

**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 Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice

Diane Schaefer, assistant professor of criminal justice, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice, College of Arts and Sciences, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of criminal justice, with tenure, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice, College of Arts and Sciences.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	1999	Indiana University
M.A.	1993	Indiana University
B.A.	1989	Cleveland State University

Professional Record:

2005 to Present	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology/Anthropology/ Criminal Justice, University of Michigan-Flint
1998 to 2005	Assistant Professor, Eastern Illinois University
1993 to 1998	Instructor, Indiana University
1992 to 1993	Statistics Lab Instructor, Indiana University
1990 to 1991	Statistics Lab Instructor, Indiana University
1989 to 1990	Teaching Assistant, Indiana University

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Dr. Schaefer has a solid record as a fine teacher at the University of Michigan-Flint, and at prior institutions. In three semesters she has taught six different preparations, advised extensively, participated in general education reform efforts and proven herself to be a committed and exacting teacher.

Research – Dr. Schaefer is a significant, emerging scholar in the field of critical criminology. Over a six year period she has published six articles, five of them in peer-reviewed journals, one in an edited collection. In the past eight years she has nineteen presentations at academic conferences. Peer evaluation of Dr. Schaefer's scholarship confirms both the high quality and significance of her work, and also her promise of future productivity.

Recent and Significant Publications:

- Schaefer, Diane. 2005. "The Razor's Edge: Narcotics and the Embodiment of Trauma." *In Storytelling Sociology: Narrative As Social Inquiry* (Richard Quinney and Ron Berger, editors). Lynne Rienner Publishers.
- Schaefer, Diane. 2004. "Perceptual Biases, Graffiti and Fraternity Crime: Points of Deflection That Distort Social Justice." *Critical Criminology*. 12: 179-193.
- Farrokh, Alemi, Stephens, Richard, Llorens, Shirley, Schaefer, Diane, Nemes, Susanna, and Arendt, Robert. 2003. "The Orientation of Social Support Measure." *Addictive Behaviors*. 28: 1285-1298.
- Schaefer, Diane. 2003. "A Disembodied Community Collaborates in a Homicide: Can Empathy Transform a Failing System of Justice?" *Contemporary Justice Review*. 6:133-142.
- Schaefer, Diane. 2002. "Police Gang Intelligence Infiltrates a Small City." *The Social Science Journal*. 39: 95-107.
- Schaefer, Diane. 2001. Peer-reviewed Critical Reflection piece regarding 9/11. *Humanity and Society*.
- Schaefer, Diane. 2000. Book review of *Travels Through Crime and Place: Community Building as Crime Control* by William DeLeon-Granados. (Boston: Northeastern University Press, 1999, 179 pp.). *Humanity and Society*.

Service – Dr. Schaefer has, in a very short period of time, amassed an impressive and significant amount of valuable service. She has served on College and University committees, been an active participant in the life of her Department, and served as a liaison with our sister institution, Mott Community College. Her level of engagement is only likely to increase in future years.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A):

"... the refereed journals she has published in—*Critical Criminology*, *Contemporary Justice Review*, *Social Science Journal*, and *Addictive Behaviors*—are all highly reputable and indicative of peer validation of the quality of her work."

Reviewer (B):

"... given her already significant scholarly contribution to the field, and her professional orientation toward the research and publication process, I see great promise for an ongoing and accumulating body of scholarly work that will significantly shape the fields of criminology and criminal justice."

Reviewer (C):

"Overall, the work sent represents a strong collection of solo-authored articles in reputable peer reviewed journals. The piece for *Storytelling Sociology* is brave, and, while not peer-reviewed in the usual sense, appeared in a volume edited by Richard Quinney who is *the* most cited critical criminologist. Taken together, these articles make a significant positive contribution to the field."

Reviewer (D):

“Her papers are significant contributions to sociology and criminology. They explore important issues, are carefully researched and documented, and are very readable.”

Reviewer (E):

[In “the Razor’s Edge”] “The author presents a fascinating story of her biographical situatedness ...”

Reviewer (F):

“I would place more emphasis on an indicator that is more difficult to quantify – does the work make a contribution to our knowledge about an issue? By that standard her research is of high quality and reflects well on your university. Secondly, is the issue of whether the research is interesting to read, and again she scores well on this measure.”

Summary of Recommendation:


Diane Schaefer’s record demonstrates she is a quality teacher, an emerging scholar, and a committed University and community citizen. It is with pleasure that we strongly recommend that Diane Schaefer be promoted to the rank of associate professor of criminal justice, 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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