

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

Nansook Park, associate professor of psychology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, is recommended for promotion to professor of psychology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	2000	University of South Carolina
M.A.	1992	Yonsei University
B.A.	1990	Yonsei University

Professional Record:

2009 – present	Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Michigan
2009	Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Rhode Island
2005 – 2009	Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Rhode Island
2000 – 2005	Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Rhode Island

Summary of Evaluations:

Teaching – Professor Park is a creative and successful teacher and mentor. She has taught courses at all levels and all class sizes. Student evaluations are very high for all her formal teaching assignments. Letters from undergraduate and graduate students alike report that Professor Park is a dedicated mentor who reaches out to students from under-represented backgrounds in research to encourage participation in her research program.

Research – Professor Park has achieved national and international recognition for her research program in the field of positive psychology. She has an impressive record of productivity having published 20 peer-reviewed papers and 13 chapters. While she has published a significant number of articles in leading journals, she has also published in the new journals in the field. She has been nearly continuously funded since 2000 as a principle investigator or co-principle investigator on grants from a wide variety of sources. Professor Park has received a very large number of invitations for talks, workshops, and presentations at meetings.

Recent and Significant Publications:

- “Military children and families: Strengths and challenges during peace and war,” *American Psychologist*, 66, 2011, pp. 65-72.
- “Does it matter where we live? Toward an urban psychology of character strengths,” with C. Peterson, *American Psychologist*, 65, 2010, pp. 535-547.
- “Achieving and sustaining a good life,” with C. Peterson, *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, 4, 2009, pp. 422-428.
- “Moral competence and character strengths among adolescents: The development and validation of the Values in Action Inventory of Strengths for Youth,” with C. Peterson, *Journal of Adolescence*, 29, 2006, pp. 891-910.

Service – Professor Park’s service record is outstanding. She serves on three to five committees each year at Michigan and as co-director of the Center for Positive Psychology. She also serves in editorial capacities on several journals, on conference committees, and as reviewer for major funding agencies. She consults with schools and research programs around the world.

External Reviews:

Reviewer (A)

“She has...published regularly and prolifically in the area of positive psychology... .Dr. Park’s career trajectory is gaining momentum. ...as she had expanded the scope of her research, it has gained both stature and impact.”

Reviewer (B)

“She is a first-rate scholar who does interesting and important research, and this should continue for decades to come. ... She has an impressive grant record. ...Park has published in many of the top journals.”

Reviewer (C)

“Dr. Park’s scholarly accomplishments are impressive in both quantity and impact... I consider her to be one of the leading scholars, both nationally and internationally, in the emerging area of positive psychology.”

Reviewer (D)

“...she has attained national and international visibility, both as a substantively creative scholar and as a scientist conducting theoretically-predicated and methodologically rigorous research... The combination of substantive significance, methodological rigor, and applied importance...is in fact emblematic of her overall research program, a program that has resulted in her work becoming ‘required reading’ among basic and applied psychological scientists in the US and internationally.”

Reviewer (E)

“...Dr. Park’s scholarship drives both the theoretical development of positive psychology and its application in tangibly improving the lives of everyday human beings. ...[the Army’s Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program] was recently summarized in a special issue of the *American Psychologist* (2011, Vol 66). ... I cannot think of instances where a psychologist’s work has had this degree of impact in so short of time.”

Reviewer (F)

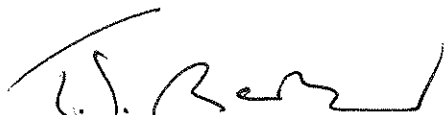
“She also has an outstanding record of securing extramural funding for her work. I note that over the course of her career she has received funding from the NIH and from a host of private foundations including the Annenberg foundation and the Templeton Foundation.”

Reviewer (G)

“Her work is not only of international caliber, she is clearly one of the most important scientific contributors to positive psychology. ...this is a very positive evaluation. Dr. Park is first-rate. It is my opinion that she would be granted Full Professorship at all universities I know.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Park's research, teaching, and service are of the highest caliber. The Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and I recommend that Associate Professor Nansook Park be promoted to the rank of professor of psychology, with tenure, in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.



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