

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION  
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
MEDICAL SCHOOL  
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

Approved by the Regents  
May 20, 2010

Mohammad Ghaziuddin, M.D., associate professor of psychiatry, with tenure, Department of Psychiatry, Medical School, is recommended for promotion to professor of psychiatry, with tenure, Department of Psychiatry, Medical School.

Academic Degrees:

M.R.C. Psych	1986	University of London, U.K.
M.D.	1980	Osmania University, India

Professional Record:

2004-present	Adjunct Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Michigan State University
2002-present	Associate Research Scientist, Autism & Communication Disorders Center, University of Michigan
1999-present	Associate Professor of Psychiatry, University of Michigan
1992-1999	Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Michigan
1990-1992	Lecturer, Department of Psychiatry, University of Michigan

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Dr. Ghaziuddin is program director, residency/fellowship training, child and adolescent psychiatry. The training program is one of the largest in the country, graduating six residents/fellows every year. Since appointed as director in 2005, Dr. Ghaziuddin has increased the national visibility of the program and succeeded in consistently filling all the training slots, an unusual achievement for a field which does not fill at least a quarter of its positions nationally. He coordinated a recent successful site visit by the RRC (2008). The training program passed without any citations, a unique achievement in the child psychiatry shortage specialty. He has also built international networks for the training program. Last year, he initiated a visiting fellowship for overseas doctors.

Dr. Ghaziuddin is consistently rated as very good to excellent in evaluations submitted by the residents/fellows. He received Best Teacher Award in 2007. He has established an expectation for academic scholarship within the training program, and as reflected by the number of presentations and publications of our residents/fellows, he has succeeded in raising the academic standards of the training program. In the last five years, five of psychiatry's graduating residents/fellows have chosen careers in academic child and adolescent psychiatry.

Research: Dr. Ghaziuddin's research is in the area of autism and Asperger syndrome. He has been awarded research grants as a principal investigator and a co-investigator. He is recognized as a national and international leader for his work as reflected by numerous extramural invitations, editorial board memberships, national committee memberships, and visiting professorships. Dr. Ghaziuddin is author of 67 peer-reviewed publications in international journals and seven chapters in text books. He is the author of "Mental Health Aspects of Autism and Asperger Syndrome," (Jessica Kingsley Press, London/Philadelphia, 2005). This 270-page single author book is the only textbook on the psychiatry of autism/Asperger syndrome published thus far. He also has another book in revision.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Ghaziuddin M: Defining the behavioral phenotype of Asperger syndrome. *J Autism Dev Disord* 38:138-142, 2008.

Kayaalp L, Dervent A, Saltik S, Uluduz D, Kayaalp IV, Demirbilek V, Ghaziuddin M: EEG abnormalities in West syndrome: correlation with the emergence of autistic features. *Brain Dev* 29(6):336-345, 2007.

Ghaziuddin M, Mountain-Kimchi K: Defining the intellectual profile of Asperger Syndrome: comparison with high-functioning autism. *J Autism Dev Disord* 34:279-284, 2004.

Gunter HL, Ghaziuddin M, Ellis HD: Asperger syndrome: tests of right hemisphere functioning and interhemispheric communication. *J Autism Dev Disord* 32:263-281, 2002.

Ghaziuddin M, Ghaziuddin N, Greden J: Depression in persons with autism: implications for research and clinical care. *J Autism Dev Disord* 32(4):299-306, 2002.

Service: Dr. Ghaziuddin has served the University of Michigan Health System in various capacities, including director of the Child Psychiatry Inpatient Unit. He is currently director of the Autism Spectrum Disorders Program in Psychiatry. Over the last five-six years, he has built a successful diagnostic evaluation/treatment program for children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorders, many of whom are multiply impaired. He is also director of the Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Clinic. Of note, this is the only service that serves the psychiatric needs of persons with these disorders across the lifespan.

Dr. Ghaziuddin is a reviewer for more than a dozen peer-reviewed journals. He has served as editor of an international journal (*Autism: an International Journal of Theory and Practice*). He is also associate editor/editorial board member of four international journals, including the prestigious *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*. He has been on study sections of funding agencies, both at home and abroad.

External Review:

Reviewer A: “Dr. Ghaziuddin is a productive scientist and on the basis of his productivity has certainly earned promotion to the rank of professor. I have cited his work for many years and truly believe that he has made important contributions to the understanding of many diagnostic issues associated with autism as well as the many vexing conceptual issues associated with comorbidity...His scholarship has impacted the field and has resulted in seminal advances, particularly in the area of autism.”

Reviewer B: “Mohammad Ghaziuddin is an internationally much appreciated clinical child psychiatrist researcher in the field of autism spectrum disorders. He has been one of the most important scholars in the research area of so called comorbidity of autism and Asperger syndrome, and in the attempt to delineate Asperger syndrome within the autism spectrum...Mohammad Ghaziuddin’s standing in the international community of child psychiatry researchers and high-level teachers is well established. He is active in ongoing research and has several important first- or last-author publications in high-ranking peer-reviewed journals in the past few years.”

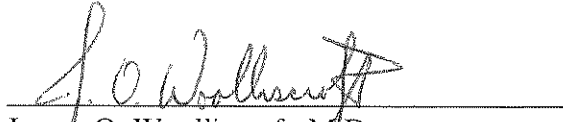
Reviewer C: “...Dr. Ghaziuddin’s international recognition in the field is clearly supported by the depth and breadth of his invited lectures. He has also been a regular invitee as a reviewer for NIH as well as study sections abroad. This level of impact and recognition is unprecedented in my experience with respect to professors in the instructional track. I frankly am amazed at Dr. Ghaziuddin’s consistent and sustained level of academic productivity in the face of the clinical and teaching responsibilities that he has carried...I believe Dr. Ghaziuddin meets every measure and criterion for promotion to Professor; taking everything into consideration, I believe he is in the top 1% in comparison to his peers.”

Reviewer D: “Dr. Ghaziuddin is one of the major international figures consulted for questions of mental illnesses in people with ASD and his work is substantial, thoughtful, and important...the scholarship of Dr. Ghaziuddin is superb and meets the highest national and international standards in our field. His contributions over the past two decades have been substantial and important. His written contributions and educational presentations have helped professionals, researchers, and family members interested in ASD all over the world. Dr. Ghaziuddin is a superb representative of your university and an excellent role model for what a Professor in his area should be. His collegiality and willingness to serve the field are additional attributes.”

Reviewer E: “He has been consistent in publishing his research work each year since 1988. He has been involved in at least one research grant as PI or investigator each year since 1997...Dr. Ghaziuddin was one of the first Researchers to focus on Asperger’s Disorder.”

Summary of Evaluation:

Dr. Ghaziuddin has been successful in combining his role as a clinician, researcher and educator. He has received awards both locally and nationally for his teaching and has built a recognized clinical program for the diagnosis and treatment of persons with autism. He has achieved international recognition for his work in the areas of psychiatric comorbidity and nosology of autism and Asperger syndrome, and established a nationally and internationally respected training program in child and adolescent psychiatry. For these reasons, I am pleased to recommend Dr. Ghaziuddin for promotion to professor in the Department of Psychiatry.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. O. Woolliscroft", written over a horizontal line.

James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.

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