

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
The University of Michigan-Dearborn
College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

Rayne Allinson, assistant professor of history, Department of Social Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of history, with tenure, Department of Social Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D. 2010 University of Oxford, Magdalen College, UK, History
M.A. 2006 University of Melbourne, Australia, History
B.A. 2004 University of Melbourne, Australia, History and Classics

Professional Record:

2011 – Present Assistant Professor, University of Michigan-Dearborn
2010 – 2011 Visiting Scholar, The Ohio State University
2008 – 2009 Lecturer (II), Magdalen College, University of Oxford

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Allinson is rated excellent in teaching. She is a vital member of the history discipline, teaching courses in key areas of the discipline's curriculum, especially medieval and early Modern English and European History. She also teaches important courses for the Campus Honors Program, and for college-wide programs, especially the Medieval and Renaissance Studies program. Altogether, Professor Allinson has taught eight different courses since coming to UM-Dearborn. All of them required new syllabi and cover topics as wide ranging as the medieval and early modern world, Tudor-Stuart England, King Arthur, the Italian Renaissance, European influence (1400-1800), and the modern West. Two of them are Honors courses, and received high praise from the students of that program. Her courses are invariably wide-ranging and interdisciplinary, a consequence of her mastery of the disciplines of literature and history.

Professor Allinson is a gifted teacher. The qualitative portion of her student evaluations abounds with laudatory comments about her teaching, while the quantitative section of her evaluations put her among the department's highest rated teachers. From Fall 2011 through Winter 2015, she scored an average of 4.73 in the category "evaluation of instructor," as contrasted to an average of 4.50 for the entire department. The frequency distribution of her scores is even more impressive. 57% of her courses received a score of 4.75 or higher for evaluation of instructor; 86% had a rating 4.50 or above. The overall rating for "evaluation of course" was 4.5 or higher for 81% of Professor Allinson's courses. What especially impresses students about Professor Allinson is her great enthusiasm for and knowledge of the course materials, and her encouraging and warm approach to their education. They also greatly appreciate her creative pedagogy.

Research: Professor Allinson is rated excellent in research. She has nine publications to her credit, four of which, including a book, have appeared in print after her arrival at UM-Dearborn. In addition, she has published several book reviews for scholarly journals and encyclopedia

entries, and has also been an active presenter at major conferences. Her scholarly work is notable for her command of Elizabethan archives, her close, precise reading of difficult sixteenth-century English texts, her fine grasp of literary and historical methodologies, her highly nuanced, re-interpretation of Elizabethan diplomacy, and her mastery of English prose style. Professor Allinson has begun work on her next-book-length project, a study of William Maitland and his role in Anglo-Scottish politics.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Allinson, Rayne. "Parables and Dark Sentences: The Correspondence of Sir William Cecil and William Maitland, 1558-1573," in Paul M. Dover (ed.), Statesmen and Statecraft in the Early Modern World (University of Edinburg Press, in press).

Allinson, Rayne. "The Virgin Queen and the Son of Heaven: Elizabeth I's Letters to Wanli, Emperor of China," in Carlo M. Bajetta, Guillaume Coatalen, and Jonathan Gibson (eds.), Writing Abroad: The Foreign Correspondence of Elizabeth I (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2015).

Allinson, Rayne and Geoffrey Parker, "A King and Two Queens: The Correspondence of Philip II with Mary and Elizabeth Tudor," in Helen Hackett (ed.), Early Modern Exchanges: Intercultural Encounters and Dialogues, 1500-1700 (Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2015).

Allinson, Rayne. A Monarchy of Letters: Royal Correspondence and English Diplomacy in the Reign of Elizabeth I (New York: Palgrave-Macmillan, 2012). 270 pages.

Allinson, Rayne. "Conversations on Kingship: The Letters of Queen Elizabeth I and King James VI," in Elizabeth Oakley Brown and Louis Wilkinson (eds.), The Ritual and Rhetoric of Queenship (Dublin: Four Courts Press, 2009), 131-145.

