl that explores the development of the mid-century genre of ersatz "world music" known as Exotica. The book argues that Exotica music (and its associated visual aesthetic) produced a fantasy of containment, an imaginary figment which effectively used the tropes of exoticism to contain both the looming threat of the postcolonial nation and the anxiety of racial integration and citizenship in the Cold War.

Professor Desai is an innovative and dedicated instructor who offers an engaged pedagogy to undergraduate and graduate classrooms. He has regularly taught courses in literature, some of which have been cross-listed with the Department English. The Department of English has an

ongoing need for faculty prepared to teach undergraduate and graduate courses in Asian American literature and post-colonial studies and given Professor Desai's interests and expertise, he would be a natural fit. He will also have the opportunity to develop courses in sound studies and popular music studies. Professor Desai is an active member of nine dissertation committees, and he has worked closely with several other graduate students who are members of the Critical Ethnic Studies and Asian/Pacific Islander American Studies Rackham Interdisciplinary Group. In 2024, he was honored with the John D'Arms Faculty Award for Distinguished Graduate Mentoring.

Professor Desai has an active service record to the university and profession. As the director of the Asian/Pacific Islander American Studies Program from 2021-2023 and 2024-2025, he raised the profile of the program on campus by inviting presentations from engaging speakers in the field. In addition to his service on other major committees and councils, Professor Desai has served on the executive committees for the Department of American Culture, the Center for South Asian Studies, and the University of Michigan Press. Professor Desai has also been active in the South Asian American Digital Archive.

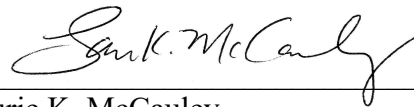
We are very pleased to recommend the transfer of tenure for Manan R. Desai from professor of American culture, with tenure, and professor of English language and literature, without tenure, to professor of American culture, with tenure, and professor of English language and literature, with tenure, College 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

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Appointment to an Endowed Visiting Professorship

NAME: Kelly R. Hoffer

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Helen Zell Visiting Professor of Creative Writing, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: August 25, 2026 through May 24, 2028

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of English Language and Literature and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Kelly R. Hoffer as the Helen Zell Visiting Professor of Creative Writing, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 28, 2026 through May 24, 2028.

The Helen Herzog Zell Professorship in Fiction was created by a generous gift from the Zell Family Foundation and was established in July 2001. It was renamed as the Nicholas Delbanco Visiting Professorship in March 2013, and as the Helen Zell Visiting Professorship in Creative Writing in May 2021. Appointments to this professorship will be for a three-year term, with the possibility of renewal for another two-year term.

Kelly Hoffer received her B.A. in English from Reed College in 2013 and her M.F.A. in poetry from the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop in 2017. She earned her Ph.D. in English from Cornell University in 2023. Ms. Hoffer joined our faculty as a lecturer in 2023.

Ms. Hoffer is a creative writer and a scholar of poetics. Her acclaimed poetry collection, Undershore (Lightscatter Press, 2023), won the Lightscatter Press Prize. She has published approximately 30 poems in competitive literary venues, and several have been nominated for, and been finalists in, prestigious competitions including the Pushcart, the Georgia Poetry Prize, and the National Poetry Series. She has produced a chapbook, The Photo I Don't Write About (Tilted House, 2025), which won the Netsuke Prize. Ms. Hoffer also has a major poetry collection slated for publication later this year called Fire Series that explores themes of desire, grief, intimacy, and language's instability. She presents her work at notable conferences and lectures and has participated in art exhibitions at the U-M Detroit Center.

Ms. Hoffer has consistently demonstrated a thoughtful, student-centered, and equity-minded approach across all creative writing and literature courses. Her syllabi show a strong commitment to inclusive pedagogy, interdisciplinary engagement, and nurturing both critical thinking and creative experimentation. She has had a profound influence on the department's undergraduate students, as well as the graduate students in the Helen Zell Writers' Program Master of Fine Arts program. She has served as a first-year advisor to five MFAs and as a thesis

co-director for five MFA theses. She has also taken on the department's capstone thesis workshop and is therefore set to co-direct many more theses.

Ms. Hoffer has consistently contributed to academic service and professional collaboration. She has supported the Helen Zell Writers' Program Master of Fine Arts program's efforts to recruit admitted students, invited and hosted readers for the Zell Visiting Writers Series, and graded the First Year MFA Exam in poetry. She has been regularly involved in several program events, including welcome week, readings, and program social gatherings, to name a few. Beyond the program, Ms. Hoffer has been an active member and participant in the Rackham Interdisciplinary Poetry and Poetics Workshop since joining our faculty. She has also recently taken part in the Curating Scholarship Workshop at the Institute for the Humanities.

