

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION

The University of Michigan

A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning

Jennifer L. Maigret, assistant professor of architecture, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of architecture, with tenure, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning.

Academic Degrees:

M.Arch.	2004	University of Michigan, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Ann Arbor, MI
M.S.	1996	University of Michigan, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Ann Arbor, MI
B.A.	1994	Hartwick College, Biology, Oneonta, NY

Professional Record:

2011 – Present	Co-Founding Principal, MAd Studio, LLC, Ann Arbor, MI
2009 – Present	Assistant Professor of Architecture, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan
2008 – 2009	Assistant Professor of Architecture, Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts, Washington University in Saint Louis, MO
2006 – 2008	Cynthia Weese Teaching Fellow/Visiting Assistant Professor, Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts, Washington University in Saint Louis
2005 – 2006	Lecturer in Architecture, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan
2001 – 2006	Junior Designer, PLY Architecture, Ann Arbor, MI
1997 – 2000	Special Projects and Ecological Restoration Coordinator, Natural Areas Preservation, Department of Parks and Recreation, Ann Arbor, MI

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Maigret is an excellent teacher with experience in a wide range of courses including undergraduate and graduate design studios, interdisciplinary and elective seminars, and construction courses. She has used her educational background in biology, ecology, and architecture as well as her practical expertise as effective ways to enhance the experience of students in the classroom. Professor Maigret has led her graduate studios through a range of scales including networks, systems, and final theses. She also used two of the studios to explore the relationships among water infrastructure in urban areas, spatiality, environmental concerns, and architectural. Her undergraduate design studios involved explorations of sites ranging from Woodward Avenue in Detroit to Millennium Park in Chicago as well as Manhattan and Iceland, and she raised funds in order to enable student travel to the more distant sites.

The quality of Professor Maigret's teaching is evident in her course evaluation scores, but also in the recognition of her students' work. Their awards include the Wallenberg Jury Citation and Alumni Board of Governors Graduate Award in 2010 for two of her students, a *Metropolis* 2013 award for another studio project, and an Alumni Board of Governors Undergraduate Award, Honorable Mention, for another student in 2014. Feedback from Professor Maigret's course

evaluations tilts toward the top end of the scale for the vast majority of her courses. In addition, student feedback seems to pay particular attention to the tone with which she conducted her classes as well as the concrete skills that she brought to the classroom. Professor Maigret teaches important courses in the college, and does so in a way that demonstrates proficiency, empathy, and excellence.

Research: Professor Maigret's creative work, research and scholarship are distributed across the fields of architecture, urbanism, and landscape. This practice is highlighted by the fusion of service activities and the agency of design as well as through structuring innovative relations between large-scale water systems and the dynamics of urbanization. Professor Maigret's work capitalizes on opportunities at the intersection of the economic, political, and physical topographies of the culturally important Great Lakes region through exploring reciprocal relations of landscape, infrastructure, and urban circumstances as structured through tactical design. Natural and constructed systems are connected ethically, strategically and tactically in specific projects aimed toward public well-being. Professor Maigret has developed a sustainable practice and brings expertise to her collaborative work from her training in architecture, biology, evolutionary biology and ecology, played out through formal, material and program innovation. The multitude of partnerships and collaborations academically and professionally in which she is engaged is impressive.

Professor Maigret's work has been disseminated in varied venues to a variety of publics. It has been recognized with awards from a range of important national and regional entities including three awards from the Michigan American Institute of Architects Honor Awards, the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture Faculty Design Award and a pair of Boston Society of Architects Awards. Of particular distinction is the 2014 feature on MAdE Studio in *Architect Magazine's* "Next Progressives," one of the most highly regarded and respected magazines for the profession of architecture. The work has also garnered accolades through invited lectures, exhibitions, symposia, competition prizes, publications in design journals and pro-bono service work. In parallel to the dissemination of the design and visualization work, Professor Maigret has contributed through the channels of traditional scholarship. She has co-authored a peer-reviewed journal article in the *Michigan Journal of Sustainability* and a book chapter—a contribution to the forthcoming Third Coast Atlas: Prelude to a Plan of The Great Lakes Region.

Recent and Significant Publications and Awards:

Arquero de Alarcón, M., Maigret, J. "Inhabiting the Water Cycle," in The Third Coast Atlas: Prelude to a Plan of the Great Lakes Region. (Eds. C. Waldheim, C. Lyster, M. White, and D. Ibáñez). Barcelona ACTAR, Spring 2016.