Allinson, Rayne. "The Queen's Three Bodies: Gender, Criminality and Sovereignty in the Execution of Mary, Queen of Scots," in M. Cassidy and P. Sherlock (eds.), Practices of Gender in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe (Turnhout, Belgium: Brepols, 2008), 99-116.

Allinson, Rayne. "'These Latter Days of the World': The Correspondence of Elizabeth I and James VI, 1590-1603," *Early Modern Literary Studies*, Special Issue 16 (October, 2007), 2-27.

Allinson, Rayne. "Queen Elizabeth I and the 'Nomination' of the Young Prince of Scotland," *Notes and Queries*, v.53 n.4 (2006), 425-427.

Allinson, Rayne. "*The Prince* and Queen Elizabeth: A New Perspective on the Development of English Machiavellism," *The Melbourne Historical Journal*, v. 34 (2006), 19-34.

Service: Professor Allinson is rated excellent in service. On the discipline and department levels, she has performed quality service on significant committees, including membership on

two search committees for tenure track historians. In addition, she helped organize Phi Alpha Theta (History Honors Society) and now serves as its faculty advisor and was a co-organizer of the Social Sciences Research Colloquium in 2012-2013. On the college level, she is a lead organizer of the CASL Visiting Lecture Series (2014-present), co-founder (2012) and co-organizer of the Medieval and Renaissance Studies Minor (2012-present), and was a committee member of the UM-Dearborn Campaign Announcement Planning Committee (2014). Beyond the campus, she has given lectures to various local organizations, which were very well-received.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: “Rayne Allinson’s work sits very much in a scholarly territory being newly charted. Dr. Allinson possesses three great strengths in her work. First, she is able to make sense of an archive...Secondly, she is skilled at close reading...Thirdly, she is analytically precise... Rayne Allinson is a talented [junior] scholar. She has considerable strengths, a strong track record in research and writing, and an ambitious prospectus for future work.”

Reviewer B: “The scholarly work that Prof. Allinson has produced and will write puts her in the forefront of a new generation of scholars who are redefining the traditional fields of early modern foreign policy...Professor Allinson has established herself as an important historian of Tudor Britain. Her exceptionally coherent body of work now provides a strong foundation for her valuable current research...”

Reviewer C: “The quality of Professor Allinson’s published scholarship is outstanding. Every single piece is rich in engagement with primary sources, many of them hitherto unknown or insufficiently noticed...It cannot be overstated that scholarship on Elizabeth I is a long-established and crowded field, but Professor Allinson achieves the apparently impossible task of bringing numerous fresh insights to the subject ... Her eloquent and elegant prose style invites the reader in and conveys complex ideas with clarity and grace...Professor Allinson has been a leader in the emergence of a new school of diplomatic history...”

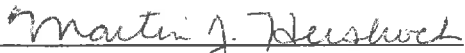
Reviewer D: “...Prof. Allinson is a genuinely productive scholar and intends to remain so in the future...‘A king and two queens’ ... is fascinating and important...this article will be a significant contribution to the scholarship on each of the three sovereigns concerned...This [*A Monarchy of Letters*] is a fine piece of work and I firmly believe that it will be essential reading for all scholars studying Elizabeth I (not just historians).”

Reviewer E: “She has the ability to use an array of languages, and skill at bringing very different global histories into conversation with one another...She works in a difficult field, requiring a high degree of sophistication, and she is making valuable contributions in her research. The reviews of her book that have appeared thus far are very favorable, and I, as one working in the same field, concur with their praise.”

Reviewer F: “I found Dr. Allinson’s book and articles crisp, informative, and well-argued. No other scholar has been able to unravel as much psychological, historical, and political insights about Queen Elizabeth through her correspondence as she has. Her examination of the manuscripts sets a valuable model for future researchers.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Allinson is a talented classroom instructor who fosters student growth. Her research addresses critical issues and is recognized as contributing significantly to the scholarly field by external reviewers. Her service benefits our students and academic programs and, most importantly, helps us stimulate intellectual curiosity and dialogue. We are pleased to recommend, with strong support of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters Executive Committee, Rayne Allinson for promotion to associate professor of history, with tenure, Department of Social Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.



Martin J. Hershey, Dean
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Daniel Little, Chancellor
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