

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

Sara L. Forsdyke, associate professor of Greek and Latin, with tenure, Department of Classical Studies, and associate professor of history, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, is recommended for promotion to professor of Greek and Latin, with tenure, Department of Classical Studies, and professor of history, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	1997	Princeton University
M.A.	1994	Princeton University
M.A.	1991	Queen's University
B.A.	1990	Harvard University

Professional Record:

2010 – present	Director, Interdepartmental Program in Greek and Roman History, University of Michigan
2009 – present	Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Michigan
2006 – present	Associate Professor, Department of Classical Studies, University of Michigan
1998 – 2006	Assistant Professor, Department of Classical Studies, University of Michigan
1997 – 1998	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Classical Studies, University of Michigan

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Forsdyke's teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels is innovative, multidisciplinary, and strong on the foundations. In her role as an undergraduate instructor, her courses range from elementary language instruction to large lecture classes covering the breadth of Greek civilization. She teaches a course on slavery that fulfills the race and ethnicity requirement and incorporates advanced technologies and interactive modules into her large introductory lecture course. She has made changes to the graduate curriculum and participates in international collaborative teaching as well. She has served as chair or co-chair of five graduate dissertations and has acted as a member for an additional five.

Research – Professor Forsdyke specializes in early Greek history and culture, drawing methods from anthropology and political theory as well as classical philology. Her first book, Exile, Ostracism and Democracy was published in 2006 by Princeton University Press. Her second book manuscript, Slaves Tell Tales, focuses on non-elite members of society and how they interacted with institutions of the state. Professor Forsdyke has continued to publish articles, mostly as chapters in edited volumes, and she has a further volume on slavery underway.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Slaves Tell Tales and other Episodes in the Politics of Popular Culture in Ancient Greece, Princeton University Press, forthcoming 2012.

“Street theater and popular justice in ancient Greece,” *Past and Present*, 201, 2008, pp. 3-50.

“The uses and abuses of tyranny,” in *The Blackwell Companion to Ancient Political Thought*, R. Balot (ed.), Wiley–Blackwell, 2009, pp. 231-246.

“Peer-polity interaction and cultural competition in sixth-century Greece,” in *Competition in the Ancient World*, N. Fisher and H. van Wees (eds.), Wales University Press, 2011, pp. 147-174.

Service – Professor Forsdyke has served on several important committees in the Department of Classical Studies. She has been director of the Interdepartmental Program in Greek and Roman History since 2010, and she was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the American Philological Association.

External Reviews:

Reviewer (A)

“...Forsdyke is a first-rate scholar with an outstanding research program. She has ambitiously and creatively taken on challenging projects that have important implications for our understanding of the social, political, and cultural history of ancient Greece. Her 2005 book on exile is top-notch and much cited; her forthcoming book on popular culture is of equal quality and I expect it will have a significant impact...”

Reviewer (B)

“As a result of her productivity and the quality and importance of her work, Sara’s visibility at the national and international level is high. Her articles have, almost without exception, been placed in the top journals...or presses in the field... Her service as a referee and book reviewer has been in demand with an equally prestigious and even larger and more international group of journals and presses, another mark of the respect in which her scholarship is held.”

Reviewer (C)

“...across the body of her work not only have important insights been added to the current fields of study, but also new fields of enquiry have...been investigated and opened up for further research.”

Reviewer (D)

“...her reach is exceptionally broad, and her range of ongoing projects of substance and promise underlines what is obvious anyway: she will continue to be an original and productive scholar. The publication of her second book is going to fortify her position among the leaders in her generation of ancient historians, both nationally and internationally. ...she can look forward to a rich and distinguished career in her field.”

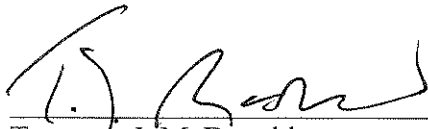
Reviewer (E)

“Taken as a whole, her published work makes an important contribution to our understanding of Greek political and social history or, more precisely, what we might call the social dimension of

Greek political history: the lived experience of average citizens (and non-citizens) within the Greek polis.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Forsdyke has become a recognized authority on the social dimension of Greek political history. She is an excellent teacher and has given important service to her department and her research field. The Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and I recommend that Associate Professor Sara L. Forsdyke be promoted to the rank of professor of Greek and Latin, with tenure, Department of Classical Studies, and professor of history, without tenure, in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.



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