

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

Nicholas A. Valentino, associate professor of communication studies, with tenure, and associate professor of political science, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, is recommended for promotion to professor of communication studies, with tenure, and professor of political science, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts [also being promoted to research professor, Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research].

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D. 1998 University of California, Los Angeles
B.A. 1990 Brown University

Professional Record:

2009 – present Associate Professor, Departments of Communications Studies and Political Science, and Research Associate Professor, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan
2007 – 2009 Mike Hogg Professor of Community Affairs, Department of Government, Adjunct Professor, Department of Communication Studies, and Faculty Associate, Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Participation, University of Texas
2004 – 2007 Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan
2003 – 2007 Associate Professor, Departments of Communication Studies and Political Science, and Research Associate Professor, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan
2003 – 2004 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan
2001 – 2003 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan
1998 – 2003 Assistant Professor, Department of Communication Studies, University of Michigan
1997 – 2003 Faculty Associate and Research Associate Professor, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan
1997 Instructor, Department of Communication Studies, University of Michigan

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Valentino is an excellent teacher. He teaches a broad range of undergraduate courses, from large lecture courses to smaller seminars, and covers topics that include political communication, political psychology, and the roles of race and emotion in political behavior. He receives strong evaluations for all of these courses, and students note his passion for teaching and his concern that students learn the material. Professor Valentino also excels at graduate teaching, both inside the classroom and more informally, with students from Communications Studies and Political Science actively seeking his advice.

Research – Professor Valentino has made significant contributions to our understanding of a range of areas, including race and politics, the role of emotion in politics, and experimental

methods. He is also widely regarded as an expert in the use of experiments to study political communication. Since his promotion to associate professor in 2003, he has published nine articles in peer-reviewed journals, six book chapters, and has six other papers under review and several working papers and book manuscripts.

Recent and Significant Publications:

“Sex and race: Are Black candidates more likely to be disadvantaged by sex scandals?” with A. Berinsky, et al., *Political Behavior*, forthcoming.

“Election night’s alright for fighting: The role of emotions in political participation,” with T. Brader, et al., *The Journal of Politics*, 73(1), 2011, pp. 1-15.

“What triggers public opposition to immigration? Anxiety, group cues, and immigration threat,” with T. Brader and E. Suhay, *American Journal of Political Science*, 52(4), 2008, pp. 959-978.

“Is a worried citizen a good citizen? Emotions, political information seeking, and learning via the internet,” with V. L. Hutchings, et al., *Political Psychology* 29(2), 2008, pp. 247-273.

Service – Professor Valentino is an exceptional provider of service. He has served on the Executive Committee as well as multiple search committees and promotion review committees in both departments. He is equally active in professional societies, serving on several editorial boards and award committees and reviewing for many journals. He also serves on the Board of Overseers for the American National Election Studies.

External Reviews:

Reviewer (A)

“Valentino’s research has been highly influential in several disciplines. He is a pacesetter whose work is at once innovative, influential, and socially important. . . .most of Valentino’s publications make major theoretical contributions that mark out new areas of inquiry for others to follow up on.”

Reviewer (B)

“What’s so striking with respect to Prof. Valentino is that his contributions to any list of the most significant recent books or articles spans several subfields, something that cannot be said as readily for most scholars of his (or any) vintage.”

Reviewer (C)

“This whole research agenda sheds light on some lasting questions... His findings have real implications for how people interact with our changing media environment and the big questions, now widely debated, as to whether or not the internet is good for democracy.”

Reviewer (D)

“...[Valentino] is one of the top scholars of his generation working at the intersection of political behavior, political psychology, and the mass media... By weaving cutting edge theories from political psychology into his empirical studies of behavior and the media, his work draws note in the field and makes him highly visible. Few scholars in his generation are more respected for their innovative use of experimental designs to work through tough issues of causality that confront his areas of interest.”

Reviewer (E)

"...Nick Valentino is an exceedingly influential figure within political behavior and political psychology research. His research is well funded. He has shown a consistent talent in brin[g]ing needed empirical insight and intellectual clarity to central political problems. ... When compared to his immediate contemporaries, he is a clear leader."

Reviewer (F)

"...Valentino's standing compares favorably to others who have been working in the field of political communication for about the same amount of time. ...I view him as one of the most remarkable scholars in political science, period."

Reviewer (G)

"Professor Valentino has taken his place as a major figure in political science and communications. He is one of the most active, and therefore visible, researchers in political psychology and media research... In fact, I cannot think of anyone who received his degree only a dozen years ago who is more prominent in the discipline."

Reviewer (H)

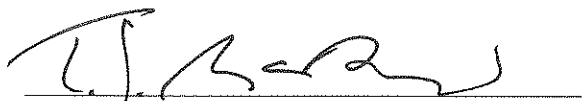
"Overall I would place him at the very top of those in his cohort working in the fields of racial politics and political communications. ... It is hard for me to see how one could come close to matching Nick's intelligence, broad-ranging interests, productivity, good research sense, and collegiality."

Reviewer (I)

"He has had an especially large impact on the study of racial cues and primes emanating from elites and media. He has also been a great advocate and example of the thoughtful application of experimental methods in political science... This is political communication and media studies scholarship of the highest rank."

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Valentino is an accomplished and influential scholar. He is also an excellent teacher, mentor, and provider of service. The Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and I recommend that Associate Professor Nicholas A. Valentino be promoted to the rank of professor of communication studies, with tenure, and professor of political science, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.



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