

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
The University of Michigan
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

Approved by the Regents
May 17, 2007

Robert F. Schoeni, associate professor of economics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and associate professor of public policy, without tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy is recommended for promotion to professor of economics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and professor of public policy, without tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy [also being promoted to research professor, Institute for Social Research].

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	1992	University of Michigan
M.A.	1987	Miami University
B.A.	1986	Bowling Green State University

Professional Record:

2003 – present	Research Associate Professor, Population Studies Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan
2002 – present	Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan
2001 – present	Research Associate Professor, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan
1999 – 2001	Senior Economist, RAND Corporation
1998 – 1999	Senior Economist, Council of Economic Advisors, Executive Office of the President of the United States
1996 – 1998	Economist, RAND Corporation
1995 – 2001	Professor, Frederick S. Pardee Graduate School, RAND Corporation
1992 – 1996	Associate Economist, RAND Corporation

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Schoeni has been an important contributor to the education of students in the Ford School and the Department of Economics over the past six years. He has served as M.P.P. advisor, Ph.D. mentor and advisor, and has employed students on his various research projects. Teaching evaluations are solid to very strong, and students praise his availability inside and outside of class.

Research – Professor Schoeni has an impressive record of high-quality interdisciplinary research with contributions to leading journals in five different fields: economics, medicine, public health, policy studies, and demography. He has established an international reputation as a scholar who works on a wide range of important questions, including health and nutrition; elderly disability; and family income, structure, and poverty. Most of his work is tied directly to policy, such as gaps in Medicare coverage, low Food Stamp participation, work requirements and welfare reform, to name a few. His papers illustrate careful attention to data and measurement, and represent thoughtful empirical work on topics of substantial policy interest.

Recent and Significant Publications:

- “Persistent and growing disparities in disability among the elderly: 1982-2002,” with L. Martin, et al., *American Journal of Public Health*, 95(11), 2005, pp. 2065-2070.
- “Resolving inconsistencies in old-age disability trends: Report from a technical working group,” with V. Freedman, et al., *Demography*, 41(3), 2004, pp. 417-441.
- “Immigrants and government transfers in the United States in the 1990s,” with S. Haider, et al., *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 23(4), 2004, pp. 745-764.
- “Changes in the distribution of child well-being over the 1990s,” with R. Blank, *American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings*, 92(3), 2003, pp. 304-308.

Service – Professor Schoeni has an outstanding record of service to the profession and the university through his work on the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID). He helped secure funding and the overall grant involves seventeen researchers at seven different institutions and represents a real achievement in terms of coordination and design. He also has an impressive track record of participation and support of other units across this campus. He is co-principle investigator on the grant from the Department of Health and Human Services that provides core funding to the National Poverty Center at the Ford School. Faculty and students in Economics also benefit from the intellectual activities and other work of the poverty center.

External Reviews:

Reviewer (A)

“His experience at the Council of Economic Advisors, his years of experience as a producer of evidence for evidence-based policymaking, his ability to publish policy-focused research across an array of disciplinary journals and his success in multi-disciplinary teams makes him the perfect research based scholar for a public policy program.”

Reviewer (B)

“...he is a nationally and internationally recognized scholar who has made significant contributions to his field and to his institution.”

Reviewer (C)

“I have been particularly impressed with Bob’s leadership of the PSID and his success at working to secure new funding and funding strategies for this Study.”

Reviewer (D)

“His work on poverty among the aged, widowhood, and effects of welfare reform are particularly well-known... Bob can be assured to be a capable producer of outside support for research. ... I think he has made a significant impact in obtaining additional outside support for the PSID...”

Reviewer (E)

“Bob works at the intersection between demography and economics. This requires a certain amount of flexibility to shift between the two very different kinds of publications, but he has clearly been successful. ... It would be very difficult to replace him.”

Reviewer (F)

"I am completely amazed at all that Bob has accomplished and is on his way to accomplishing... The research is there, solid, multidisciplinary and in great places... The quantity and quality and breadth are all excellent..."

Reviewer (G)

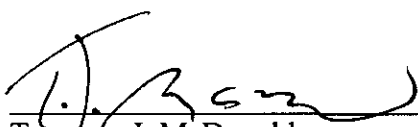
"Bob has worked on many substantive areas...with much success... Moreover, his work was extremely careful, very well documented, and even-handed in tone and presentation. ...I am very pleased to strongly recommend Bob Schoeni for this promotion."

Reviewer (H)

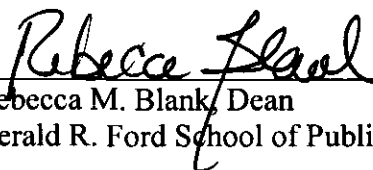
"His record of scholarly publication, successful interdisciplinary collaboration and grant support for his research make him a very attractive colleague."

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Schoeni's record of research, teaching, and service are exemplary. The Executive Committees of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy and we recommend that Associate Professor Robert F. Schoeni be promoted to the rank of professor of economics, without tenure, in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and professor of public policy, without tenure, in the Ford School of Public Policy.



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