

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
University of Michigan-Flint
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice
and Women's and Gender Studies Program

Jennifer E. Alvey, assistant professor of anthropology and women's and gender studies, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice, and Women's and Gender Studies Program, College of Arts and Sciences, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of anthropology and women's and gender studies, with tenure, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice, and Women's and Gender Studies Program, College of Arts and Sciences.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	2010	Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
M.A.	1993	Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
B.A.	1990	Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Professional Record:

2010 – Present	Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan-Flint
2006 – 2010	Instructor cum Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Women's and Gender Studies, University of Michigan-Flint
2001 – 2006	Lecturer, Visiting Professor, and Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice, University of Michigan-Flint
1993 – 1994	Adjunct Instructor, Department of Anthropology, Temple University

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – The teaching of Professor Alvey is excellent and represents the best ideals of critical thinking and engaged pedagogy. Students view the teaching provided by Professor Alvey very positively. She also includes significant advising as part of her role in Anthropology, Women's and Gender Studies, and the Master of Arts in Social Sciences Program. Her successful teaching spans the entire range from introductory to graduate classes for Professor Alvey.

Research – Since completion of her Ph.D. in 2010, Professor Alvey has produced two significant publications in high quality peer reviewed journals as well as numerous papers presented at conferences. She has developed an active research agenda that will undoubtedly lead to more high quality publications. The type of ethnographic study involved in her research is very time consuming and utilizes detailed fieldwork. It is anticipated that Professor Alvey will be a prominent scholar who continues to combine the fields of feminism, globalization, and rural culture in Central America.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Publications:

- Alvey, Jennifer E. "Contested Boundaries: Border Disputes, Administrative Disorder, and State Representational Practices in South-Central Nicaragua (1935-1956)," Forthcoming in *Focaal: The Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology*.
- Alvey, Jennifer E. "'We Need Progress, Progress Has to Be Made:': Road Projects, Subaltern Politics, and Uneven Development in Nicaragua," Forthcoming in *Critique of Anthropology*.

In Process:

Alvey, Jennifer E. "Gender, Property, and the State: Old and New Agrarian Questions," will be submitted in Spring 2014 to either the *Journal of Peasant Studies* or the *Journal of Agrarian Change*.

Recent Presentations and Conference Activity:

Alvey, Jennifer E. "'We Need Progress, Progress Has to Be Made:' Infrastructure Projects and the Politics of Governance in Neoliberal Nicaragua." Annual Meeting of the American Ethnological Society and Society for the Anthropology of North America (AES/SUNTA). Session Title: Re-Configuring State and Class Relations in 'These Times,' San Juan, Puerto Rico, April 16, 2011.

Alvey, Jennifer E. "To Be Continued: Road Projects and the Possibilities and Perils of Place-Based Politics." 109th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Session Title: Ethnographies of Motion, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 18, 2010.

Alvey, Jennifer E and Aiyer, Ananthakrishnan. "From Sandinismo to Neo-Sandinismo: Reflections on the 30th Anniversary of the Sandinista Revolution," 108th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Session Title: State Security Sciences, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 2, 2009.

Alvey, Jennifer E. "Playing Race Off Gender: Discursive Strategies of Inclusion/Exclusion in Michigan's Anti-Affirmative Action Initiative," 107th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Session Title: Race, Multiculturalism, and Paradoxes of Equality, San Francisco, California, November 19, 2008.

Alvey, Jennifer E. "White Privilege and the Politics of Race and Gender in Michigan's Anti-Affirmative Action Initiative." Invited Session of the 106th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Session Title: Anti-Affirmative Action Campaigns and the Shifting Terrain of Diversity Politics, Washington, D.C., December 1, 2007.

Service – Professor Alvey has contributed significantly in service to Anthropology, Women's and Gender Studies, and the Master of Arts in Social Sciences Program. She has also served on the Advisory Board of the Women's Educational Center as well as on the 2013 search committee that resulted in the hire of a new leader for that organization.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A):

"Though she is just beginning to publish, understandable given that she received her doctorate in 2010, the quality of the manuscripts I examined suggest that they were products of a seasoned writer and thinker as opposed to a 'beginner,' which is to say new PhD. These publications will, without doubt, disseminate Professor Alvey's name and work more widely."

Reviewer (B):

"Together, these manuscripts provide some useful theoretical insights on state-making and development in Nicaragua and beyond. The conclusions drawn by Dr. Alvey are based on several years of research carried out over a decade (1996-2007). The manuscripts are ethnographically rich. In our field, good field research is highly prized.... Dr. Alvey's research methods conform to the highest standards in our field. That the analyses and conclusions Dr. Alvey draws in her work are based on solid, long-term ethnography conforms to the standards of our field."

Reviewer (C):

"It is my opinion that Dr. Alvey's research makes a significant contribution to the anthropology of Nicaragua and Latin America particularly in relation to questions about political economy, neoliberalism and the state. ... It is clear that these two articles are the result of an extensive amount of ethnographic and historical research, and I anticipate this research will serve as the basis for several publications yet to come."

Reviewer (D):

"The quality of her publications is as good or better than her peer group at [my university], where the anthropology program specializes in Latin America. She is an up-and-coming scholar who I would certainly want to retain, if the decision were mine."

Reviewer (E):

"Dr. Alvey's body of research makes a valuable contribution to the contemporary scholarship on Nicaragua and Latin America more broadly, on post-socialist transitions, on the relationship between the state and civil society, and on the forms of social differentiation (gender, class, racialization, rural-urban, etc) that relate to these. ... In conclusion, the two articles that I have assessed are exceptionally strong examples of anthropological scholarship."

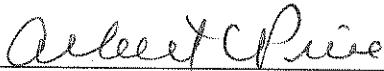
Reviewer (F):

"In sum, Professor Alvey has written papers that are of real significance to the scholarly community. Once they appear in print they are sure to have a major impact on debates in multiple disciplines, and to establish Professor Alvey's voice as an important one."

Summary of Recommendation:

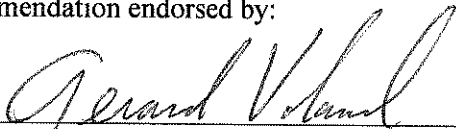
Professor Jennifer Alvey is an excellent teacher, diligent scholar, and fine colleague. I fully concur with the Executive Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences and enthusiastically recommend that Jennifer E. Alvey be promoted to associate professor of anthropology and women's and gender studies, with tenure, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice and Women's and Gender Studies Program, College of Arts and Sciences.

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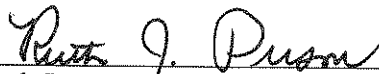


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Recommendation endorsed by:



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