

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents

May 17, 2007

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION

University of Michigan-Flint  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Department of Africana Studies

Guluma Gemed, assistant professor of Africana studies, Department of Africana Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of Africana studies, with tenure, Department of Africana Studies, College of Arts and Sciences.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	1996	Michigan State University
M.A.	1984	Addis Ababa University
B.A.	1980	Addis Ababa University

Professional Record:

2001 to Present	Assistant Professor, Department of Africana Studies, University of Michigan-Flint
1998 to 2001	Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Africana Studies, University of Michigan-Flint
1996 to 1997	Visiting Assistant Professor, Northern Michigan University
1992 to 1995	Teaching Assistant, Michigan State University
1990 to 1992	Lecturer/Researcher, Addis Ababa University
1987 to 1990	Teaching Assistant, Michigan State University
1984 to 1987	Lecturer/Assistant Professor, Addis Ababa University

Summary of Evaluation:

**Teaching** – Since 2001 Dr. Gemed has taught ten different courses, primarily in African history. He has adapted two of these courses to an online format, and generated strongly positive student comments. Students appreciate his deep knowledge, passion for his material, patience and kindness. Overall evaluations are favorable. He has been active in his department's assessment efforts, and in the revision of its curriculum.

**Research** – Dr. Gemed has a book manuscript completed, a second in progress, five published or accepted refereed articles, two reviews and several non-refereed articles. In addition, he is the editor of the *Journal of Oromo Studies*, is active in international conferences, and has been elected to leadership positions in scholarly organizations affiliated with his areas of specialization. Dr. Gemed is an established scholar, as attested by his external evaluations, who is working steadily to produce additional significant scholarship.

### Recent and Significant Publications:

Gemeda, Guluma. "From *Gada* Democracy to Monarchy: Political Transformations Among the Oromo in the Gibe Region, Southwestern Ethiopia, c. 1750-1900," (To be published by the Red Sea Press).

### In Progress:

Gemeda, Guluma. "Black Gold: Coffee, Land and Society in the Gibe Region, South Western Ethiopia, 1850-2000," (Book project, in progress).

### Refereed Publications:

Gemeda, Guluma. "The Rise of Coffee and the Demise of Colonial Autonomy: The Oromo Kingdom of Jimma and Political Centralization in Ethiopia, 1925-1935," *Northeast African Studies*, 10:2 (Forthcoming).

Gemeda, Guluma. "Land, Agriculture and Social Class Formation in the Gibe Region, Southwestern Ethiopia," in *State, Land, and Society in the History of Sudanic Africa*, edited by Donald Crummey (The Red Sea Press, 2005).

Gemeda, Guluma. "Political Domination and Exploitation of Mineral Resources in Oromia (Ethiopia): From Menelik to Meles," *Journal of Oromo Studies*, 5 (July 1998).

Gemeda, Guluma. "Conquest and Resistance in the Gibe Region, 1881-1900," *Journal of Oromo Studies*, 3 (July 1996).

Gemeda, Guluma. "The Islamization of the Gibe Region, Southwestern Ethiopia, From the 1830 to the Early Twentieth Century," *Journal of Ethiopian Studies*, 26 (December, 1993).

Gemeda, Guluma. "Subsistence, Slavery and Violence in the Lower Omo Valley, ca. 1898-1940s," *Northeast African Studies*, 12 (1990).

**Service** – Dr. Gemeda's service is constant, regular and productive. He is active within his Department, faithfully attends Governing Faculty meetings, and serves as Core Faculty of the International and Global Studies Program. In the community, he assists with the annual Visiting African Author Series, supported by his Department, the Flint Public Library, and Ruth Mott Foundation funding.

### External Reviewers:

#### Reviewer (A):

"Professor Guluma Gemeda is a well-versed intellectual, who has encyclopedic knowledge of Ethiopian and African histories. He expresses his ideas with courage, eloquence and impeccable objectivity, all of which are visible through his published articles. His scholarship demonstrates his intellectual maturity and profound grasp of the discipline of history."

#### Reviewer (B):

"... Dr. Gemeda used the professional methodological standards of the field and produced highly valued scholarly works. He discovered new sources to advance new interpretations. He imaginatively used existing sources to establish an alternative interpretation. He also filled gaps of historical knowledge. His contributions have advanced the knowledge of history of the research region. His contributions are appreciated by his Africanist colleagues, among whom he is highly regarded."

Reviewer (C):

“Professor Gameda’s forthcoming papers, “The Rise of Coffee,” and “Contested Rights to Land,” indicate a continuing maturation in his scholarship and draw on rich primary sources to reach fresh insights into questions of widely recognized importance.”

Reviewer (D):

“The published works deal with important social, political and economic issues in Northeast Africa, and make significant contributions to the field of African studies in general.”

Reviewer (E):

“His articles, book chapter, and other papers are impressive and profound in quality. They demonstrate that Dr. Gameda is a meticulous researcher, original thinker, serious historian, and persuasive writer.”

Reviewer (F):

“Guluma’s scholarship is original, stimulating and perceptive. His mastery and use of archival sources give authenticity and credibility to his research and conclusions. With several articles in the leading refereed journals on Ethiopian and Oromo studies, and several book chapters, there is no question that Guluma has become a major contributor to the development of the literature on the social and economic aspects of Ethiopian history.”

Summary of Recommendation:

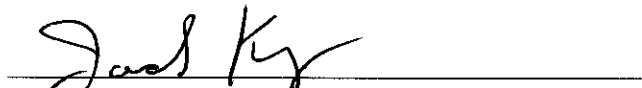
Guluma Gameda has, over six years, demonstrated his value to the College and community through his teaching, and scholarship and service. With pleasure we concur in the recommendation of the Executive Committee that he be promoted to the rank of associate professor, with tenure. We therefore enthusiastically recommend that Guluma Gameda be promoted to the rank of associate professor of Africana studies, with tenure, Department of Africana Studies, College of Arts and Sciences.

Recommended by:



Christine Waters, Acting Dean  
College of Arts and Sciences

Recommendation endorsed by:



Jack Kay, Acting Chancellor and  
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

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