

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION**

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION

University of Michigan-Flint
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Economics

Adam Lutzker, assistant professor of economics, Department of Economics, College of Arts and Sciences, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of economics, with tenure, Department of Economics, College of Arts and Sciences.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	1999	University of Michigan
M.A.	1988	University of Michigan
B.A.	1985	University of Maryland

Professional Record:

1999 to Present	Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Michigan-Flint
1995 to 1999	Visiting Instructor, Department of Economics, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY
1990 to 1995	Visiting Instructor, Department of Economics and Management, Albion College, Albion, MI

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Dr. Lutzker’s students are very positive about his teaching style and enthusiastically comment on the quality of the courses they have taken from him. Students praise his upbeat personality and especially appreciate his great attitude toward teaching, and his respect for the subject matter that he truly enjoys sharing with his students. They consider him an outstanding person and usually end their glowing remarks by simply commenting that he is “just an amazing teacher.” Peer evaluations confirm student observations. Though still a junior faculty member, Dr. Lutzker is well on his way to becoming a master teacher.

Research – Dr. Lutzker has a book chapter published in the *New Economy Handbook* (2003), a co-authored essay in *American Ethnologist* (2001) and a co-authored book review in *Post-Identity* (2001). Of the three published pieces, the book chapter is most relevant to his areas of specialization. In his book chapter entitled “International Productivity Convergence in the New Economy: More or Less Likely?” Dr. Lutzker writes compellingly on globalization and its likely aftermath. Additional work in progress will, once published, burnish his scholarly reputation.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Lutzker, A. "International Productivity Convergence in the New Economy: More or Less Likely?" *New Economy Handbook*, edited by Derek Jones (Academic Press, 2003).

Lutzker, A. and Rosenthal, J. "The Unheimlich Manoeuvre: Religious Fundamentalism in the Modern World." *American Ethnologist*, 28:4 (2001), pp 909-923.

Lutzker, A. and Wickre, B. "Jewish Identity and Modern Art History." *Post-Identity* (2001).

Current Projects:

Lutzker, A. "Sleight of Hand: Myths, Metaphors, and the Making of Markets," (book manuscript submitted to Routledge).

Lutzker, A. "The Rise and Fall of Formalism In Postwar Philosophy, Sociology, and Economics," (revise and resubmit to *History of Political Economy*).

Lutzker, A. "Violence In the Global Economy," (invited chapter for *Violence and Globalization*, edited by Jessie Klein and Milagros Ricourt).

Service – Dr. Lutzker has a wealth of impressive service to his credit. As a member of the International and Global Studies (IGS) Subcommittee on Curriculum, he was involved in planning a proposal for IGS majors. He served as a member of the 2004 Search Committee for a director of the Women's Educational Center (WEC) and currently is serving as a member of the WEC Advisory Board, and on the search committee for a faculty member in Women's and Gender Studies Program. Dr Lutzker has also made a great impression as a member of the Master of Arts in Social Studies Planning Committee (2003-2005), where he was personally responsible for devising the core curriculum. Other service activities include membership on the Academic Standards Committee (2001-2004), Library Resources (2001-2004) and search committees for urban sociology (2004) and School of Management (2001).

External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A):

"... I judge the convergence chapter and the book manuscript to be of very high quality, and making recognizable contributions to the field. I also see extraordinary promise of future productivity in the completion and publication of the book manuscript."

Reviewer (B):

"There is no question in my mind that Dr. Lutzker's research is of high quality. It demonstrates a quite wide command of different literatures and pursues an interdisciplinary synthesis that is fairly rare among individuals in his field."

Reviewer (C):

"... Professor Lutzker is an engaged scholar, and is beginning to find avenues for scholarly production. The fact that he has a "revise and resubmit" decision from the leading history of economics journal (*History of Political Economy*) is a good sign, as are the several book chapters either completed or in production."

Reviewer (D):

"The essay ("International Productivity Convergence in the New Economy: More or Less Likely") is historically grounded and theoretically sophisticated and it pushes economists to go beyond confining formal models and consider the institutional features of the technology diffusion process."

Reviewer (E):

"... the book manuscript I found to be very interesting and very promising. I expect that it will have no problem finding a decent publisher, and that it will be of interest to a broad array of scholars."

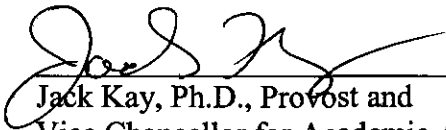
Summary of Recommendation:

Dr. Lutzker is an outstanding teacher, a promising scholar and a practiced and thoughtful server on numerous College and university committees. Though a junior colleague, he is a voice of reason – a thoughtful presence in all areas where he serves. The College recommends his tenure and promotion without reservation. We therefore enthusiastically recommend Adam Lutzker to the title of associate professor of economics, with tenure, Department of Economics, College of Arts and Sciences.

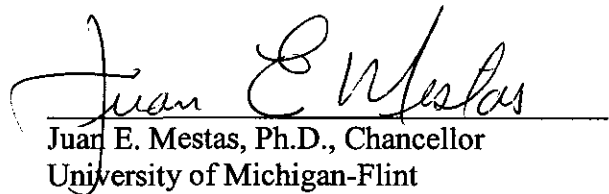


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Recommendation endorsed by:



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