

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

Greta R. Krippner, assistant professor of sociology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of sociology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	2003	University of Wisconsin, Madison
M.A.	1995	University of Wisconsin, Madison
B.A.	1993	University of Iowa

Professional Record:

2007 – present	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan
2003 – 2006	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Krippner’s teaching record was recognized when she was nominated for LSA’s Excellence in Education Award (2010). She has taught economic sociology and sociological theory at the undergraduate level and theories and practices of sociology (a core course) at the graduate level. Professor Krippner is currently chairing two and serving on five dissertation committees. She has also supervised graduate independent reading courses, undergraduate honors theses, and an undergraduate independent study. She facilitated the Graduate Student Workshop in winter term 2008, coordinates the Economic Sociology Workshop, and occasionally participates in the Culture, History, and Politics Workshop.

Research – Professor Krippner’s scholarship rests at the intersection of economic, political, and organizational sociology, integrating these approaches in order to understand the changing relationship between states and markets in contemporary capitalist societies. She has published a book, Capitalizing on Crisis, and nine articles and book chapters (six as sole author and three as co-author). Few economic sociologists focus their attention on the macro-economic theories and policies that are becoming Professor Krippner’s recognizable stock in trade. She also employs an organizational sociologist’s attention to mechanism and process and a comparative-historical scholar’s attention to historical detail, temporality, and contingency.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Capitalizing on Crisis: The Political Origins of the Rise of Finance, Harvard University Press, 2011

“The political economy of financial exuberance,” in Markets on Trial: The Economic Sociology of the U.S. Financial Crisis. Research in the Sociology Organizations, 2010, pp. 141-173 (named 2011 Outstanding Author Contribution from the Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence).

“The making of U.S. monetary policy: Central Bank transparency and the neoliberal dilemma,” Theory & Society, 36(6), pp. 477-513 (winner of the 2009 Viviana Zelizer Award from the Economic Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association).

Service – Professor Krippner has served on departmental committees. She has also been active on campus serving as guest curator for the Interdisciplinary Committee on Organizational Studies (ICOS) lecture series in 2008. Professor Krippner is an active member of the American Sociological Association (ASA), taking on leadership and organizational positions in five different sections. She co-edited the newsletter of the Comparative Historical Sociology section, and has served on the Book Prize Committee for the Economic Sociology section. She also organized several ASA panels on a variety of topics.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A)

“Her ability to move adroitly between the economic headlines of the day and the larger historical processes of which today’s headlines are an expression is great tribute to her intellectual agility and ability to move from the empirical to the theoretical and the micro to the macro. Greta Krippner is a very, very solid scholar. She has written a substantial body of work that is not huge in its volume, but is carefully done, persuasive and meaningful.”

Reviewer (B)

“She is among the best sociologists [of her generation] I know. She is a credit to our discipline. ... She has so many qualities that her tenure has to be a foregone conclusion.”

Reviewer (C)

“The excellence of Krippner’s scholarship has already been recognized by a number of prestigious prizes... Although she is still an assistant professor, her work is already having an impact in economic sociology and she is recognized as one of the few sociologists with real expertise in financial topics.”

Reviewer (D)

“Krippner demonstrates a conceptual clarity that is both generous and incisive. ... Krippner’s own commitments are to the less-developed perspective, the engagement of economic sociology with well-established traditions of political economy rather than the array of network-oriented organizational sociology. Thus she has the advantage of being both engaged in a broader community and representative of a distinctive theoretical perspective.”

Reviewer (E)

“My own very high regard for Krippner’s work is widely shared. ...she is the one person [of her generation] who is consistently invited to appear on panels, and at invited conferences... I see the book...as among the most interesting works in the very rich field of economic sociology, and view Krippner as one of a handful of people [of her generation] likely to have a lasting impact.”

Reviewer (F)

“Having Krippner as a tenured member of your faculty will give Michigan one of the top economic sociologists of the generation that is currently coming of age... Given the ever more prominent role of the financial arena in the contemporary political economy, Krippner’s specialization in the sociology of finance will make her an even more prominent figure in the discipline.”

Reviewer (G)

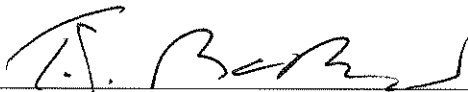
“Although many others are currently interested in examining the role of the state in the development of economic configurations, I know of no one who has done this with the historical breadth for the issue of financialization as has Krippner. ... My sense is that she is already a leading figure in the field...”

Reviewer (H)

“I do not know of any other study in sociology that provides such a coherent and rigorous examination of how policy makers in the Reagan administration contributed to incentives leading to greater emphasis on financial markets as a source of profits for corporations than Professor Krippner's book-length study.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Krippner is able to mutually inform historical and economic sociology of the role of macro-level political processes in the formation of financial systems. She is a dedicated teacher and mentor, and a committed departmental citizen. The Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and I recommend that Assistant Professor Greta R. Krippner be promoted to the rank of associate professor of sociology, with tenure, in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.



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