

Promotion Recommendation
The University of Michigan
School of Social Work

Approved by the Regents
May 15, 2008

Jorge Delva, associate professor of social work, with tenure, School of Social Work, is recommended for promotion to professor of social work, with tenure, in the School of Social Work.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	1996	University of Hawaii, Manoa, HI
M.S.W.	1992	University of Hawaii, Manoa, HI
B.S.W.	1989	University of Hawaii, Manoa, HI

Professional Record:

2004-present	Associate Professor, University of Michigan, School of Social Work
2003-present	Faculty Associate, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan
2003-present	Associate Faculty, Center for Social Epidemiology and Population Health, School of Public Health, University of Michigan
2002-2004	Assistant Professor, University of Michigan, School of Social Work
2001-2004	Adjunct Assistant Professor, The Johns Hopkins University, School of Public Health
1999-2002	Assistant Professor, Florida State University, School of Social Work
1997-1998	Post-doctoral Fellow, The Johns Hopkins University, School of Hygiene and Public Health

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Delva has taught a variety of classes in the School of Social Work, including required M.S.W. courses and specialized courses. Since his promotion to associate professor (2004), his classroom teaching has been somewhat restricted because of externally funded research, although he involves and mentors students in the research projects. He continues to teach an advanced M.S.W. course on evaluation and a pre/post-doctoral seminar on psychosocial factors in mental health and illness. He has developed innovative materials and drawn upon his own research and interdisciplinary background to enrich these courses. His course evaluations are strong. As a further indication of his stature as a teacher, he taught a course in the prestigious Interuniversity Consortium on Political and Social Research (ICPSR). In addition, he was asked by NIDA and the Pan American Health Organization to teach a course on analyzing epidemiological data. Professor Delva has served on numerous dissertation committees and as a mentor for several postdoctoral trainees. Finally, he has taken the initiative to serve as an advisor/mentor for undergraduate UROP and MHIRT students. In sum, he is a dedicated teacher who has shown a willingness to teach and monitor students at all levels.

Research: Professor Delva is an internationally recognized scholar on the epidemiology and etiology of substance use, abuse dependence. He has earned this reputation through significant journal articles and book chapters, and numerous invited presentations. His work has been generally characterized by reviewers as “cutting edge”, “innovative” and “influential.” He has supported his research program with funding from the National Institute for Drug Abuse and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation among others. His recently funded NIH/NIDA (RO-1) grant (2.8-million) on drug use among Latin American youth involves highly regarded Latin-American

scholars, and is emblematic of the quality of his work. Professor Delva's work is interdisciplinary and collaborative as evident in his multiple appointments and publication outlets. He is clearly a leading scholar in the field, and as one reviewer noted, he is to be applauded for "his global vision and his commitment to addressing drug abuse problems internationally."

Recent and Significant Publications:

- Delva, J., Johnston, L.D. & O'Malley, P.M. (in press). Student exposure to healthy and unhealthy foods in school: A study of grade, race/ethnic, and SES differences. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*.
- Delva, J., Grogan-Kaylor, A., Steinhoff, E., Siefert, K. & Eok-Shin, D. (2007). Using tobit regression analysis to further understand the association of youth alcohol problems with depression and parental factors among Korean adolescent females. *Journal of Preventive Medicine and Public Health*, 40, 145-149.
- Gee, G., Delva, J., Takeuchi, D.T. (2007). Perceived unfair treatment and the use of prescription medications, Illicit drugs, and alcohol dependence among Filipino Americans. *American Journal of Public Health*, 96, 933-940.
- Delva, J., O'Malley, P.M. & Johnston, L.D. (2006). Racial/ethnic and socioeconomic status differences in overweight and lifestyle habits among US students: National trends 1986-2003. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 39, 536-545.
- Delva, J., Tellez, M., Finlayson, T.L., Gretebeck, K.A., Siefert, K., Williams, D.R. & Ismail, A.I. (2006). Correlates of cigarette smoking among low-income African American women. *Ethnicity & Disease*, 16, 527-533.
- Delva, J., Wallace, J.M., Bachman, J., O'Malley, P.M., Johnston, L.D. & Schulenberg, J. (2005). The epidemiology of alcohol, cigarettes, and illicit drugs among Mexican American, Puerto Rican, Cuban American, and other Latin American youths in the U.S.: 1991-2002. *American Journal of Public Health*, 37, 232-237.

Service: Professor Delva has an exceptional service history. He was elected by his colleagues to serve on the School's Executive Committee and was just appointed co-director of the Curtis Research & Training Center in the School. His University service is equally compelling, and includes being on the Executive Committees of UMSARC and the UM Tobacco Research Network (UMTRN). He is also a member of the IRB for Health Research and served as the Expedited Review Chair for this committee. At the national level, Professor Delva serves as a grant reviewer for SAMHSA and CSAP among others. He also serves as an NIH reviewer for the International Research Scientist Development Award, and the recently established funding program for the Organization of American States by NIDA. Most recently, he was appointed editor-in-chief of *Social Work*, which is the premier journal of the National Association of Social Workers.

External Reviews:

Reviewer (A)

"His breadth of approaches in understanding emerging issues is quite literally at the cutting edge of his field... I believe that Dr. Delva's contributions to the field of social work have been exemplary in the last four years."

Reviewer (B)

“Clearly, Jorge is outstanding as a scholar and researcher. Few have his publication track record and even fewer his external funding record. What is also apparent from his perusal of his materials is that he has selected to focus on a topic area of research which is very important and in much need of attention.”

Reviewer (C)

“Dr. Delva’s research is eminently recognized, innovative, influential and of high scientific quality... Dr. Delva is considered to be a role model of a successful scientist and highly contemplative scholar among drug abuse researchers.”

Reviewer (D)

“Dr. Delva’s impressive scholarship over the past decade suggests that he is on track to become one of the nation’s leading cross-cultural psychosocial epidemiologists...(his work) should result in data that will be of profound importance to all scholars working in the fields of epidemiology and prevention research.”

Reviewer (E)

“He and his colleagues are expanding our understanding of substance use patterns and correlates...Dr. Delva’s overall levels of productivity are on target with promotion to full professor.”

Reviewer (F)

“His research can be characterized as of high merit in terms of its theoretical, logical, and methodological rigor... His scholarly work demonstrates a continuous level of excellence.”

Reviewer (G)

“It is apparent that Dr. Delva’s work has national and international acceptance and implication. To date, Dr. Delva’s scholarship exhibits tremendous accomplishment for such a young scholar.”

Summary of Recommendation: Professor Delva is an exceptional interdisciplinary researcher and scholar with an established national and international reputation for his work. He is an excellent teacher and a role model and mentor for post-doctoral, doctoral and masters students, chairing numerous doctoral committees and conducting seminars at international conferences. Finally, Professor Delva’s service to the School, the University and the professional community is exceptional. Accordingly, the Tenure and Promotion Committee of the School of Social Work and I recommend that Jorge Delva be promoted to professor of social work, with tenure, in the School of Social Work.



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