

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MEDICAL SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

Approved by the Regents
May 15, 2008

Raymond G. De Vries, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Medical Education, without tenure, Department of Medical Education, and Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, without tenure, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medical School, is recommended for promotion to Professor of Medical Education, with tenure, Department of Medical Education, and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, without tenure, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medical School.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	1981	University of California, Davis
M.A.	1978	University of California, Davis
B.A.	1973	Westmont College, Santa Barbara

Professional Record:

2006-Present	Associate Professor of Medical Education, University of Michigan
2006-Present	Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Michigan
2006-Present	Adjunct Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Michigan
1988-2005	Professor, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota
1983-1888	Associate Professor and Chair, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, California.
1981-1983	Assistant Professor, Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Dr. De Vries has been very active in teaching for many years. He has taught undergraduate courses at St. Olaf College, Westmont College (Santa Barbara, CA); Gordon College (Wenham, Massachusetts); and University of California (Davis). The courses he has taught include: Sociology of Health and Illness, Research Methods, Introduction to Sociology, Ethics, Medicine and Society, Senior Seminar in Social Science, Social Theory, Statistics, Deviance, Sociology of Work, Urban Sociology, Sociology of the Family and Sociology of Law. He also taught medical students in bioethics seminars at the University of Minnesota. Since arriving at Michigan, he has twice taught "Introduction to Medical Sociology" in the Department of Sociology. Enrollment in each class is approximately 45 students. In the Fall of 2007, he taught a new undergraduate course "Sociology of Bioethics," which is the only undergraduate course focusing on bioethics at the University. He is also involved in the supervision of graduate students, postdoctoral students, and in seminars for medical students. During 2007, he received funds from President Coleman's Ethics in Public Life Program to work with four undergraduate students doing research on premedical education. The bioethics component of the Medical School curriculum often involves lectures followed by break-out discussion groups, and Dr. De Vries has been asked to run these sessions. Also, in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, his interactions with faculty

members of the Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine, the Science Technology and Reproductive Ethics Group, and the Nurse Midwifery Service have all been extremely positive with respect to teaching and scholarship.

Research: Dr. De Vries is an excellent and highly respected scholar, well-known in both sociology and bioethics circles. His areas of research interest are:

1. The regulation of science and the behavior of scientists
2. Research ethics in clinical trials of genetic therapies and deep brain stimulation
3. International research ethics
4. The social, ethical, and policy issues associated with "voluntary" cesarean section
5. Premedical education

Since his arrival at Michigan, Dr. De Vries has obtained NIH funding for 80% of his professional effort. He currently is involved in seven grants: PI on a National Library of Medicine Publication Grant entitled "Medicine and Medical Research in the Age of Bioethics" (\$224,000); PI on a grant entitled "Premedical Education and the Moral Foundations of Health Care" funded by the University of Michigan President's Ethics in Public Life Initiative (\$6,800); a Site Principal Investigator for the NIH funded "Looking into Common Daily Practices of Gene Therapy Clinical Research" (\$484,748); Co-Investigator on an NIH grant entitled "Therapeutic Misconception and the Ethics of Sham Surgery Controls in PD Research" (\$1,936,000); a Co-Investigator on NIH funded "Health Disparities: Leaders, Providers and Patients (\$379,000 for three years); and a Consultant on NIH funded "Procedural Justice, Identity and Research Integrity," (\$350,000 for three years). He is a lead for the Translational Research Ethics and Integrity Program (TREIP) Consultative Unit, which is part of the recently funded Clinical and Translational Science Award (\$9,413,054).

The national and international recognition of his work is evidenced by the large number of invitations to speak. Examples are an invitation from the European Molecular Biology Organization (Heidelberg, Germany) to speak on neuroethics, the group Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research asked him to speak on the sociology of IRBs at their annual meeting in 2007, and he was invited to edit a special section of "Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy" on bioethics and the sociology of trust. Also, Dr. De Vries and other members of his research team were invited to participate in the first World Conference on Research Integrity in Lisbon, Portugal, in September 2007, sponsored by the European Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Research Integrity.

