

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
University of Michigan-Flint
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Political Science

Jason Evan Kosnoski, assistant professor of political science, Department of Political Science, College of Arts and Sciences, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of political science, with tenure, Department of Political Science, College of Arts and Sciences.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	2003	New School for Social Research, New York, New York
M.A.	1995	University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia
B.A.	1992	Drew University, Madison, New Jersey

Professional Record:

2005 – Present	Assistant Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan-Flint
Winter 2005	Adjunct Professor, City University of New York
2003 – 2005	Postdoctoral Fellow (Mellon Foundation), City University of New York
2000 – 2003	Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science, University of California at San Diego
2001 – 2003	Instructor, Department of Political Science, Mesa College, San Diego

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Kosnoski is a political theorist with a strong focus on the workings and experience of democracy. Students and peers favorably respond to his teaching, which has shown considerable growth and development over the past six years. He has taught eight different courses ranging from introductory political science and political theory to graduate courses in political thought. Professor Kosnoski took an active role in general education revision, and has become an active advisor and participant in departmental assessment efforts.

Research – With a book, *John Dewey and the Habits of Ethical Life* on point of publication, two articles since 2005 and three more scheduled for Fall/Winter 2010-11 publication, Professor Kosnoski presents a solid record of scholarly achievement that has been reviewed favorably by external evaluators. Future projects focusing on shrinking cities give promise of further work of high intellectual caliber.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Book

Kosnoski, Jason. *John Dewey and the Habits of Ethical Life: The Aesthetics of Political Organizing in a Liquid World*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2010.

Articles

Kosnoski, Jason. “The Work of Utopia: Ernst Bloch and Jacques Derrida on the Future of Marxism.” *Rethinking Marxism*. (Accepted, July 20th, 2010).

Kosnoski, Jason. “Artful Discussion: John Dewey’s Classroom as a Model Deliberative Association.” *Political Theory: An International Journal of Political Philosophy*. Vol. 33, # 5, 2005.

Kosnoski, Jason. "John Dewey's Social Aesthetics." *Polity; The Journal of the Northeastern Political Science Association*. Vol. 37, # 2, 193-216, 2005.

Reviews/Other

Kosnoski, Jason. "John Dewey." *Sage Encyclopedia of Political Theory*, Mark Bevir, ed. London: Sage Publications, 2010. pp. 381-384.

Kosnoski, Jason. "It's Not Just Academic: Union Rights on Campus." *City Limits Weekly*, May 27, 2008. http://www.citylimits.org/content/articles/viewarticle.cfm?article_id=3562

Service – Professor Kosnoski has established a good record of engagement at the College and University levels with active participation in general education discussions, extensive involvement with departmental issues and concerns, and pioneering efforts, which overlap with his teaching, as an American Democracy Project fellow. Professor Kosnoski also took a leading role in inviting and hosting the Myron and Margaret Winegarden Visiting Professor Stanley Aronowitz in winter 2007. In the wider community Professor Kosnoski serves on the board of the Restaurant Opportunity Center of Michigan and the Washtenaw County Worker Center, two organizations seeking the empowerment of categories of vulnerable workers.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A):

"...there is a great deal of interest in the book, the scholarship is of a very high standard, and I learned a lot from reading it. I am confident that the book will be well-received within the community of Dewey scholars, and may well command the attention of researchers working in the fields of deliberative democracy and communicative ethics as well."

Reviewer (B):

"... *John Dewey and the Habits of Ethical Life* will join, as an important addition, the still-expanding literature on Dewey. ... I have benefited intellectually from reading the work of Dr. Kosnoski and formed a high opinion of his qualities and future promise as a scholar."

Reviewer (C):

"Professor Kosnoski's articles in *Political Theory* and *Polity* (which form part of his book) are well placed – especially the former journal, the most prestigious in political theory."

Reviewer (D):

"... Kosnoski's work seems to me to be unusually creative in conception, carefully and thoroughly researched and argued, and distinctive in its orientation within a field that is too often dominated by a handful of, frankly, stale debates."

Reviewer (E):

"I would evaluate all of Kosnoski's scholarship included in the packet as high quality work that addresses central preoccupations of contemporary political theory and political science while also engaging inter- and cross-disciplinary questions and literatures in creative, engaging ways."

Reviewer (F):

"One of the especially wonderful qualities of Kosnoski's book is that it brings me back to that sense of excitement and enthusiasm all of us had several decades ago when we were first discovering Dewey. The pioneering scholarship of that generation ... – has now found a worthy heir in the work of Professor Kosnoski."

Summary of Recommendation:

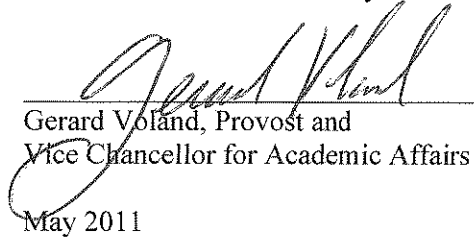
Professor Kosnoski combines the capabilities of a fine teacher with excellent scholarship and engaged service to the University and wider community. He is unanimously recommended for promotion to the rank of associate professor of political science, with tenure, Department of Political Science, College of Arts and Sciences.

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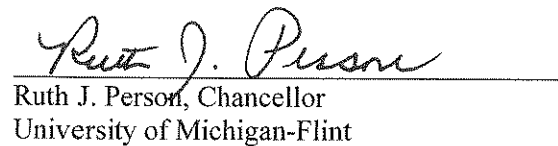


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Recommendation endorsed by:



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