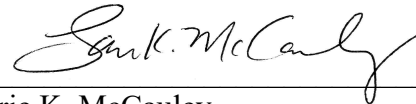
We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Kelly R. Hoffer as the Helen Zell Visiting Professor of Creative Writing, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 28, 2026 through May 31, 2028.

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

March 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Appointment to an Endowed Visiting Professorship

NAME: Diana Hubbell

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Helen L. DeRoy-Otto G. Graf Memorial Visiting Professor in Honors, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: August 25, 2026 through May 24, 2027

On the recommendation of the Honors Program and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Diana Hubbell as the Helen L. DeRoy-Otto G. Graf Memorial Visiting Professor in Honors, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 25, 2026 through May 24, 2027.

The Helen L. DeRoy Visiting Professorship in Honors was established in 1981 to support the university's Honors Program. It was renamed as the Helen L. DeRoy-Otto G. Graf Memorial Visiting Professorship in Honors in July 2021 to reflect the donor's wish to honor Otto G. Graf in addition to Helen L. DeRoy. The DeRoy Visiting Professorship Subcommittee selects and nominates distinguished visitors, with preference to those outside the academy, to teach in the Honors Program.

Diana Hubbell received her B.A. from Wesleyan University in 2010. She earned her M.A. from Columbia University in 2018. She has been a freelance journalist in New York City covering food, culture, and travel since 2014.

Ms. Hubbell is a two-time James Beard Award-winning journalist reporting on sustainability and food systems across three continents. A former associate editor of *Atlas Obscura*, she was also awarded the Prize for Food Writing by the International Association of Culinary Professionals. She has held a range of editorial positions at *Travel + Leisure*, *Masala* (Bangkok), and most recently, *Atlas Obscura*. Her publications have appeared in a wide range of venues, including *The Guardian*, *Wired*, *The Washington Post*, and *Popular Science*. Before embarking on her career in journalism, Ms. Hubbell was a Princeton teaching fellow in Asia. In more recent years, she has guest lectured at the Columbia University School of Journalism and her work appears in the persuasive writing curriculum of University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy.

Ms. Hubbell will teach a course on the concept of telling stories through food (Honors 493). This course will provide students with an opportunity to learn and practice the craft of writing through the lens of food as it relates to different facets of business, politics, art, social justice, technology, and more. She will maintain a presence in the Honors Program so that students may consult with her, and she will also give a public lecture.

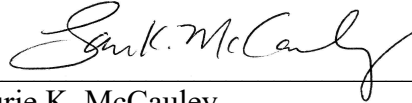
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RECOMMENDED BY:



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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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUESTED: Correction of an Additional Academic Administrative Title

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

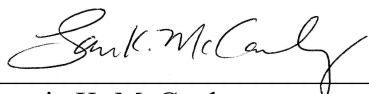
EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

In the January 2026 Interim Regents Communication requesting an additional academic administrative appointment for Matthew L. Kaplan, his additional title was listed incorrectly. The correct additional title is as follows:

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

Please accept this correction and our apologies for the inconsistency in Professor Kaplan's additional title.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - FLINT

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 Endowed Professorship

NAME: Brian D. Blume

CURRENT TITLES: Hagerman Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, and Professor of Organizational Behavior/Human resources, with tenure, School of Management

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Hagerman Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, School of Management

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

The dean and Executive Committee of the School of Management, with the endorsement of the faculty, are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Brian D. Blume as the Hagerman Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, School of Management, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

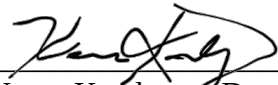
The Hagerman Professorship in Entrepreneurship and Innovation was established in February 2015. The school was a recipient of a generous gift from Philip and Jocelyn Hagerman. Appointments to this professorship may be up to three years and may be renewed.

Brian Blume received his B.S. degree from Purdue University in 1998, his M.B.A. degree from Bradley University in 2001, and his Ph.D. from Indiana University in 2006. Professor Blume joined the University of Michigan-Flint in 2006 as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2012, and to professor in 2016. During 2016-2024, Professor Blume served as the associate director of the Hagerman Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Since 2025, he has been serving as the director of the center.

Together with the center's director, Professor Blume worked to grow the impact of the Hagerman Center, successfully obtained grants. He has taken initiatives such as the Summer Entrepreneurship Institute and was instrumental in the center's success as finalist in United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship in 2023. He has demonstrated strong communications skills with stakeholders in the community. He is collegial and enjoys working with students.