American Institute of Architects Michigan Honor Award, 2015. Small Projects Category (Built Work) for "Playful Horizons," MAdE Studio.

Architect Magazine, July 2014, "Next Progressives: MAdE Studio" by Elizabeth Evitts Dickinson.

Boston Society of Architects Design Award (Citation), 2013. Unbuilt Category, "Liquid Planning Detroit," MAdE Studio.

Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture Faculty Design Award, 2013. "Liquid Planning Detroit," MAdE Studio.

Arquero de Alarcón, M., Maigret, J. "Liquid Planning: Toward Sustainability Through the Lens of Water," *Michigan Journal of Sustainability*, Vol 1, Fall 2013, 131-149.

Service: Professor Maigret is committed to service at the college, university, and community levels. Within Taubman College, Professor Maigret has served on four search committees, the graduate admissions committee for architecture, and has made important contributions as the course coordinator for architecture studios, seminars, and a core lecture course, working diligently to secure foundation money in order to make sure that deserving students received travel awards to visit various studio sites in the US. Within the university at large, she has served as a faculty associate of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Arboretum since 2011. In the broader realm of academic service, she has reviewed papers for ACSA sessions and served as a book proposal reviewer for Routledge and the *Michigan Journal of Sustainability*. Public service has allowed her to create important relationships with nonprofit partners and clients. To that end, she has volunteered with notable organizations related to her expertise such as the Huron River Watershed Council and Focus: HOPE. She has also served on the site advisory committee for the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Department.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: "Professor Maigret is a highly sought after type of design scholar: one who innately hybridizes contemporary technology with critical design thinking...She excels in the area of creative practice and design research...As urban resiliency, green infrastructure and regional water management continue to grow in priority and public funding, Professor Maigret...[is] well positioned to play a leading role in the next generation of public practice as community advocates and designers."

Reviewer B: "She has established an impressive record of funded design research, grounded in her ecological training that demonstrates how natural processes can become generative in formally rich design proposals at both the large urban scale of a watershed or city neighborhood and the small architectural scale of a playground or kayak storage. The work is exemplary, robust in its interdisciplinary inclusion and is a contribution to and compares favorably with the highest standards in the current discourse on urban landscape potentials..."

Reviewer C: "Maigret's undergraduate and graduate degrees in evolutionary and ecological biology inform serious interdisciplinary work...The use of design and visualization skills to reveal and address local and regional hydrology is significant. This is a very different model of the architect/educator than had been the norm for earlier generations, yet it is increasingly important as our schools seek to engage research initiatives in collaboration with planners, landscape architects and engineers inside and outside the academy. It also resonates with the commitment of public universities to the social and environmental challenges of their communities."

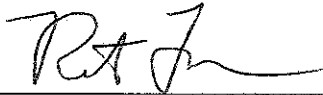
Reviewer D: "Prof. Maigret's dossier presents a productive, contemporary scholar, innovative teacher and interdisciplinary architectural practitioner involved in creative design-research praxis: in the six years since beginning her tenure-track, she has developed an impressive portfolio of design-research that includes a diversity of creative scholarly products and dissemination venues."

Reviewer E: "She is doing a great deal of focused research, at multiple scales and with secured grants, in an area that I feel is surprisingly under-represented in the US political discourse, the Great Lakes Basin Water. That is the future, and she is into it and has the skillset to argue convincingly for a more coherent and visionary stewardship of this resource."

Reviewer F: "Professor Maigret's academic background, in biology, ecology, and environmental biology prior to architecture, provides her with an unusual and fertile foundation for architecture. Professor Maigret's crisp problem-setting, exploration, and reporting demonstrate that she thinks with the precision of a scientist and the aesthetic judgment of an architect. The number of grants for which she has successfully competed, the amount of funding she has been awarded, and the outcomes, in the form of exhibits, competitions, and peer reviewed and invited essays, is unusual and impressive."

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Maigret is a talented, thoughtful, ambitious design researcher, and a creative, rigorous teacher, as well as a dedicated service provider for both the university and a number of specific community venues. It is with the support of the Taubman College Promotion and Tenure Committee and the Executive Committee that I recommend Jennifer L. Maigret for promotion to associate professor of architecture, with tenure, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning.



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