

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION  
University of Michigan-Flint  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Department of History

Ami Pflugrad-Jackisch, assistant professor of history, Department of History, College of Arts and Sciences, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of history, with tenure, Department of History, College of Arts and Sciences.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	2005	University of Buffalo, Buffalo, New York
M.A.	1998	University of Maine, Orono, Maine
B.A.	1996	University of Buffalo, Buffalo, New York

Professional Record:

2006 – Present      Assistant Professor of History, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Over six years, Professor Pflugrad-Jackisch has developed thirteen courses, worked meaningfully in the area of academic assessment and supported not just the history concentration, but teacher preparation in history and social studies, the Women’s and Gender Studies concentration and NCATE accreditation efforts. She is a gifted teacher deeply focused on the active learning of her students

Research – Professor Pflugrad-Jackisch’s chief scholarly contribution is her monograph, Brothers of a Vow, which has been favorably reviewed by multiple peers. Additional publications supplement this record, while ongoing research demonstrates promise of significant future productivity.

Recent and Significant Publications:

*Book:*

Pflugrad-Jackisch, Ami. Brothers of a Vow: Secret Fraternal Organizations and the Transformation of White Male Culture in Antebellum Virginia. Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, 2010.

*Articles/Reviews:*

Pflugrad-Jackisch, Ami. “Brotherhood, Business, and White Male Respectability: Secret Fraternal Orders in Antebellum Virginia.” *Journal for Research into Freemasonry and Fraternalism*, Vol. 2 no.1: 38-59. March 2011.

- Pflugrad-Jackisch, Ami. Book Review: The Better Angels of Our Nature: Freemasonry in the American Civil War by Michael Halleran. University of Alabama Press, 2010. *Journal of Southern History*, Vol. 77 no. 3: 724-725. August 2011.
- Pflugrad-Jackisch, Ami. "Dove, John." Dictionary of Virginia Biography, Volume 4, ed. Sara B. Bearss. et. al. Richmond: The Library of Virginia, forthcoming.
- Pflugrad-Jackisch, Ami. "Fraternal Societies." The Early Republic and Antebellum America: An Encyclopedia of Social, Political, Cultural, and Economic History, ed. Christopher Bates. Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe, 374-376. 2010.
- Pflugrad-Jackisch, Ami. "Clopton, John Bacon." Dictionary of Virginia Biography, Volume 3: ed. Sara B. Bearss, et. al. Richmond: The Library of Virginia, 307-309. 2006.

*Works in Progress:*

- Pflugrad-Jackisch, Ami. Research Project: "Remembering Gender: Women, Politics, and the American Revolution in Antebellum America."
- Pflugrad-Jackisch, Ami. Research Project: "Mary Willing Byrd and the Women of Westover."

Service – Professor Pflugrad-Jackisch has ably served her department, College, University and profession through a variety of activities including conference organization, service on the NCATE Diversity committee and service as core faculty in the Women's and Gender Studies Program. She is an increasingly sought after and valued colleague in committee work.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A):

"Prof. Pflugrad-Jackisch's *Brothers of a Vow: Secret Fraternal Organizations and the Transformation of White Male Culture in Antebellum Virginia* is a solid monograph. Her writing is clear and crisp. She notes the relevant literature and locates her research intelligently within it. The result is a tightly focused work that links discussions of American fraternal orders with discussions of social development in the antebellum South."

Reviewer (B):

"I am quite pleased to have been made aware of her book *Brothers of a Vow: Secret Fraternal Orders and the Transformation of White Male Culture in Antebellum Virginia* (2010) which I consider to be a real gem. Using extensive research in manuscript and printed sources, including speeches and newspapers but also privately-held Lodge records, the study makes an important contribution to our understanding of masculinity in antebellum Virginia through its examination of secret fraternal societies. *Brothers of a Vow* is especially welcome given the existing literature's emphasis on rough-and-tumble manliness in the antebellum South and the over-reliance of studies on the experiences of elites."

Reviewer (C):

"... Pflugrad-Jackisch takes a topic – fraternal orders – that at first seems like a minor facet of the much larger story of American manhood and reveals how it reflected on many, if not most, of the central questions of the era. ... In light of the quality of her first book, I am confident that Professor Pflugrad-Jackisch will quickly join the ranks of the most creative [junior] scholars of antebellum America."

Reviewer (D):

“Brothers of a Vow demonstrates that Ami Pflugrad-Jackisch is an exceptionally skilled and influential historian – a major talent among her cohort and certain to have a long and distinguished career. The University of Michigan-Flint is lucky to have her.”

Reviewer (E):

“Brothers of a Vow represents admirable work in social history and archival research. It relies on a vast array of primary source (archival) evidence. ... Prof. Ami Pflugrad-Jackisch’s scholarship marks her as a serious and respectable scholar.”

Reviewer (F):

“... her writing is clear and easily accessible to both scholars and a broader audience. Finally, she effortlessly engages the historiography, demonstrating both a wide-ranging knowledge of the relevant literature while also offering her own commentary on how her conclusions can and should challenge the long-accepted work of historians.”

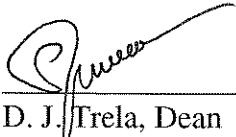
Reviewer (G):

“She has, in the six years since completing her Ph.D., established an impressive publication record that makes important contributions to the history of the southern United States.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Based on an exemplary record in teaching, research and service, the Department of History, College of Arts and Sciences Executive Committee, and I unanimously and enthusiastically recommend the promotion of Amy Pflugrad-Jackisch to the rank of associate professor of history, with tenure, Department of History, College of Arts and Sciences.

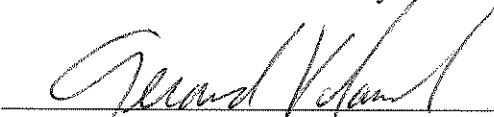
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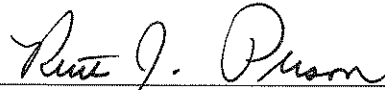
D. J. Trela, Dean  
College of Arts and Sciences

Recommendation endorsed by:



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Gerard Voland, Provost and  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs



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Ruth J. Person, Chancellor  
University of Michigan-Flint

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