

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION**

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION

University of Michigan-Flint
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Foreign Languages

Matthew A. Hilton-Watson, assistant professor of foreign languages, Department of Foreign Languages, College of Arts and Sciences, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of foreign languages, with tenure, Department of Foreign Languages, College of Arts and Sciences.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	2000	University of Michigan
M.A.	1993	University of Kentucky
B.A.	1991	University of Kentucky

Professional Record:

1999 to Present	Assistant Professor, Department of Foreign Languages, University of Michigan-Flint
1999 to 2000	Lecturer cum Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages, University of Michigan-Flint
1997 to 1999	Visiting Lecturer, University of Michigan-Flint
1993 to 1996	Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Michigan
1991 to 1993	Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Dr. Hilton-Watson has taught and revised a varied and substantial number of courses in the French Program. His excellence is attested by both student and peer review of his teaching. One very important area of program need which Dr. Hilton-Watson has actively addressed has been that of improving enrollments in French courses, generating student interest through study abroad, and increasing accessibility to French courses via mixed-mode delivery and online teaching. He also is a committed advisor and mentor. Dr. Hilton-Watson has also taught in both the International and Global Studies and the Honors Programs, which indicates his versatility.

Research – Of ten refereed presentations between March of 2001 and March of 2005, four have been revised, submitted and accepted for publication in peer-reviewed journals. The article –“Online and Mixed-Mode Teaching in the Foreign Language and Literature Classroom: The Implementation of Online Learning in the French Program at the University of Michigan-Flint,” published in *Professional Studies Review* 1.2 (2005): 95-101 – is in another area of interest to Dr. Hilton-Watson, pedagogy and the scholarship of teaching. A forthcoming fifth article (“Gabrielle Roy’s *Éveline*: Re-Visioning American Landscape and Identity”) has been accepted for publication in a special issue

of *Short Story* entitled "Tripping Across the 49th Parallel: Representations of America and Americans in Canadian Short Fiction." Dr. Hilton-Watson also has three works in progress which will be ready for journal submission by the end of fall 2006.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Hilton-Watson, Matthew. "Teaching the Naturalist Novel: Emile Zola." *Academic Exchange Quarterly*, 9.1 (2005): 139-144.

Hilton-Watson, Matthew. "It Takes Two To Tango: Text and Image in *Grand bal du printemps* (1951) by Jacques Prévert and Izis Bidermanas." *Papers on Language and Literature*, 41.1 (2005): 67-88.

Hilton-Watson, Matthew. "Online and Mixed-Mode Teaching In the Foreign Language and Literature Classroom: The Implementation Of Online Learning In the French Program At the University of Michigan-Flint." *Professional Studies Review*, 1.2 (2005): 95-101.

Hilton-Watson, Matthew. "It Takes a Village: Cultural Border Crossings In *Rue Deschambault* and *Ces enfants de ma vie* by Gabrielle Roy." *Michigan Academician*, 36.2 (2004): 147-156.

Forthcoming Referred Publication:

Hilton-Watson, Matthew and Thum, Maureen. "Gabrielle Roy's *Éveline*: Re-Visioning American Landscape and Identity." Accepted for publication in special issue of *Short Story*, "Tripping Across the 49th Parallel: Representations of America and Americans in Canadian Short Fiction."

Service – Dr. Hilton-Watson has performed excellent service in his department, where he has served as French section head on several occasions. He is actively involved in both the International and Global Studies Program, and the Honors Program, and teaches in both. He is a regular presence at department and College meetings. He has also been active in his profession, serving the Michigan Academy of Arts, Sciences and Letters, and was recently appointed to the University of Michigan-Flint Channel 28 Community Advisory Board.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A):

"Dr. Hilton-Watson and Dr. Thum have produced a first-rate thoroughly researched exegesis of *Éveline*, one which makes a meaningful, **original** contribution to French-Canadian letters and to the body of critical work published on Roy."

Reviewer (B):

"Professor Hilton-Watson's five articles are of very good quality and establish an excellent scholarly record."

Reviewer (C):

"All of Professor Hilton-Watson's publications have been in refereed journals, which is the recognized standard for scholarly publications. The fact that all of his publications have appeared within the last two years tells me that he is a promising scholar who has found his stride and that we are likely to see a consistent record of scholarship, which is something we all look for as we are about to tenure faculty."

Reviewer (D):

"Even though quite eclectic, every single one is well thought, well researched and brings an original contribution to the field of scholarship."

Reviewer (E):

"... scholarly work is evaluated in terms of solid critical analysis, originality and innovation, and contribution to the discipline. It is my view that Dr. Hilton-Watson's work satisfactorily meets these criteria and makes a significant contribution to his area of study."

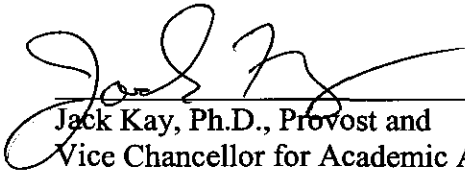
Summary of Recommendation:

Dr. Hilton-Watson is an excellent and versatile teacher, an emerging scholar, and is committed to the highest levels of service to his students, College and university, and profession. He is a great asset to the University of Michigan-Flint. We therefore enthusiastically recommend Matthew A. Hilton-Watson to the title of associate professor of foreign languages, with tenure, Department of Foreign Languages, College of Arts and Sciences.

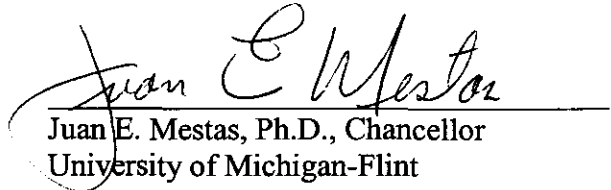


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Recommendation endorsed by:



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