

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

Amelia Biehl, assistant professor of economics, Department of Economics, College of Arts and Sciences, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of economics, with tenure, Department of Economics, College of Arts and Sciences.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	2007	University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky
M.S.	2004	University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky
B.S.	2003	Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan
B.S.	2003	Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan

Professional Record:

2008 – Present	Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Michigan-Flint
2007 – 2008	Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Romain College of Business, University of Southern Indiana
2004 – 2006	Instructor of Economics, Department of Economics, University of Kentucky
2005 – 2006	Research Assistant, Center for Business and Economic Research, University of Kentucky
2003 – 2005	Teaching Assistant, University of Kentucky
2004 – 2004	Research Assistant, University of Kentucky

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Biehl has taught regularly and effectively five courses in economics. These courses range from Introduction to Microeconomics at the 200 level to senior level Labor Economics at the 400 designation. She is an outstanding teacher as evaluated by students and peers. Professor Biehl is an effective advisor and adheres to best practices in assessment and active learning strategies.

Research – Since arriving at the University of Michigan-Flint, Professor Biehl has accomplished a successful research agenda resulting in five peer reviewed publications including one in the *American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings*. She has also established an impressive pipeline of future research and received a funded project from the Small Business Administration.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Journal Articles

- Biehl, A., Gurley-Calvez, T., and Hill, B. "Self-Employment of Older Americans: Do Recessions Matter?", *Small Business Economics*, forthcoming (available online April 2013).
- Biehl, A., Douglas, C. "How Do Private Markets Address Smoking Externalities?," *The Journal of Economics*, 37(1), 2011, 39-57.
- Biehl, A., Hoyt, W., and Coomes, P. "Tax Limits and Housing Markets: Some Evidence at the State Level," *Real Estate Economics*, 39(1), April 2011, 97-132.

Biehl, A., Gurley-Calvez, T., and Harper, K. "Time-Use Patterns and Women Entrepreneurs," *American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings*, 99(2), May 2009, 139-144.

Working Papers

Biehl, A. and Hoyt, W. "The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 and Homeownership: Is Smaller Now Better?," *Economic Inquiry*, accepted subject to minor revisions.

Biehl, A. "The First-Time Homebuyer Tax Incentives: Did They Work?," under review.

Work in Progress

Biehl, A., Gurley-Calvez, T., and Hill, B. "Is Health Insurance the Key to Unlocking Entrepreneurship for Older Americans?"

Biehl, A. and Hill, B. "Foster Care Legislation and Outcomes."

Funded Research

Biehl, Amelia. "Did the First-Time Homebuyer Tax Incentives Increase Housing Demand?," Research and Creative Activity Award, Office of Research, University of Michigan-Flint, completed September 4, 2012.

Biehl, A., Gurley-Calvez, T., and Harper, K. "Women Entrepreneurs: Time-Use and Determinants of Self-Employment," prepared for the U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy, Contract No. SBAHQ-07-Q-0012, completed September 15, 2008.

Conference Activity – Competitive Papers

Biehl, Amelia. "The First-Time Homebuyer Tax Incentives: Did They Work?," Research Spotlight, University of Michigan-Flint, February 2013.

Biehl, Amelia. "The First-Time Homebuyer Tax Incentives: Did They Work?," Southern Economic Association 82nd Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, November, 2012.

Biehl, Amelia. "The First-Time Homebuyer Tax Incentives: Did They Work?," Missouri Valley Economic Association 48th Annual Meeting, Kansas City, Kansas, October, 2011.

Biehl, Amelia. "Economic Recovery and Self-Employment: The Role of Older Americans," Missouri Valley Economic Association Forty-Seventh Annual Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri, October, 2010.

Biehl, Amelia. "Time Use and Women Entrepreneurs," American Economic Association, San Francisco, California, January, 2009, (participated; presentation by co-author).

Biehl, Amelia. "The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 and Homeownership: Is Smaller Now Better?," Academy of Business Economics, Chicago, Illinois, March, 2008.

Biehl, Amelia. "The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 and Homeownership: Is Smaller Now Better?," National Tax Association 100th Annual Conference on Taxation, Columbus, Ohio, November, 2007.

Service – Professor Biehl is an outstanding faculty member who participates regularly in the process of shared governance at the department, college and university levels. Most recently she was named to the College of Arts and Sciences Budget Working Group to address structural financial issues within the unit.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A):

"Taken as a whole, Dr. Biehl's work is an outstanding scholarly achievement. That she has completed such an impressive body of work while maintaining strong teaching and service contributions is nothing short of astounding. It seems clear to me she has exceeded the Tenure and Promotion guidelines...."

Reviewer (B):

"These publications and presentations have helped Amelia begin to create her name brand in economics research, and specifically in the areas of entrepreneurship and housing policy."

Reviewer (C):

"I think Dr. Biehl has demonstrated that she can publish in quality journals and that she can do so in the future. Through her willingness to review articles for quality journals and to chair sessions and discuss papers at regional and national conferences, she is contributing to the advancement of scholarly research in the field. She has also sought out and has been awarded a funded research grant, which is not always an easy task to do."

Reviewer (D):

"Now that I have reviewed her entire research portfolio, I can attest that she has several papers of very high quality that make important contributions to the field. ... Professor Biehl's ability to receive funding from the US Small Business Administration (SBA) is commendable. I consider this to be a strong achievement for a person working in small business economics and/or public economics."

Reviewer (E):

"In economics the most common measure of scholarly activity are peer-reviewed journal articles. Professor Biehl has four peer-reviewed journal articles published or forthcoming. She is the lead author on two of these four articles. These articles are in quality journals – articles in these journals are widely cited. Publication in the American Economic Review is particularly notable."

Reviewer (F):

"Dr. Biehl has 5 publications in refereed economics journals. Given the quantity and quality of her publications I believe that Dr. Biehl would be granted tenure and promotion to Associate Professor in any non-PHD economics program in the country."

Reviewer (G):

"In the economics discipline, publication of papers in refereed scholarly journals is the key measure of professional success. ... Dr. Biehl has accumulated an impressive portfolio of successful scholarship, which should be well-regarded in her research areas. In addition, her work in progress points toward continued scholarly success."

Reviewer (H):

"I have actually read her AER Papers and Proceedings paper on time use of women entrepreneurs, with Gurley-Calvez. It is a perfectly well-written and solid paper..."

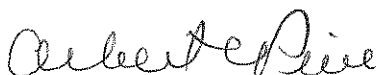
Reviewer (I):

"Dr. Biehl does have a rather impressive list of journals on her vita. ... In general, I am impressed by the breadth of her work and think that her research has likely made a positive contribution to the sub-fields in which she has written. ... I am very impressed that she obtained a U.S. Small Business Administration grant. That is considered a major honor in our field and is quite an accomplishment."

Summary of Recommendation:

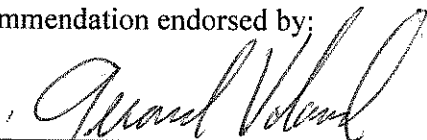
Professor Biehl is a fine teacher, excellent scholar and an engaged citizen of the University of Michigan-Flint. I concur with the findings of the Executive Committee and enthusiastically recommend that Amelia Biehl be promoted to associate professor of economics, with tenure, Department of Economics, College of Arts and Sciences.

Recommended by:

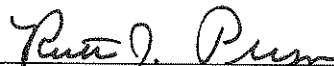


Albert C. Price, Interim Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

Recommendation endorsed by:



Gerard Voland, Provost and
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs



Ruth J. Person, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

May 2014