

Approved by the
Regents
May 15, 2014

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
University of Michigan-Flint
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Philosophy

Aderemi Artis, assistant professor of philosophy, Department of Philosophy, College of Arts and Sciences, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of philosophy, with tenure, Department of Philosophy, College of Arts and Sciences.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	2007	Princeton University, New Jersey
M.A.	2003	Princeton University, New Jersey
B.A.	2000	Davidson College, North Carolina

Professional Record:

2008 – Present	Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Michigan-Flint
2006 – 2007	Adjunct Instructor, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois
2005 – 2006	Visiting Fellow, Colgate University, Hamilton, New York
2001 – 2003	Preceptor, Princeton University, New Hampshire
1999 – 2000	Head of Logic Lab, Davidson College, North Carolina

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Artis is an excellent teacher who engages students in critical thinking, writing, and oral presentation of complex ideas in Philosophy. Students' assessment of his teaching is very high and consistent with the Department of Philosophy expectations. He encourages students to become active participants in the learning objectives of his classes which is an excellent form of engaged pedagogy. Overall, Professor Artis is a fine teacher who serves well the students in his classes.

Research – Professor Artis has produced an important area of research on Early Modern philosophers based on careful reading of source texts in Greek and Latin. The difficulty of this line of inquiry is immense and requires long term commitment to the European locations of the manuscripts. The dedication and intensity required for analysis of original documents in Greek and Latin is truly impressive. His research has been published in significant peer reviewed venues. Professor Artis' work has important implications for understanding the basis upon which some of the most significant Early Modern philosopher's concepts are anchored.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Publications:

Artis, Aderemi. "Essay Review of Kant and Personhood," (forthcoming), *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, 2014.

Artis, Aderemi. "Trinitarian Roots of Francis Bacon's Pragmatism," (under review), *The Heythrop Journal*.

Artis, Aderemi. "Locke and Original Sin," *Locke Studies*, Vol. 12, pp 201-219, 2012.

Conference Activity – Competitive Paper

Artis, Aderemi. "Descartes, Luther, and the Fifth Lateran Council," *An Anthology of Philosophical Studies*, Vol. V, Proceedings for the 5th International Philosophy Conference in Athens, pp 123-132, 2011.

Invited Presentations

Artis, Aderemi. "Locke, Amerindians, and the Development of Rational Religion," Office of Research Public Lecture, University of Michigan-Flint, January 2013.

Artis, Aderemi. "Locke, Amerindians, and the Development of Rational Religion," Philosophy Forum Invited Lecture, University of Montana-Missoula, October 2012.

Artis, Aderemi. "Early Modern European Philosophy in World Historical Context," University of Minnesota-Duluth Philosophy Colloquium Invited Lecture, November 2010.

Artis, Aderemi. "Descartes, Luther, and the Fifth Lateran Council," Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER) 5th International Philosophy Conference in Athens, Greece, June 2010.

Artis, Aderemi. "Locke, Original Sin, and Nonhuman Nature," Australian and New Zealand Association for Medieval and Early Modern Studies (ANZAMEMS), December 2008.

Service – Professor Artis has contributed primarily in service to the Department of Philosophy. Similarly, he has participated meaningfully to the College of Arts and Sciences by election to the Nominating Committee. He is an excellent role model to underrepresented groups on campus, and a fine academic citizen of the University of Michigan-Flint who serves the organizations with which he interacts with skill and integrity.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A):

"I am favorably impressed with Prof. Artis' work in early modern philosophy. ... In general, Prof. Artis' work displays fine analytical and linguistic skills, broad knowledge of early modern philosophy (with both the European secondary literature as with the Anglo-American), and sensitivity to historical context."

Reviewer (B):

"Of the three papers discussed below I regard the paper on Locke as the most important overall, but each of the three presents an original viewpoint on its topic, and in all three the quality of scholarship is high. ... I have evaluated these papers according to the standards of peer review for the best journals in history of philosophy."

Reviewer (C):

"My overall impression is that Dr. Artis is a capable – and average – scholar who addresses interesting questions in his research. Anyone completing a PhD at Princeton ought to be able to write interesting and challenging papers. To say that his work is average, however, is not a criticism of his scholarship, but simply an assessment of his output in a highly competitive field. ... 'Locke and Original Sin' is a good paper published in an excellent journal. In philosophy there are some prestigious journals that are general in their scope and publish excellent articles in any sub-discipline in philosophy."

Reviewer (D):

"This is a potentially interesting and fruitful area of research, and one that has not received close attention by many scholars in the past. ... This suggests that Dr. Artis's [sic] research interests are wide-ranging in his sub-field, and this is a good thing."

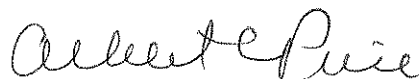
Reviewer (E):

"My overall impression of Dr. Artis's [sic] work is a positive one. His papers are well-written and persuasive. Dr. Artis shows great promise for future work – he is a strong writer with an interesting perspective on the concerns driving early modern thinkers."

Summary of Recommendation:

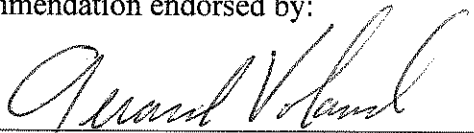
Professor Artis is an excellent teacher, budding scholar, and a fine colleague. I fully concur with the Executive Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences and enthusiastically recommend that Aderemi Artis be promoted to associate professor of philosophy, with tenure, Department of Philosophy, College of Arts and Sciences.

Recommended by:



Albert C. Price, Interim Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

Recommendation endorsed by:



Gerard Volland, Provost and
Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs



Ruth J. Person, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

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