

Approved by the
Regents
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PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
COLLEGE OF LITERATURE, SCIENCE, AND THE ARTS

Stephen Berrey, assistant professor of American culture, and assistant professor of history, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of American culture, with tenure, and associate professor of history, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	2006	University of Texas, Austin
M.A.	1997	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
B.S.	1995	University of Missouri

Professional Record:

2009 – present	Assistant Professor, Department of American Culture and Department of History, University of Michigan
2007 – 2009	Assistant Professor, Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington
2008 – 2009	Adjunct Professor, American Studies Program, Indiana University, Bloomington
2006 – 2007	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Berrey has been an exemplary teacher in every respect, compiling an excellent teaching record in American culture and history. He has served his units' central curricular needs, built enrollments in a large 200-level lecture course in History, and received high evaluation scores from students. In American culture, he has regularly offered the core course for majors, which he helped to revise into a new offering.

Research – Professor Berrey is a historian of the 20th century U.S. with a particular focus on the cultural history of race relations, civil rights, and the South. Both of his departments agree that his forthcoming book, The Jim Crow Routine, is a path-breaking study of the shift from the public and everyday racial routines that shaped relations between blacks and whites in Mississippi before desegregation to the rise of new institutions and narratives of criminalization of blacks in the face of desegregation. In addition to his forthcoming book, he has launched the research for his second project on “Amateur Blackface” and currently works with Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) students on cataloguing the source materials he has collected.

Recent and Significant Publications:

The Jim Crow Routine: Everyday Performances of Race and the End of Segregation in Mississippi, forthcoming from University of North Carolina Press, spring 2015.

“Intimacy, criminality, and global whiteness: The transformation of racial discourses and the End of segregation in Mississippi,” under review with the *European Journal of American Studies*, invited contribution.

“A world of difference: Space and race in the Jim Crow South,” in The Oxford Handbook of the History of Race, M. P. Guterl (ed.), forthcoming, 2015-2016.)

“Resistance begins at home: The Black family and lessons in survival and subversion in Jim Crow Mississippi,” *Black Women, Gender and Families*, 3(1), 2009, pp. 65-90.

Service – Professor Berrey’s service has been focused on American culture. He served a three-year term on the Graduate Admissions Committee and a term on the Unit Salary Committee. He also co-organized a Distinguished Faculty/Graduate Student Seminar on “New Metropolitan Studies” and the “Long Civil Rights Movement,” which involved participants from a range of University of Michigan departments and regional universities.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A)

“I write to give my strongest possible recommendation for Stephen Berrey, for tenure and for promotion...at the University of Michigan. ... Overall, Stephen’s book project ‘Jim Crow Routines...’ is a highly original, methodologically and source rich study... Berrey is an enormously talented scholar [in his cohort], with the potential to be one of the leading Southern Studies scholars and southern historians in his generation.”

Reviewer (B)

“I am happy to endorse him as a scholar of new distinction, who has made a substantial contribution to an important – and crowded – field. I support his bid for tenure and promotion. ... That book – The Jim Crow Routine – is going to turn a lot of heads, and change a lot of thinking. ... The Jim Crow Routine will join two of the richest fields in American Studies and History – the literature on civil rights and race.”

Reviewer (C)

“Berrey’s approach is relatively novel for this time period. ... One of the aspects of the book that I found particularly helpful was Berrey’s examination of discourses about black criminality in Mississippi and throughout the nation. ... Berrey’s arguments about the importance of public narratives of black crime adds an important new wrinkle to this history.”

Reviewer (D)

“...I enthusiastically support his promotion. ...his scholarship certainly merits his promotion to tenure. It certainly would at [my previous institution]...as well as at [my current institution]... I am deeply impressed with Berrey’s manuscript...for the quality of the writing and analysis... I have no doubt that The Jim Crow Routine will be a book that matters.”

Reviewer (E)

“He is clearly a rising star in American history and culture. ... Berrey’s melding of the shifting day-to-day creation and recreation of racial hierarchy in Mississippi over a period of thirty years is in fact a monumental and ambitious undertaking. Berrey has mastered multiple literatures to

accomplish his goals... He succeeds in weaving together these various strands in a way that illuminates each. ...I am confident that we would be delighted to have Stephen Berrey in our midst.”

Reviewer (F)

“I believe there is ample and compelling grounds to both tenure and promote Professor Berrey. ... He writes and thinks like a scholar considerably more advanced in years and in the profession. ... I am confident that ‘The Jim Crow Routine’ will be a finalist for major professional awards; I would be surprised if it doesn’t garner at least one.”

Reviewer (G)

“What excites me most about his forthcoming book...is his effort to extend well established cultural analyses of the Jim Crow period into a later era. ...I expect Dr. Berrey’s work to gain considerable standing in southern and American history once The Jim Crow Routine appears. His effort to globalize his story in ‘Intimacy, criminality, and global whiteness...’ will add to his stature...”

Reviewer (H)

“...he does force us to rethink a system and a history that I thought of as thoroughly mined. ... That our current racial dilemma has its roots in the white South’s calculated response to Jim Crow’s death throes is a very provocative point to make. It’s also very smart, very disturbing, and very compelling.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Berrey is an established leader in his field who has demonstrated that he will continue to produce outstanding research. His contribution to the teaching and service missions of the college have been substantial. The Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and I recommend that Assistant Professor Stephen Berrey be promoted to the rank of associate professor of American culture, with tenure, and associate professor of history, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.



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