

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

Andrew J. Shryock, associate professor of anthropology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, is recommended for promotion to professor of anthropology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	1993	University of Michigan
M.A.	1987	University of Michigan
B.A.	1984	Georgia Southern College

Professional Record:

2002 – present	Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan
1999 – 2002	Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan
1995 – 1999	Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, State University of New York
1994 – 1995	Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan-Dearborn

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Shryock is an outstanding teacher, who excels at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. He has chaired twelve doctoral committees in anthropology and served on the committees of 29 other students in an array of disciplines, including anthropology, architecture, American studies, Near Eastern studies, political science, and sociology. He is committed to undergraduate teaching and has consistently taught a large survey course in anthropology. His skills as an undergraduate teacher have been widely recognized and were validated when he received Michigan's two highest teaching awards: the University Undergraduate Teaching Award (2006) and the Arthur Thurnau Professorship (2007).

Research – Professor Shryock is an acknowledged master of two related but different fields—the anthropology of Middle Eastern societies and of Arab Detroit. He has been developing a mastery of the emerging field, comparative and interdisciplinary, of deep history as a critical resource for historians and anthropologists. Professor Shryock has co-edited two books and jointly authored a third; written singly or jointly ten articles in journals; edited an internationally renowned journal; written or co-written eight chapters of edited books; co-edited and jointly authored five chapters of a book which is now in production; and edited and jointly authored two chapters of another book which is now in production at Wayne State University Press. Half of his second monograph, *Welcome and Trespass: The Politics of Hospitality in Jordan*, has been printed in article form and will be finished next year.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Deep History: The Architecture of Past and Present, with D. Smail, (co-ed.), University of California Press, in press.

Islamophobia/Islamophilia: Beyond the Politics of Enemy and Friend, edited volume, Indiana University Press, 2010.

Citizenship and Crisis: Arab Detroit after 9/11, DAAS Research Team, Russell Sage Foundation, 2009.

“Thinking about hospitality with Derrida, Kant, and the Balga Bedouin,” *Anthropos*, 103, 2008, pp. 405-421.

Service – Professor Shryock has contributed significantly to the Department of Anthropology, the College, and the University. He has served on the department’s Executive Committee and currently acts as director of Undergraduate Studies. At the College and University levels, he has served on the Steering and Executive Committees of the Institute for the Humanities, Islamic Studies Program, Museums Studies Program, and the Center for Research on Learning and Teaching. During the past four years, he has been the editor of *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, a leading international journal in the social sciences and humanities.

External Reviews:

Reviewer (A)

“...much to his credit, he has...responded to burning public issues, and even engaged in alternative research methods (survey research), in order to address resurgent racism and Islamophobia in the U.S. Having someone with his range of expertise would benefit any anthropology department.”

Reviewer (B)

“Andrew’s achievements since tenure are quite broad, and impressive. ...few anthropologists have worked more on American Arabs than has Andrew; his work taken together would be the most important single corpus on the subject.”

Reviewer (C)

“Dr. Shryock is the leading expert in the field of Middle East studies as well as Arab migration studies within the U.S. There is no question that any university should have someone of his double expertise, given the importance of the region to the world and of Arab groups to U.S. Society. Within both of these subfields of anthropology I would rank him among the top half dozen scholars in the world.”

Reviewer (D)

“Andrew Shryock is far and away the best ethnographer of the Middle East at present, and (in my judgment) is the best ethnographer of Arab diasporas anywhere. Beyond this, I rate him as one of the very best cultural anthropologists... The editorial work is equally impressive. CSSH [*Comparative Studies in Society and History*] was always a fine journal. It is now a great journal...”

Reviewer (E)

“Shryock’s statements of research and teaching are the best such documents that I have seen in the last quarter century. Of anthropologists of his cohort working primarily on the Middle East and North Africa, I rank Shryock as the best in the English-speaking world in terms of his ability

to join the main currents of social thought and pose questions that are good to think with, as Lévi-Strauss might have said.”

Reviewer (F)

“...[Shryock’s] work responds in serious and creative ways to the dramatic world events which have brought his two research field, the Middle East and the US, into knotty entanglement with each other. ... Shryock’s civic and intellectual response to that collision is exemplary and distinguished, and provides lessons for colleagues and students alike in the discipline of anthropology.”

Reviewer (G)

“...Shryock’s work is original, bold, and challenging. His idea that the politics of inclusion as citizens is as powerful and possibly damaging as the politics of exclusion is brilliant and well-evidenced through his continuing coverage of the Detroit and Arab communities. ... And as editor of *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, the linkages he establishes among the articles in each issue and the skill with which he summarizes them and conducts discussions are genuine ‘add-ons’ and not just mere descriptions or facilitations.”

Reviewer (H)

“...Andrew’s output has been staggering since his promotion to associate professor. ...Andrew clearly is sensitive to the problems of power, authorial voice, and the often vexed relationship of the Western scholar working in an area of the world still embroiled in Western—specifically American—imperial projects.”

Reviewer (I)

“The insight and the ambition are notable, and the anticipated book holds great promise. ...this is an academic record of superior production...”

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Shryock is widely recognized as a leading scholar in his field. He has played a key role in teaching, service and research in his department. The Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and I recommend that Associate Professor Andrew J. Shryock be promoted to the rank of professor of anthropology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.



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