

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

Paul J. Draus, associate professor of sociology and anthropology, with tenure, Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters is recommended for promotion to professor of sociology and anthropology, with tenure, Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	2001	Loyola University, Chicago, IL, Sociology
M.A.	1992	University of Wyoming, American studies
B.A.	1990	Loyola University, Chicago, IL, English

Professional Record:

2010 – present	Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn
2005 – 2010	Assistant Professor (without tenure), Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn
2002 – 2005	Research Scientist and Ethnographer, School of Medicine, Wright State University, Dayton, OH

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Draus' teaching is rated excellent. He consistently scores above 4.5 on students' overall evaluation of course and instructor. His students value his knowledge and enthusiasm. Students frequently comment that he is always available outside of class to help them with course material and for advising. His courses are judged to be difficult and students frequently state that he challenged them to do their best work. He is highly regarded by his students and colleagues as a passionate and engaged instructor. One of the strengths of his teaching approach is to take students beyond the walls of the classroom and have them use sociological analyses, or 'sociological imagination' to understand the world around them. His classes involve a great deal of student participation and leadership. Students learn to think critically and to become active participants in their own education. Two of his classes are examples in this regard. Urban Sociology has had a service learning component for nearly a decade. He has established relationships with Detroit-based organizations that have enriched both students and community groups. Students frequently state that the service learning component was their favorite aspect of the course. The Inside Out (IO) course which matches 10-15 UM-Dearborn students with 10-15 inmates at a local prison is another example of how he 'connects' students to a world beyond the classroom. He receives some of his highest course evaluations from students in the IO course. Many students regard this as an eye-opening and life-changing experience. Professor Draus is a fine example of a teacher who embraces the Metropolitan Vision. Through class exercises, writing projects, and service learning, he exposes students to issues of concern in our metropolitan region and models an active engagement in solving our region's problems.

Research: Professor Draus' research is rated excellent. He has far-reaching intellectual and research interests. His success in translating ideas into sound research projects is shown by the number of publications since tenure. He has thirteen publications since his promotion to associate professor in 2010. Ten of these are journal articles; three are book chapters. He is first author on eleven, solo author on one, and second author on one. The wide variety of publication venues—e.g., *Space & Culture*, *International Journal of Drug Policy*, *Urban Studies*, and *Social & Cultural Geography*—indicate the broad appeal of his work. The reviewers note that his publications are methodologically sophisticated, theoretically sound, and have important policy implications. The overall opinion of the reviewers is that his record of scholarship and diversified interests will continue in the future. He has also demonstrated continued activity in professional conferences since tenure. In all, he is credited with seventeen conference presentations. These include prominent national professional organizations (American Sociological Association, American Public Health Association) as well as smaller, specialized international conferences (e.g., Spaces & Flows). His research has been funded by eight grants totaling \$350,000.

Recent and Significant Publications:

- Draus, Paul, and Roddy, Juliette. (2015). "Ghosts, Devils and the Undead City: Detroit and the Narrative of Monstrosity." In press, *Space and Culture*.
- Draus, Paul, Roddy, J., and Asabigi, K. (2015). "Streets, Strolls and Spots: Sex Work, Drug Use and Social Space in Detroit." *The International Journal of Drug Policy*, 453-460.
- Draus, Paul, Roddy, J.; and McDuffie, A. (2013). "We Don't Have No Neighborhood: Advanced Marginality and Urban Agriculture in Detroit." *Urban Studies*, 51, 2523-2538.
- Draus, Paul, Roddy, J.; and Greenwald, M. (2010). "I always kept a job: Income generation, heroin use and economic uncertainty in 21st century Detroit." *The Journal of Drug Issues*, 40, 841-870.
- Draus, Paul, Roddy, J.; and Greenwald, M. (2010). "A Hell of a Life: Addiction and Marginality in Post-Industrial Detroit." *Social & Cultural Geography* 7, 663-680.

Service: Professor Draus' service is rated excellent. He is a model of engagement both on campus and off. He has recently served as the director of the MPA/MPP Program. He has also been asked to serve on campus wide committees: Office of Metropolitan Impact Advisory Committee, Experiential Education Work Group, and Community Engagement Planning Committee. He is active in community groups—e.g., board member of Self Help Addiction Rehabilitation, board member of Downriver Delta Community Development Corporation, and community representative to the Downriver Community Conference Brownfield Authority. He was recently elected as co-chair of the Health, Health Policy and Health Services Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP). SSSP is one of two national sociology organizations.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: "As a whole, I found Draus' working [sic] engaging, empirically rich, theoretically sound, methodologically solid, and with conclusions that reached into important policy areas....he has been able to produce an impressive body of work, equal to many of the faculty at

these larger institutions [UM-Ann Arbor, Michigan State], despite the fact that his teaching load is three courses a semester and the model is the Teacher-Scholar. This only makes his record all the more impressive.He is at a critical juncture of his career where he is well-positioned to make the next step up the ladder, to produce the sine qua non ethnography of Detroit in the 21st century, and make an even larger impact in the fields of sociology, criminology, health sciences, qualitative research, and evaluation research.”

Reviewer B: “Dr. Draus’ record would earn him promotion to full professor at [my Research institution]...I would view the three articles dealing with street walkers as outstanding... Dr. Draus’ publications have made significant contributions to the discipline of sociology... Dr. Draus is a productive scholar, and his future research agenda promises to produce more path breaking research.”


Reviewer C: “Dr. Draus has demonstrated sustained and high quality scholarly endeavors and contributions, and this is particularly impressive in this context of his teaching workload....These publications [on policy implementation] by Dr. Draus contribute importantly to the growing literature on best practices in collaborative research....The trajectory of Dr. Draus’ work provides strong evidence of a well-defined research agenda and I have no doubt that he will continue as an active scholar and public intellectual.”


Reviewer D: “He is an active member of four important national organizations and his work and presence bridge the gap between theoretical and applied sociology....He is an active professional in midcareer, who has been very productive, and promises to do much more in the future as a critical sociologist and intellectual activist.”

Reviewer E: “...the quality of Dr. Draus’ work is not yet fully reflected in his citation count, but clearly his influence on the discipline is set to grow steadily; he is maintaining focus and building an enviable research record. ...he is a serious player, whose scholarship must be reckoned with by any other scholar working within his area of expertise...The bottom line is that I consider Dr. Draus to have a solid record of scholarship that shows every sign of continuing to grow both in quantity and influence.”

Summary of Recommendation:

We are pleased to recommend, with strong support of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters Executive Committee, Paul J. Draus for promotion to professor of sociology and anthropology, with tenure, Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.


Martin J. Hershock, Dean
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Daniel Little, Chancellor
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