

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION  
The University of Michigan-Dearborn  
College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters  
Department of Social Sciences

Suzanne L. Bergeron, associate professor of women's studies, with tenure, and associate professor of social sciences, with tenure, Department of Social Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, is recommended for promotion to professor of women's studies, with tenure, and professor of social sciences, with tenure, Department of Social Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.

Academic Degrees

Ph.D.	1998	University of Notre Dame, economics
B.A.	1983	University of Massachusetts-Amherst, social thought and political economy

Professional Record

2005 – present	Associate Professor (with tenure), Women's Studies and Social Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn
1999 – 2005	Assistant Professor (without tenure), Women's Studies and Social Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn
1998-1999	Visiting Assistant Professor, Economics and Women's Studies, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Bergeron's teaching is rated excellent. Her teaching evaluations place her among the top instructors on campus. She is regarded as knowledgeable, effective in both teaching course material and communicating course requirements and expectations. She receives praise from her students for setting high standards for student achievement. Students laud her enthusiasm and engagement with the course material. They find her to be a very open and sympathetic instructor who is willing to spend abundant time outside the classroom in an effort to facilitate their understanding of course material. Many students remark that she has significantly impacted their lives or career choices. These positive evaluations extend across class size and course level. A laudatory assessment of Professor Bergeron by her students is found whether the course is an introduction to women's studies, economics, or environmental studies. Professor Bergeron has built the Women's and Gender Studies curriculum and created linkages to other programs. Since her arrival on campus she has created four new courses (Ecological Economics, Gender and Globalization, Feminist Theories, and Gender, Power & International Development).

Research: Professor Bergeron's research is rated excellent. She has published four journal articles and four book chapters since her promotion in 2005. Her dynamic and multidisciplinary writing crosses the boundaries of women's studies, economics, development studies, and sexuality studies. She is widely regarded as one of the leading feminist critics of international financial institutions in the world. Her work is regarded as insightful and cutting edge.

### Recent and Significant Publications

- Bergeron, S, "Economics, Performativity and Social Reproduction in Global Development" *Globalizations*, 8(2), 2011, 151-161.
- Bergeron, S, "Gender, Development and Global Householding" *Politics & Gender*, 6, 2, 2010, 281-288.
- Bergeron, S, "Shape-Shifting Neoliberalism and World Bank Education Policy: A Response to Stephen Klees" in *Globalization, Societies and Education*, Vol. 6, No. 4, Nov. 2009, 349-353.
- Bergeron, S, "Governing Gender in Neoliberal Restructuring: Economics, Performativity, and Social Reproduction." In *Gender and Global Restructuring* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition), Marianne Marchand and Anne Sisson Runyan, eds. New York: Routledge Press, 2010, 66-77.
- Bergeron, S, "Querying Economics' Straight Path to Development: Household Models Reconsidered." In A. Lind, ed. *Development, Sexual Rights and Global Governance*. New York: Routledge, 2009, 54-64.

Service: Professor Bergeron's service is rated excellent. During her probationary period she was one of the key faculty in the development of the Women's and Gender Studies major and the WILL (Women in Leadership and Learning) program. Both of these have made significant strides in terms of impact and visibility on campus. She has been program director of WGST since 2006. During this time she has also been a member of SOAR's advisory board, MALS advisory board, and a member of the Honors Faculty Committee. Her work outside the university is impressive as well. She has chaired or organized nine conference panels or roundtables since tenure. In addition, she has been on the Editorial Board of *International Feminist Journal of Politics* since 2008.

### External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: "[Bergeron] is widely recognized as one of the key academic experts in the area of the political economy of neoliberal restructuring, development, and gender....I consider Suzanne Bergeron to be one of the leading [junior] scholars in feminist development writing."

Reviewer B: "Professor Bergeron's scholarship is at the forefront of critical engagements with recent theory and policy related to gender and development. It is truly cutting edge; and her future research agenda on discourses of financialization as related to gender and development promises to continue her already established record of significant and path-breaking scholarship that addresses issues crucial to the field."

Reviewer C: "Her work on gender, economics, and development particularly global political economy of neoliberal governance has enriched our understanding of the intersections between gender, development and economics immensely...The quality of Dr. Bergeron's scholarship and the fact that she has published in some of the most reputable journals of the field...strongly suggests that her scholarship is deemed important by her peers and her reputation as a good scholar is well deserved."

Reviewer D: "Bergeron's work is of the utmost importance to those of us working at the border between economics and women's studies...[Her] contributions mark her as a uniquely talented, prolific, and insightful scholar."

Reviewer E: "[Her publications] reveal an admirable command of not only the pros and cons of the history and present practices of economists and development agencies such as the World Bank, but also of the most advanced current trends in political philosophy, epistemology, and sexuality studies. This is an extraordinary array of resources to bring to her topics."

Reviewer F: "I regard Dr. Bergeron as one of the leading feminist critics of international financial institutions, particularly the World Bank and the IMF...Her ability to dig deeply into the shortcomings of apparently progressive policies on gender by the World Bank has produced path-breaking scholarship."

Summary of Recommendation: Professor Bergeron is an outstanding teacher and a superb scholar. She is widely regarded as one of the foremost scholars in the world in the area of feminist criticism of international financial institutions. She is also an excellent teacher and mentor to students, both undergraduate and graduate. She enriched the college curriculum substantially by her innovative, multidisciplinary course offerings. Her leadership has had a profound impact on campus and to her profession. We are pleased to recommend Suzanne L. Bergeron to professor of women's studies, with tenure, and professor of social sciences, with tenure, Department of Social Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.



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Jerold L. Hale, Dean  
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Daniel Little, Chancellor  
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