

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
The University of Michigan
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Mary E. Gallagher, associate professor of political science, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, is recommended for promotion to professor of political science, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Academic Degrees:

2001	Ph.D.	Princeton University
1996	M.A.	Princeton University
1991	B.A.	Smith College

Professional Record:

2012 – 2013	Visiting Professor, Koguan School of Law, Shanghai Jiaotong University
2008 – present	Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan
2008 – present	Director, Kenneth G. Lieberthal and Richard H. Rogel Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan
2008 – 2015	Research Associate Professor, Institute for Research on Labor, Employment, and the Economy (IRLEE) University of Michigan
2004 – present	Research Associate Professor, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan
2004 – 2007	Assistant Research Scientist, IRLEE, and Faculty Associate, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan
2000 – present	Faculty Associate, Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan
2000 – 2007	Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan
2003 – 2004	Visiting Professor, East China University of Politics and Law

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Gallagher teaches undergraduate courses on the “Evolution of Communism,” “Research Design,” and “Authoritarian Resilience.” Her syllabi indicate these courses are well organized and demanding; and student evaluations are in-line with faculty who teach similar level courses in Political Science. Because of her administrative duties, Professor Gallagher has not taught a graduate seminar recently but instead has taught a required course for master’s students, “Chinese Studies: The Social Sciences,” four times since 2009. This interdisciplinary course involving political science, economics, sociology, and anthropology examines various approaches to research on China. As is true of her undergraduate course evaluations, Professor Gallagher’s evaluations are very similar to those earned by faculty teaching comparable courses. She has been exceptionally active in graduate mentoring and has served on thesis committees for approximately 50 M.A. and Ph.D. students in the Department of Political Science, Center for Chinese Studies, and other units in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. In 2010, she received the LSA Excellence in Education Award.

Research – Professor Gallagher is the leading scholar of Chinese law, labor, and workforce issues. She uses these fields to understand how authoritarian regimes use labor law and labor politics to achieve their goals. Her forthcoming book, Authoritarian Legality: Law, Workers, and the State in Contemporary China, is expected to have a very large impact. It is the first serious look at labor law in China. One of the many valuable things the book does is to situate China in the landscape of authoritarian regimes, to bring China from the separate intellectual space it occupied for so long into the conversation about authoritarian politics more generally.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Authoritarian Legality: Law, Workers, and the State in Contemporary China, Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.

“Transformation without transition: China’s Maoist legacies in comparative perspective,” in Working through the Past: Labor and Authoritarian Legacies in Comparative Perspective, T. Caraway, et al. (eds.), Cornell University Press, 2015.

“The selectorate theory for autocracies,” with J. K. Hanson, *Annual Review of Political Science*, 18(23), 2015.

“Meaning and measurement: Uses of and strategies for effective interviewing in political science research,” in Interview Research in Political Science, L. Mosley (ed.), Cornell University Press, 2013.

Service – Professor Gallagher has provided exemplary service to the university and to the discipline. In her department, she has served as director of Graduate Admissions, as a member of the Graduate Affairs Committee, and as chair of the China Search Committee. She has served as the director of the Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies since 2008, and as special counsel to the provost on China from 2012 to 2013. She also organizes and chairs the UM-Fudan University Initiative in the Social Sciences.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A)

“...Professor Gallagher has established herself as a top scholar of Chinese labor and over the last five years has leveraged this expertise to make refreshing and important contributions to debates about authoritarian durability and the rule of law in authoritarian settings. Her work combines empirical rigor and theoretical sophistication. ...she has expanded her methodological tool kit and utilizes both qualitative and quantitative evidence to support her theoretical arguments.”

Reviewer (B)

“...Professor Gallagher is every bit the outstanding scholar that one might have predicted based on her early path breaking work. There is no more sure-footed guide to China’s complex and tumultuous labor scene and the lessons it holds for the future of authoritarian rule in China and beyond.”

Reviewer (C)

“...her attention to the law in action, as opposed to the law on the books, speaks to the interdisciplinary community of socio-legal scholars. ...Gallagher is a key member of a group of scholars who are pushing to expand [studies]...to include other countries, both democratic and authoritarian. ...we would promote her.”

Reviewer (D)

“...the most significant contribution from...[Authoritarian Legality] will be the micro mechanisms that Professor Gallagher has carefully documented... My impression of political science research on developing countries is that the research focuses too much on macro, big political developments and not sufficiently on these micro mechanisms. Professor Gallagher has done an excellent job here.”

Reviewer (E)

“The most distinctive aspect of Mary’s recent work on Chinese law is her deft coupling of legal analysis, empirical evaluation and qualitative research that puts her at the leading edge of scholarship on China law and society generally.”

Reviewer (F)

“Professor Gallagher presents a new interpretation of the sources, nature, and consequences of ‘rights consciousness,’ appropriating this popular concept for political economy. ... Most importantly, she offers a nuanced argument about why an authoritarian regime would establish the rule of law in regards to workers’ claims—and by extension the claims in other domains where popular demands are neglected.”

Reviewer (G)

“Professor Gallagher is the leading social scientist engaged in the study of the Chinese legal system. ... The body of work she has produced has fundamentally shaped how we understand the politics of labor law and labor relations in China.”

Reviewer (H)

“...she never loses sight of the broader context of the Chinese political economy (or, in this recent work, of the comparative context outside China), nor does she get ‘lost’ in the minutiae of her evidence.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Gallagher is a leading scholar in her field. She is a strong teacher and a generous mentor to students at all levels. She is also a dedicated citizen who has provided valuable and generous service to her department, the university, and her discipline. The Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and I recommend that Associate Professor Mary E. Gallagher be promoted to the rank of professor of political science, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.



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