

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
The University of Michigan
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Approved by the Regents
May 14, 2009

Nicola Terrenato, associate professor of classical archaeology, with tenure, Department of Classical Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, is recommended for promotion to professor of classical archaeology, with tenure, Department of Classical Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D. 1994 University of Pisa
La Sapienza 1988 University of Rome

Professional Record:

2007 – present Associate Professor, Department of Classical Studies, University of Michigan
2003 – 2012 Director of the Summer Program in Archaeology, American Academy in Rome
2004 – 2007 Associate Professor, Department of Classics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1998 – 2004 Assistant Professor, Department of Classics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1996 – 1998 Visiting Research Fellow, University of Durham
1992 – 1996 Teaching and Research Assistant, University of Rome

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Terrenato is an excellent instructor. He has taught the introductory course in Roman archaeology as well as intermediate undergraduate and graduate classes. Even in his short time here, he has established himself as an advisor of undergraduate senior theses and of dissertations and preliminary examinations.

Research – Professor Terrenato is an expert in both fieldwork and archaeological theory, and his work on the rise of Roman imperialism is provocative and important for both archaeologists and historians. His new excavation at Gabii, near Rome, promises a wealth of new information about Italy under the Republic. He is energetic, and a leader in his field – maybe *the* leader of his generation.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Articulating Local Cultures: Power and Identity Under the Expanding Roman Republic, with P. Van Dommelen (co-ed.), Portsmouth, JRA, 2007.
“The essential countryside: farms, villages, sanctuaries, tombs,” in S. Alcock, R. Osborne, (eds.), *Classical Archaeology*, Blackwell, 2007, pp. 139-161.
“The deceptive archetype. Roman colonialism and post-colonial thought,” in *Ancient Colonizations. Analogy, Similarity and Difference*, H. Hurst and S. Owen, (eds.), Duckworth, 2005, pp. 59-72.

Service – Although Professor Terrenato has only been at the University since fall 2007, he has already had an impact as undergraduate advisor for classical archaeology and chair of the Undergraduate Affairs Committee. He has also been very active in revising procedures and curriculum in the Interdepartmental Program in Classical Art and Archaeology.

External Reviews:

Reviewer (A)

“Among Roman archaeologists currently active in the field, Terrenato clearly ranks among the leaders. He is an established and still rising authority in Italian landscape archaeology and is active not only in research (he publishes regularly in both Italian and English—an important facility for one in his field) but also in teaching and archaeological administration.”

Reviewer (B)

“I regard Dr. Terrenato as by far the best of his generation in Roman archaeology in North America. No one has close to his record of publication and field work, and no one has his ambitious plans for the future.”

Reviewer (C)

“It should be noted that T. is **the** consummate and tireless organizer of panels, of conferences, etc. and this too is a very positive contribution to the discipline. ...T. is a solid scholar...”

Reviewer (D)

“He has maintained a pace well beyond that of most practitioners of the craft. His interests extend not only to excavations and their analysis but to methodological questions and to theoretical underpinnings. He has a keen eye for the history of scholarship on each of his subjects which he deploys deftly to illuminate the significance of his own findings.”

Reviewer (E)

“He is a very considerable talent in the field of Roman archaeology, with much of his work also of high relevance to Roman historians. The intellectual brilliance that characterises his best work is a strong factor in favour of his case... His cv is full of honours, prizes and achievements, despite the difficulty of pursuing an academic career in the Italian system...”

Reviewer (F)

“There are few, if any, other early to mid career classical archaeologists who have also demonstrated such significant future promise. In short, I believe he is one [of] the leading scholars of his generation in the world working on Roman archaeology. I would guess that only a handful of the leading senior figures in the subject today would have had similar records at this stage in their careers...”

Reviewer (G)

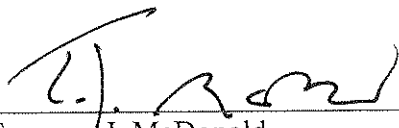
“He's written some major articles, directed important fieldwork, and run successful conferences. I'm confident that he's becoming one of the major figures in Roman archaeology and history, and will be a credit to the University of Michigan, continuing its tradition as a major center for classical archaeology.”

Reviewer (H)

“I would say without fear of exaggeration that Nicola ranks among the top five Roman archaeologists of his generation anywhere. His promise, between his innovative studies on Roman imperialism and his new major dig at Gabii, is absolutely exceptional.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Terrenato is a scholar and teacher of fully recognized international rank. In less than two years at Michigan he has shown his value in every area. The Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and I recommends that Nicola Terrenato be promoted to the rank of professor of classical archaeology, with tenure, Department of Classical Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.



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