

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

Elizabeth R. Wingrove, associate professor of political science, with tenure, and associate professor of women's studies, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, is recommended for promotion to professor of political science, with tenure, and professor of women's studies, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D. 1994 Brandeis University
B.A. 1984 Reed College

Professional Record:

2007 – present Associate Professor, Department of Women's Studies, University of Michigan
2000 – present Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan
2000 – 2007 Associate Professor, Women's Studies Program, University of Michigan
1997 – 2000 Assistant Professor, Women's Studies Program, University of Michigan
1994 – 2000 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Wingrove has taught a range of courses since promotion, from large introductory classes to graduate seminars. Her syllabi include student assignments that allow them to develop their writing skills and knowledge of the subject. In addition to chairing five dissertations since promotion to associate professor, she has advised four women's studies certificate students and been a member of six dissertation committees from a variety of departments.

Research – Professor Wingrove's research draws together political theory, gender studies, and archival and historical work in order to analyze and explore the potential forms of political action in the communicative practices of a public. She has placed three articles in the top journal in her subfield of political science. Her current project is a book manuscript entitled *The Agony of Address*, in which she employs archival methods to locate letters written by obscure political prisoners in 18th-century France, and to consider the implications of conceptualizing epistolary appeals as political practice. It represents a piece of painstaking historical research that serves to rethink key debates in feminist theory.

Recent and Significant Publications:

"Sovereign address," *Political Theory*, 40, 2012, pp. 135-164.

"Of linchpins and other interpretive tools: Reconsidering Okin's method," in Toward a Humanist Justice: The Work of Susan Moller Okin, D. Satz and R. Reich (eds.), Oxford University Press, 2009, pp. 55-66.

“Getting intimate with Wollstonecraft in the Republic of Letters,” *Political Theory*, 33, 2005, pp. 344-369.

“Facts, values, and real numbers: Making sense in and of political science,” with S. Engelmann and S. Mihic in The Politics of Method in the Human Sciences: Positivism and its Others, G. Steinmetz (ed.), Duke University Press, 2005, pp. 470-495.

Service – Professor Wingrove has served on important committees in both her units and as director of undergraduate affairs in Political Science. She also serves on two editorial boards and on the executive committees of major professional organizations. She is also a reviewer of numerous manuscripts for journals and presses. She is a generous mentor to junior faculty.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A)

“When it is completed, The Agony of Address will be recognized as a major work and will, I believe, cement Wingrove’s reputation as a leading theorist of her generation. The materials provided display an impressive combination of theoretical breadth and amazing archival research – it is rare to find both in the same volume.”

Reviewer (B)

“Professor Wingrove’s work is deeply interdisciplinary. This reflects...the way in which Wingrove conceptualizes the central questions of politics. She is clearly well versed in the canonical texts of political theory and feminist theory, but is also continually seeking new paths of interpretation that make visible less obviously relevant texts for critical political inquiry. Whether writing about well-known authors...or unknown letter-writing political prisoners in the ancient regime, Wingrove brings a nuanced understanding of politics as a mode of communication that expands our conception of the common world.”

Reviewer (C)

“Her work is supremely learned. She operates at the highest levels of theoretical sophistication. Her scholarship is meticulous, and her analyses, detailed and rigorous. She doesn’t cut corners. I think that’s the quality I admire most in her work, her evident carefulness. She’s a scholar’s scholar.”

Reviewer (D)

“Professor Elizabeth Wingrove is an outstanding scholar, whose work has had a major impact on contemporary understandings of Rousseau, the contradictions of democratic practice and the precariousness of political subjectivity. The publication of The Agony of Address will further consolidate her already illustrious reputation.”

Reviewer (E)

“...I think Professor Wingrove’s scholarly record to date is very, very strong and its merits are undeniable. The quality of her work is excellent, the scholarship on display is admirable, and the breadth of her interests is impressive. ...I have no doubt that Professor Wingrove will continue to make valuable and original interdisciplinary contributions to Women’s Studies and Political Science.”

Reviewer (F)

“This is, in short, a dossier of tremendous and singular accomplishment. Since her promotion to associate professor Elizabeth Wingrove has produced work in quantity and quality that shows her to be among the worldwide leaders of her several fields. Needless to say, her distinguished record would qualify her at [my institution]...and at [my former institution] for promotion to the rank of full professor.”

Reviewer (G)

“In all, Wingrove’s writings suggest a person of deep intelligence and commitment to the scholarly endeavor. Her work on genre and in bringing new genres to bear are path breaking. Her deep historical work is first-rate. And her reflections on the nature of the disciplines of political theory and women’s/gender studies should be known by everyone in these fields.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Wingrove’s research is highly original and interdisciplinary. She is a dedicated teacher and serves her discipline and department in numerous ways. The Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and I recommend that Elizabeth R. Wingrove be promoted to professor of political science, with tenure, and professor of women’s studies, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.



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