

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

Illir Miteza, associate professor of economics, with tenure, Department of Social Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, is recommended for promotion to professor of economics, with tenure, Department of Social Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.

Academic Degrees:

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| Ph.D. | 2001 | University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee |
| M.A.  | 1997 | University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee |
| B.A.  | 1991 | University of Tirana-Albania      |

Professional Record:

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| 2012 – Present | Associate Dean, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn          |
| 2007 – Present | Associate Professor of Economics, Department of Social Sciences, University of Michigan-Dearborn |
| 2001 – 2007    | Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Social Sciences, University of Michigan-Dearborn |
| 1992 – 1995    | Various positions, Central Bank of Albania   |

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Miteza is rated excellent in teaching. In addition to the introductory macroeconomics class, which serves an important role for many concentrations across the entire campus, his teaching repertoire includes one required theory class, one 400-level seminar, and two upper division electives. He represents a pillar of our course offerings. His student evaluations are very positive, averaging 4.6 (scale of 1 to 5) in the introductory class, and 4.7 in his upper division classes. He was the first economist to develop an entirely online course, and continues to offer it today. In his teaching he has developed and instituted a variety of pedagogical innovations, particularly some which are web-based. With such technological expertise, we are impressed that his student evaluations often comment on his concern for students' learning – especially of those on the lower end of the grade distribution – and that he regularly makes himself available for extra consultations to effect that goal. Our poll of alumni returned many favorable comments on his effectiveness at communication and his ability to encourage productive discussions, as well as the fact that his classes are challenging. After a recent visit to one of his classes, a senior economics colleague praised the clarity and preparation of his lecture, while complimenting his ability to engage the students and get them thinking and produce a lively discussion of the issues.

Research: Professor Miteza is rated excellent in his research. He has published five articles in refereed journals since his promotion to associate professor, and continues to be active in professional associations and their conferences. His general area of research is international macroeconomics, and his work addresses important questions relating to current problems in the European Union, special issues of the countries emerging from the ex-Soviet bloc, and general

questions relating to exchange rates. His key contributions involve the application of sophisticated, innovative statistical techniques to this analysis. There were three aspects of his published work that his outside evaluators all chose to praise in their letters: 1) the care with which he presented his literature review; 2) the fact that he chose to study important contemporary issues in his field and applied cutting-edge statistical techniques in his analysis; and 3) the quality of his discussion of the policy implications of his results, which several reviewers state is untypical of new empirical work in this field. The evaluators were equally unanimous in highlighting the future prospects of continued success in his research efforts, and they viewed his research achievements as being impressive in comparison with scholars at other schools with a heavy teaching load.

Recent and Significant Publications:

- Miteza, I. (2012), The law of one price in six Central and Eastern European economies, *Comparative Economic Studies*, Vol. 54, pp. 581-596.
- Miteza, I. (2012), Fiscal deficits, current deficits and investment: A panel causality framework of 20 OECD countries, *Applied Econometrics and International Development*, Vol. 12/1, pp. 5-18.
- Miteza, I. (2009), Non-linear dynamics in money demand: Evidence from Korea, *Journal of International Finance and Economics*, Vol. 9, No. 5, pp. 81-91.
- Bahmani-Oskooee, M., Miteza, I., and Goswami, G. (2008), Could changes in Black Market exchange rates be expansionary in LDCs? *Economics Bulletin*, Vol. 6/13, pp. 1-9.
- Miteza, I. (2006), Exchange rates and non-linear dynamics in output: Evidence from Bulgaria, *East-West Journal of Economics and Business*. Vol. 9/1, pp. 91-115

Service: Professor Miteza is rated excellent in his service. He has made numerous contributions across the campus, from specific assignments at the department, college and campus level, to creative non-routine activities, one of which will be mentioned below. Inside the Economics Discipline, he has been discipline representative, course scheduler, a participant in Search Committees, and performed myriad other tasks. At the department level, in addition to his work on the Executive Committee, he has been quite supportive of the new Masters of Public Policy, playing key roles in designing MPP tracks in Economics and International Policy Studies, which are still in the approval process. At the college level, he served on the CASL Online Committee, and recently was appointed as associate dean. At the campus level, he served one term on the Faculty Senate, and was re-elected for a second term, from which he was obliged to resign when he accepted the position as associate dean. Beyond that sizeable body of work, he is noted for having given various lectures about current economic events on campus and to groups off-campus. One special contribution was his voluntary teaching of an introductory economics course at the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility in Ypsilanti. With regard to this activity, the head of Michigan's Department of Corrections sent a thank-you note to the CASL's Dean, stating, "Having the opportunity to participate in college programming is obviously a tremendous benefit to prisoners, and they are truly excited to be able to participate."

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: "As a former journal editor, I am especially impressed with three aspects of Professor Miteza's work... [He] identifies interesting, unresolved issues... and develops new

results based on solid empirical work well grounded in institutional information and economic theory... With respect to [his] future development, I think the situation is very promising.”

Reviewer B: “I would rate the quality of Professor Miteza’s research as *strong*... [it is] compelling... the techniques he uses are on the frontier and he applies them in smart and sensible ways to produce results that add to the literature. [His research] record compares quite favorably [to colleagues in peer institutions]... I have full confidence that he will continue to be productive....”

Reviewer C: “[I]mportant findings... impressive finding... His work seems careful and interesting... [Another] paper presents intriguing results on an important issue... [His] work has been having an impact, and I predict his current work will also be cited in coming years. This all bodes well for his continued research productivity and continued development as a scholar.”

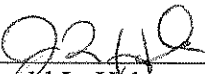
Reviewer D: “[T]his paper not only addresses an important statistical problem, but also addresses an important economic issue... ...[it] provides new insights to an important question... I am impressed with his research. He is not bashful in entering into the fray in researching important questions. I would expect that he will be involved in researching many new and interesting questions in the future.”


Reviewer E: “Professor Miteza’s work is characterized by the careful application of state-of-the-art econometric methods to interesting economic problems... This is a very interesting paper that makes a solid contribution to the literature... [His] papers constitute a solid contribution to applied time series econometrics. [He] has diversified in terms of both topics and co-authors, which augurs well for his future productivity. He should be a strong candidate for Promotion to Full Professor.”

Reviewer F: “... a strong publication record... [He] has produced a substantial body of research... since the time of his tenure promotion ... [He] has again keyed in on an important practical mainstream topic with this research. ... I am confident that [he] would rank favorably, and in any event, his level of productivity is to be commended.”

Summary of Recommendation:

We are very pleased to recommend, with strong support of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters Executive Committee, Ilir Miteza for promotion to professor of economics, with tenure, Department of Social Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.

  
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Dean  
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