We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Brian D. Blume as the Hagerman Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, School of Management, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

Respectfully submitted,



Yener Kandogan, Dean
School of Management

Recommendation endorsed by:



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



Laurence B. Alexander, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

March 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment

NAME: Keith J. Kelley

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Dean, School of Management, and Associate Professor of International Business and Strategic Management, with tenure, Department of Accounting, Finance and International Business, School of Management

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Associate Dean, School of Management

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

The dean and the Executive Committee of the School of Management are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Keith J. Kelley as associate dean, School of Management, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

Keith Kelley received his B.S. in business administration and international affairs from the University of New Hampshire in 2001, a M.I.B. and a Ph.D. from Florida International University in 2008 and 2013 respectively. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan-Flint in 2014 as an assistant professor, and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2020. Professor Kelley served in leadership roles at the School of Management, as the chair and member of several program review committees, as well as Undergraduate Curriculum, Graduate Curriculum, Executive and Maintenance of Accreditation committees. He also served as the faculty secretary to his department and school's governing faculty. Additionally, he participated in several professional development conferences of AACSB and AAC&U and played a role in general education curriculum revision as an active member of the university committee. Professor Kelley is an active member of the Academy of International Business and serves on the editorial board of International Studies on Management and Organization.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Keith J. Kelley as associate dean, School of Management, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

Recommended by:

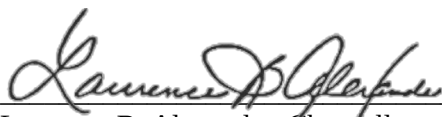


Yener Kandogan, Dean
School of Management

Recommendation endorsed by:



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



Laurence B. Alexander, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

March 2026

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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

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Sapna Thwaite

CURRENT TITLES: Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Professor of Education, with tenure, College of Arts, Sciences and Education

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Vice Provost for Engaged Learning, and Teaching Innovation, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Professor of Education, with tenure, College of Arts, Sciences and Education

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

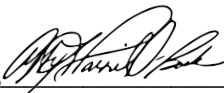
We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Sapna Thwaite as vice provost for engaged learning and teaching innovation, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, effective March 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

Sapna Thwaite received her B.A. degree from University of Michigan in 1996, and her Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 2001.

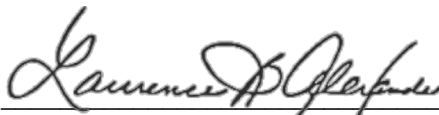
Since joining the faculty at the University of Michigan-Flint, Professor Thwaite has served as the director of NCATE (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education) for the School of Education and Human Services (SEHS) from 2009-2015, interim dean of SEHS in 2021, and interim department chair of the Social Work Department from 2020-2023. She was appointed as the associate dean of education of SEHS in 2015. Since 2023, she has served as the vice provost for academic affairs.

Professor Thwaite has been an effective leader in her current position, and I am confident that she will continue to serve the university well in this new role. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Sapna Thwaite as vice provost for engaged learning and teaching innovation, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, effective March 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

Recommended by:


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

Recommendation endorsed by:


Laurence B. Alexander, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

March 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Stephen W. Turner

CURRENT TITLES: Vice Provost for Assessment and Accreditation, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Professor of Computer Science, with tenure, College of Innovation and Technology

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Vice Provost for Academic Strategy and Effectiveness, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Professor of Computer Science, with tenure, College of Innovation and Technology

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028

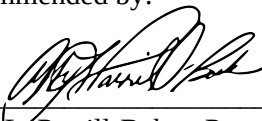
We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Stephen W. Turner as vice provost for academic strategy and effectiveness, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, effective March 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028.

Stephen Turner received his B.S. degree from Western Michigan University in 1987 and his M.S. and Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 1989 and 1995, respectively.

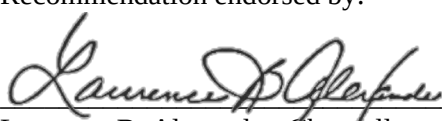
Since joining the faculty at the University of Michigan-Flint in 2000, Professor Turner served as the associate provost and dean of graduate programs for four years, chaired the HLC Re-Accreditation Steering Committee in 2019 and the four-year assurance argument review in 2024, co-chaired the HLC Quality Initiative, and served as a representative to the Rackham Executive Board. He also chaired the Michigan Association of State Universities Accreditation Liaison Officer Committee and as HLC Accreditation Liaison Officer for University of Michigan-Flint since 2017. Since 2025, he has served as the vice provost for assessment and accreditation.

Professor Turner has been an effective leader in his current position, and I am confident that he will continue to serve the university well in this new role. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Stephen W. Turner as vice provost for academic strategy and effectiveness, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, effective March 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028.

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