

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

Arthur Mfw. Verhoogt, associate professor of papyrology and Greek, with tenure, Department of Classical Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, is recommended for promotion to professor of papyrology and Greek, with tenure, Department of Classical Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Academic Degrees:

M. A.	1990	University of Leiden
Ph.D.	1997	University of Leiden

Professional Record:

2009 – present	Acting Archivist, Papyrology Collection, University of Michigan Library
2004 – present	Associate Professor, Department of Classical Studies, University of Michigan
2001 – 2004	Assistant Professor, Department of Classical Studies, University of Michigan
2000	Visiting Professor of Papyrology, University of Trier, Germany
1998 – 1999	Visiting Professor of Papyrology, University of Trier, Germany
1997 – 2000	Consulting Papyrologist, The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley
1990 – 2000	Reader in Greek Papyrology, University of Leiden

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Verhoogt has continued to teach a wide range of courses with great success. He has taught small seminars and large lecture courses on Greek literature in translation and more specialized courses on the Greek language and papyrology. He reaches across disciplinary lines and regularly teaches cross-listed courses with the Department of Near Eastern Studies where he contributes to the curriculum for students interested in Judaism and Early Christianity. Professor Verhoogt's teaching record includes a team-taught graduate seminar modeling how papyrologists and archeologists can work together to illuminate both texts and archaeological contexts. Students' evaluations reveal that he offers very high quality instruction and that students feel that they learn a lot in his courses. At all levels he exhibits an excellent teaching record. Professor Verhoogt has chaired or co-chaired two dissertations (one on progress), and he has been a member or cognate member of ten others. He has also directed four undergraduate senior theses and supervised four SROP students during the summer.

Research – Professor Verhoogt is an excellent technician and a first rate documentary papyrologist who works very well on questions at the local level, and who is moving into important new directions whose result may shape the direction that papyrology will take in years to come. He is developing into a leader in contextualizing papyri and using their archaeological context and comparative methods so that there is more to be learned from them. His current projects are especially innovative.

#### Recent and Significant Publications:

- “A transportation archive from fourth-century Oxyrhynchus (P.Mich. XX),” with P. J. Sijpesteijn, et al., *American Studies in Papyrology*, 49, 2011.
- “Text and context in the Archive of Tiberianus (Karanis, Egypt; 2nd century CE),” with R. P. Stephan, *Bulletin of the American Society of Papyrologists*, 42, 2005, pp. 189-201.
- “Letter about a pig,” in Sixty-five Papyrological Texts Presented to Klaas A. Worp on the occasion of his 65th Birthday, F.A.J. Hoogendijk and Brian Muhs (eds.), *P. L. Bat.* 33, 2008, pp. 325-327 (text 52).
- “Papyri,” in Blackwell Companion to the Greek Language, E. Bakker (ed.), 2010, pp. 62-68.

Service – Professor Verhoogt’s service has been extensive and includes important departmental and university service. He has also done considerable editorial work for the American Society of Papyrologists.

#### External Reviewers:

##### Reviewer (A)

“What struck me most in his research statement was the new field he is now trying to open, consisting of a comparison between a modern rural society in sub-Saharan Africa and... ancient society as documented by the papyri. This se[e]ms to me to be highly original, at least for a papyrologist... [he] is breaking new ground, and to a certain degree is providing a promising reply to the doubts voiced... at the congress of papyrology in Geneva (2010) about the future of papyrology. I look forward to reading the first results of this research.”

##### Reviewer (B)

“His contributions to the field have been diverse and manifold, traditionally specializing in Ptolemaic Egypt but with an increasing overall competence in putting papyri in context in the widest sense of the word. The proposed methodological innovations have the potential to attract attention from wider audiences in ancient history, archaeology or even anthropology, which could make him a middle man between these fields and papyrology.”

##### Reviewer (C)

“The University of Michigan has a very distinguished record in trying to link papyri with their archaeological context. Arthur has had this Michigan instinct all along (as his earlier work on the Menches documents demonstrates) and is now developing it further. This has brought him away from Tebtunis to Karanis and out of the Ptolemaic period into the Roman. This sort of flexibility, particularly in periods, is not very common in the papyrological world and I applaud Arthur’s readiness to embrace it.”

##### Reviewer (D)

“...[Verhoogt] gives special attention to sociological and anthropological ways of formulating questions. These are otherwise only rarely taken into account by scholars of the ancient world.”

##### Reviewer (E)

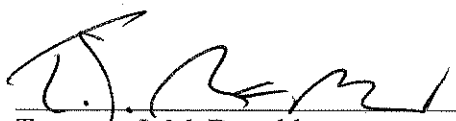
“Arthur Verhoogt is an excellent classicist and papyrologist of high international standing. ... He is seen as a worthy successor of the late Traianos Gagos and retired Ludwig Koenen. His contributions to our discipline are absolutely essential. ... I think he is somebody to watch.”

Reviewer (F)

“He has a knack for describing complicated material with absolute clarity. ... His contributions to teaching and research and service (internal and external) are admirably balanced and strong. Though fully embedded now in America, his European, and especially Dutch ties (significant in papyrological scholarly tradition), were formative and remain important. I enthusiastically recommend Arthur Verhoogt’s promotion to the rank of full professor.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Verhoogt is respected internationally in papyrology and his research is developing in exciting directions. He is a superb teacher in all class settings and a sought-after mentor for graduate and undergraduate students. His service to his department, the university, and his field has been outstanding. The Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and I recommend that Associate Professor Arthur Mfw. Verhoogt be promoted to the rank of professor of papyrology and Greek, with tenure, Department of Classical Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts..



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