As further evidence of his scholarship, he is a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the journal, *Sociology of Health and Illness*, and is the Lead Editor for a special issue of that journal on social science and bioethics, published in 2006, and is the Lead Editor of a special section of *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy* on "Bioethics and the Sociology of Trust," to be published in 2008. He is on the Editorial Boards of the *Journal of Perinatal Education and Illness, Crisis and Loss* and has been a reviewer for a number of journals including *Social Science and Medicine, Social Problems, Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law, Women and Health*. He has been a reviewer for such groups as the National Endowment for the Humanities for proposals in medical humanities, the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education grant program, and the National Science Foundation. He has organized and/or presided over a number of national meetings, such as sessions at the American Sociological Association annual meeting, the American Society of Bioethics and the Humanities annual meeting, the Midwest Sociological Society meetings, and the American Public Health Association annual meetings.

Recent and Significant Publications:

De Vries RG and Lemmens T: The social and cultural shaping of medical evidence: Case studies from pharmaceutical research and obstetric science. *Social Science & Medicine* 62:2694-2706, 2006.

De Vries RG, Anderson, MS, Martinson BC: Normal misbehavior: Scientists talk about the ethics of research. *Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics* 1(1):43-50, 2006.

Martinson, B.C., Anderson, M.S., De Vries, RG: Scientists behaving badly. *Nature* 435(9):737-738, 2005.

De Vries RG, Turner L, Orfali K, Bosc C.: Social Science and bioethics: The way forward. *Sociology of Health and Illness* 28(6):665-677, 2006.

Wrede S, Benoit C, Bourgeault IL, van Teijlingen ER, Sandall J, De Vries RG: Decentred comparative research: Context sensitive analysis of maternal health care. *Social Science and Medicine* 63:2986-2997, 2006.

Service: Dr. De Vries has an extensive list of memberships on local, national and international levels. Locally he is a member of the UMHHS Adult Ethics Committee. On the national and international level he is a member of three editorial boards, a reviewer for ten organizations and/or funding agencies, a reviewer for nine University and trade presses and a reviewer for 20 professional and scientific journals.

External Review:

Reviewer A: “Dr. De Vries is a pivotal figure in the efforts that are being made to more firmly integrate the social sciences and social and cultural thinking into the conceptual framework of bioethics...it could be said that Raymond De Vries is one of a relatively small group of social scientists who are forging, and contributing to what might be called a ‘sociology of bioethics.’”

Reviewer B: “He has tremendous powers of observation, analyzes data clearly, and communicates facts and interpretations well. His grant support, publications, and selection for such programs as that at the Institute for Advanced Study speak to the high regard of his peers and objective reviewers.”

Reviewer C: “The impact of De Vries’ research and teaching on medical education seems especially obvious to me—he promises to bring a keen eye for detail matched by a genuinely forthright address to the medical quandaries of the day. Students will immediately sense and take advantage of his powerful command of many subjects, and they will find in him a sympathetic mentor as well...he represents to me the best that sociology has to offer in the way of a professional and truly interdisciplinary role model.”

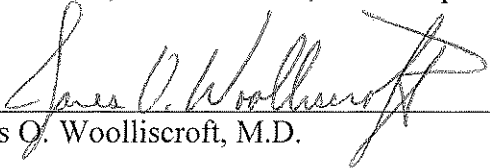
Reviewer D: “Dr. De Vries is recognized as a leading scholar of bioethics who has made important contributions to the field...Dr. De Vries has a strong publication record, not only in terms of peer-reviewed publications standard in schools of medicine, but also in terms of books and

book-chapters which are the appropriate metric for those from many disciplines such as sociology. In addition, he is establishing a track record for extramural funding.”

Reviewer E: “I can hardly think of any other colleague in the field of medical sociology who would better earn to be appointed to the level of Professor with tenure...With his publication record and high standards of research Dr. Ray De Vries would achieve the equivalent academic position at any major...university.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Dr. De Vries is an excellent and highly respected scholar, well-known in both sociology and bioethics circles. He is recognized as a dedicated and effective teacher. I am pleased to recommend him for promotion to Professor, with tenure, in the Department of Medical Education, and Professor, without tenure, in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.



James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.

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Lyle C. Roll Professor of Medicine

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