

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

Lisa C. Nevett, associate professor of classical studies, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, is recommended for promotion to professor of classical studies, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	1993	University of Cambridge
M.Phil	1988	University of Cambridge
B.A.	1987	University of Cambridge, Clare College

Professional Record:

2006 – present	Associate Professor, Department of Classical Studies, University of Michigan
2006 – 2010	Associate Professor, Department of the History of Art, University of Michigan
2003 – 2006	Assistant Professor, Departments of Classical Studies and the History of Art, University of Michigan
1996 – 2003	Lecturer, Classical Studies, The Open University
1993 – 1996	British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Durham

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Nevett is a valuable asset to the teaching program in Classical Archaeology, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. She teaches a broad range of courses from entry level “Introduction to Greek Archaeology” to sophisticated graduate seminars. Professor Nevett’s area of specialization started in the Classical Greek world with household archaeology, but she has broadened her work in recent years to include the Roman era. This is reflected in her intermediate and advanced level courses, which cover Greek archaeological sites, cities, and colonization, but also venture into the Roman site of Pompeii and an overview of ancient housing in general. She has also been expanding her chronological range back to the Iron Age roots of classical Greece.

Research – Since our attempts to understand the ancient world have expanded to everyday life, non-elite culture, and the social contexts of elite literature and art, domestic space has come to be an essential area of study. Professor Nevett’s scholarly work, both before and after her tenure review, including two books and many articles, places her at the very top in this field.

Recent and Significant Publications

*Domestic Space in Antiquity*, Cambridge University Press, Key Themes in Ancient History Series, 2010.

“Domestic façades: a ‘feature’ of the urban landscape of Greek *poleis*?” in *Inside the City in the Greek World*, S. Owen and L. Preston (eds.), Oxbow, 2009, pp. 118-130.

“Ceramic typology and activity area analysis: A comparison from Greek domestic contexts,” in *Thinking about Space. The Potential of Surface Survey and Contextual Analysis in the*

*Analysis of Space in Roman Times*, H. Vanhaverbeke, et al. (eds.), *Studies in Eastern Mediterranean Archaeology*, 8, Brepols-Turnhout, 2008, pp. 153-160.

“Domestic architecture and household wealth: The case of ancient Greece,” in *The Durable House: Architecture, Ancestors and Origins*, R. Beck (ed.), University of Southern Illinois Press, 2007, pp. 365-379.

Service – Professor Nevett enthusiastically performs service assignments in the Department of Classical Studies, the core faculty of IPCAA, and, until recently, the faculty of the Department of the History of Art. Her service to IPCAA includes her ongoing membership on the program’s Executive Committee (2003-present), the Core Faculty Committee (since 2007), the Curriculum Subcommittee (2009-2010), and as the program’s graduate advisor (2003-2008, with leave during 2005-2006). As graduate advisor she has had multiple duties, which she has handled with efficiency and grace. Her service to the Department of Classical Studies since her last promotion includes membership on the department’s Executive Committee, service as undergraduate advisor in classical archaeology, and chair of the Undergraduate Committee.

Summary of External Reviews:

Reviewer (A)

“It would be hard to overestimate the contribution to learning and the advancement of knowledge and understanding that this important book is likely to represent. It marks, as does the spate of supporting invited articles and reviews in germane topics, her recognition as the leading historian of domestic social space in the Greco-Roman world.”

Reviewer (B)

“It is safe to say that Professor Nevett’s standing in the area of her expertise is high. She is very well known for her work in household archaeology and has been very productive over the course of her entire career with respect to this focus.”

Reviewer (C)

“I believe Professor Nevett’s standing is increasingly recognized as leading if not the leading figure in the field. Her work is more analytically robust than others, broader in scope yet tied to a deep and detailed knowledge of a vast corpus that covers all of the geographies and periods outlined above.”

Reviewer (D)

“At the present time, everyone working in Greek archaeology needs to be familiar with the work of Lisa Nevett, who has applied to Greek houses the methods of ‘household archaeology’ that were previously applied only to the houses of Pompeii.”

Reviewer (E)

“Lisa Nevett is a scholar of great intellectual integrity who has established herself, with humility, as the leading authority on Roman housing. Her ventures into other ancient arenas of art, architecture, and the landscape promise to pave exciting new paths for us to follow.”

Reviewer (F)

“Her work is extensively and frequently quoted and discussed (and then mainly in a positive way) in the international scholarship. One who works on Greek towns and housing cannot ‘avoid’ Nevelt’s work. Her expertise, I think, trangresses the narrow field of a specialist in a small field.”

Reviewer (G)

“Her analyses are methodologically sophisticated, employing statistics as well as models transplanted from other areas of archaeology and anthropology, as she seeks to tease informatin [sic] out of the locunose and difficult data of the excavated house. Her chronological range is admirably wide.”

Reviewer (H)

“Professor Nevelt is probably the preeminent archaeologist of classical Greek settlement space working in the English language.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Nevelt is a leading scholar in a significant field of Greek and Roman archaeology. She is a dedicated teacher of students from first-year to graduate, and she is a consistently reliable and helpful colleague. The Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and I recommend that Associate Professor Lisa C. Nevelt be promoted to professor of classical studies, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.



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