

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

Cristina Moreiras-Menor, associate professor of Spanish, with tenure, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, and associate professor of women's studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, is recommended for promotion to professor of Spanish, with tenure, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, and professor of women's studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	1994	University of California, Davis
M.A.	1987	University of Georgia
Licenciatura	1982	Universidad de Santiago de Compostela

Professional Record:

2007 – present	Associate Professor, Department of Women's Studies, University of Michigan
2005 – 2007	Associate Professor, Women's Studies Program, University of Michigan
2002 – present	Associate Professor, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, University of Michigan
1996 – 2002	Assistant Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Yale University
1993 – 1996	Visiting Lecturer, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, North Carolina State University

Summary of Evaluations:

Teaching – Professor Moreiras-Menor is a highly successful teacher of modern Spanish literature and culture at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. She has taught a wide variety of classes, which are generally evaluated more favorably by students than comparable courses taught by other faculty members. She has directed twelve independent studies for graduate students. She has also served on a substantial number of Ph.D. preliminary examination committees and successfully directed twelve completed dissertations.

Research – Professor Moreiras-Menor is a specialist in the literary and cinematographic culture of modern and contemporary Spain. She is a cultural studies scholar who is well versed in political theory (particularly in regards to nationalism and fascism), film studies, Peninsular literature, and women's studies. She is widely recognized as a leading expert on post-Franco Spain with an emphasis on cultural production from the transition years (1975 to 1982) to the present. Her second book will appear next year with a major Spanish scholarly publisher. She is also a recognized specialist on the literature and culture of the northwestern Spanish region of Galicia, with a book in progress on its culture in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Recent and Significant Publications:

La Estela del tiempo: Imagen e historicidad en el cine español contemporáneo, Editorial Iberoamerica/Vervuert, forthcoming 2011.

“Nuevas fundaciones: temporalidad e historia en *La comunidad de Alex de la Inglesia*,” *Modern Languages Notes*, 123(2), 2008, pp. 374-395.

Beatus Ille, a novel by Antonio Muñoz Molina, *Fondo de cultura económica*, 2007.

Cultura Herida: Literatura y cine en la España democrática, Ediciones Libertarias, 2002.

Service – Professor Moreiras-Menor has an outstanding record of service to her department, having served as its associate chair, graduate chair, or acting chair for five of her first eight years on Michigan’s faculty. Her success in these important roles was confirmed by her selection as the current chair of her department (2010-present). Colleagues appreciate both her intellectual leadership and the spirit of unflappable good will with which she manages the practical matters over which she has responsibility.

External Reviews:

Reviewer (A)

“I regard her dossier as one of the most impressive I have had the pleasure of evaluating, with no weaknesses. I would certainly expect her to be promoted at my own institution. Indeed, it is quite rare to find someone with strengths so evenly spread across research, service, and teaching, in all of which she has made an outstanding contribution. It is admirable that her collegiality in holding significant major administrative positions has not prevented her from publishing a substantial amount of consistently first-class research.”

Reviewer (B)

“I have no doubt that Prof. Moreiras-Menor’s work qualifies her for the position of Professor at the University of Michigan. I consider her among the top five professionals in Modern Spanish Cultural Studies...”

Reviewer (C)

“...I would have absolutely no hesitation to vote for the promotion and celebrate having such a scholar in our own department. I very much hope that she receives this promotion at the University of Michigan. To my mind, she is clearly a most valuable colleague to all of us who work in this field, recognized nationally and internationally at the level of a full professor.”

Reviewer (D)

“Given this engagement with broader areas of exploration, as well as her work on some of the most pressing concerns with respect to contemporary Spain, such as issues of nationalism, identity politics, memory studies, historical legacies, and (post)dictatorial violence—many of which resonate far beyond the Spanish borders—Moreiras-Menor clearly makes a vital contribution to the academic exchange, as well as the disciplinary balance, of the University of Michigan’s Department of Romance Languages and Literatures.”

Reviewer (E)

“Professor Moreiras-Menor is a strong candidate. She has an impressive record of publications in the field of critical theory and Spanish modern and contemporary cultural history. Furthermore, with her book in progress, *Galicia y sus fronteras*...[she] promises to become a salient scholar in contemporary Galician cultural history.”

Reviewer (F)

“I believe Cristina Moreiras-Menor is today a highly visible senior scholar in our area, having become a respected voice among her peers. She is regarded as one [of] the leading scholars in Contemporary Spanish Studies and a pioneer in Galicia Studies. She compares very well in terms of solid scholarship, teaching excellence, and professional presence with other colleagues who have reached the rank of full professor in top American universities during the past years.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Moreiras-Menor has compiled an excellent record of research and teaching since joining the Michigan faculty in 2002. She is an important member of her primary academic department in terms intellectual and practical leadership. The Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and I recommend that Associate Professor Cristina Moreiras-Menor be promoted to the rank of professor of Spanish, with tenure, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, and professor of women’s studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.



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