

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATIONS

Approved by the Regents

May 17, 2007

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION

University of Michigan-Flint
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice

Judy V. Rosenthal, associate professor of anthropology, with tenure, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice, College of Arts and Sciences, is recommended for promotion to professor of anthropology, with tenure, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice, College of Arts and Sciences.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	1993	Cornell University
M.A.	1980	Cornell University

Professional Record:

1999 to present	Associate Professor of Anthropology and Gender Studies, with tenure, University of Michigan-Flint
1993 to 1999	Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Women's Studies, University of Michigan-Flint
1993	Instructor, Cornell University
1987 to 1989	Teaching Assistant, Cornell University
1985 to 1986	English Teacher, U.S. Cultural Center, Lomé, Togo (W. Africa)
1984 to 1985	Maître de Conférence, École Nationale d'Administration, Paris, France
1976 to 1985	English Teacher, Institut National de la Statistique et de l'Administration Economique Paris, France

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Dr. Rosenthal is an excellent teacher, having developed twelve courses in thirteen years, been an innovator in online learning, and served as a caring and conscientious adviser of students. She has been active in program development in anthropology, women's and gender studies and in our Masters in Social Sciences degree. Both peer and student evaluations of her courses are strongly favorable.

Research – Dr. Rosenthal is an exciting, innovative cultural anthropologist with an international reputation. Since 1993 she has presented papers or organized sessions at twenty-nine scholarly conferences. Since her first promotion she has published five significant articles and a major review. Her 1998 book has reached a wide, international audience and gained significant praise. Additional work is in progress.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Book:

Rosenthal, J. *Possession, Ecstasy, and Law in Ewe Voodoo*. University Press of Virginia. 1998.

Book Chapters:

Rosenthal, J. "Possessed by Anthropology" in *Women in Anthropology: Narratives and Social History*. Eds. Maria G. Cattell and Marjorie M. Schweitzer. Left Coast Press. October 2006.

Rosenthal, J. "Gorovodu and Tchamba – Spirit Possessions of Modernity in Everyday Life" in *Religious Modernities*. Eds. Rijk Van Dijk and John Hansen. In Press. Indiana University Press.

Rosenthal, J. "Religious Traditions of the Togo and Benin Ewe" in *The Ewe of Togo and Benin*. Ed. Benjamin N. Lawrance. Woeli Publishing: Accra. pp. 183-196. 2005.

Rosenthal, J. "Foreign Spirits Inside the Family – Vodun Home on the ex-Slave Coast" in *Women on the Verge of Home*. Ed. Bilinda Straight, SUNY Press. pp.149-173. 2004.

Rosenthal, J. "Trance Against the State" (35 pp.) in *Ethnography in Unstable Places*. Ed. Carol Greenhouse, Duke University Press. pp. 317-351. 2002.

Rosenthal, J. "Foreign Tongues and Domestic Bodies: Gendered Cultural Regions and Regionalized Cultural Flows" in *Gendered Encounters: Challenging Cultural Boundaries and Social Hierarchies in Africa*. Eds. Maria Grosz-Ngate and Omari Kokole. Routledge. pp.183-203. 1997.

Refereed Journal Article:

Rosenthal, J. "The Signifying Crab." in *Cultural Anthropology*. 10(4):581-586. November 1995.

Encyclopedia Entry:

Rosenthal, J. "Ewe and Fon" in *Encyclopedia of World Cultures: Africa and the Middle East*. pp. 83-89. 1995.

Service – Dr. Rosenthal has extensive service at the University of Michigan-Flint. She has chaired numerous search committees, chaired her department, directed the Women's and Gender Studies Program, advocated for the establishment of a Women's Center, and lectured on campus and in the community. In her profession she has organized conference sections, lectured in international forums, and served as a manuscript reader for presses and scholarly journals.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A)

"As her career trajectory illustrates, Rosenthal is extraordinary in every sense of the term. On publication grounds alone, her record of chapters and articles, together with the progress on her second book, ... clearly merit promotion to full professor in both history and anthropology."

Reviewer (B)

"The quality of her work remains high at the ethnographic level and she has sustained an active research agenda and publication record based on this research. Moreover, she has made significant advances at the theoretical level."

Reviewer (C)

“In sum, then, and in direct comparison with others who have been successful for promotion in major departments of anthropology, Dr. Rosenthal was already an accomplished scholar at the time of tenure and she has maintained a level of productivity comparable to similarly promoted peers. Moreover, her scholarship continues to develop in new directions of consequence to the discipline as a whole.”

Reviewer (D)

“Her many articles and book(s) have made a substantial contribution to the profession. Were all anthropologists as diligent, empathetic, and as gifted with words as is the case with Dr. Rosenthal, then perhaps the violence in the world, which so legitimately worries her, would dissipate somewhat.”

Reviewer (E)

“I think her book on Ewe spirit possession is exceptional, a veritable classic. It is the product of a unique mind and a tenaciously clever analysis.”

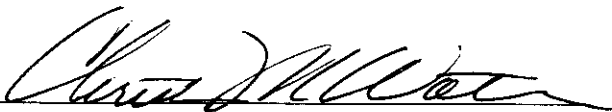
Reviewer (F)

[Dr. Rosenthal’s] “... works collectively make a substantial contribution to the field of anthropology.”

Summary of Recommendation:

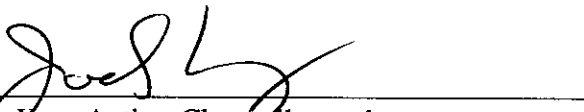
Judy Rosenthal has a wonderful reputation as a teacher and scholar. Her work seems only to gain in quality as she matures. Her service to the institution has been valuable, particularly in its focus on recognition for the un-recognized, and desire for compassionate treatment of those who might otherwise be ignored. Her work for the University of Michigan-Flint is of exceptionally high quality on all fronts, and has earned her promotion to the rank of professor of anthropology. We therefore enthusiastically recommend that Judy V. Rosenthal be promoted to the rank of professor of anthropology, with tenure, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice, 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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