

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

Genevieve Zubrzycki, associate professor of sociology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, is recommended for promotion to professor of sociology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	2002	University of Chicago
M.A.	1995	Université de Montréal
B.A.	1992	McGill University

Professional Record:

2016 – present	Director, Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia and Center for European Studies, University of Michigan
2014 – 2016	Director, Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, University of Michigan
2012 – present	Faculty Associate, Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan
2010 – present	Director, Copernicus Program in Polish Studies, University of Michigan
2009 – present	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan
2003 – present	Faculty Associate, Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, University of Michigan
2003 – 2009	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Zubrzycki has taught courses on the sociology of religion, nationalism, culture, and theory. Since receiving tenure, she has taught 28 courses over seven years, averaging four courses a year. Of these, sixteen have been at the undergraduate level and twelve at the graduate level. Professor Zubrzycki has a very impressive teaching and student evaluations of her courses are consistently within the 4.2 to 4.6 range with a perfect score being 5.0. Her performance ranks very highly within the University of Michigan system and she is always within the top third of all UM instructors in terms of excellence. In addition to formal teaching, Professor Zubrzycki has run the Culture, History, and Politics graduate workshop for five semesters. Since receiving tenure, she has participated in the successful completion of sixteen doctoral theses (all currently employed), chairing three of them. She is presently on five dissertation committees, chairing three of them.

Research – Professor Zubrzycki is a major figure in the field of comparative historical political and cultural sociology, and she is on a trajectory to be a sociologist of the highest eminence in these fields. Her overarching project centers on the quest to understand the relationships between national and religious identities. In doing so, she has developed an analytical framework that addresses various social dynamics concerning the relationship of national and religious identities and the institutional and cultural contexts and historical contingencies that shape them. Methodologically, she utilizes comparative historical tools as her primary approach to analysis, but she also relies upon ethnography and intensive ethnographic interviewing. Her first book, The

Crosses of Auschwitz: Nationalism and Religion in Post-Communist Poland (University of Chicago Press, 2006), is highly regarded. Since receiving tenure, Professor Zubrzycki has published Beheading the Saint (2016) and has a second one, National Matters, forthcoming in 2017. She has also published eight journal articles with two more in press; most of these have appeared in top-tier journals. She has also edited a forthcoming book and published a number of book chapters. Her post-tenure work has been awarded the 2011 Clifford Geertz Prize for Best Article from the American Sociological Association's section on the Sociology of Culture, the 2014 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion's Distinguished Article Award, and an honorable mention for the 2014 Best Article Award from the American Sociological Association's Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section.

Recent and Significant Publications:

National Matters: Materiality, Culture and Nationalism, Stanford University Press, forthcoming May 2017.

Beheading the Saint: Nationalism, Religion and Secularism in Quebec, University of Chicago Press, 2016.

"Nationalism, 'philosemitism' and symbolic boundary-making in contemporary Poland," *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 58(1), 2016, pp. 66-98.

"Aesthetic revolt and the secularization of national identity in Quebec, 1960- 1969," *Theory and Society*, 42(5), 2013, pp. 423-475.

Service – Professor Zubrzycki has served the department (Admissions and Executive Committees), the College of LSA (director of the Center for Russian and East European Studies, Weiser Center, Center for European Studies, and Center for Polish Studies), and the university (faculty evaluator on the Fulbright Committee). Professor Zubrzycki has a significant presence in the national scholarly associations (chair of the American Sociological Association's Sociology of Culture Section and council member of the American Sociological Association's Sociology of Religion Section). She also has served on committees for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and organized panels for the Social Science History Association. Since receiving tenure, Professor Zubrzycki has served on the editorial boards of *Sociological Theory*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *The American Journal of Cultural Sociology*, and *Rescherches Sociographiques*, and she is the co-editor of the prestigious interdisciplinary social science journal, *Comparative Studies in Society and History* as well as the Polish journal, *Kultura*.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A)

"...Zubrzycki's overarching academic achievement is her ability to research and conceptualize across a range of academic disciplines (history, East European Studies, Jewish Studies, comparative historical and cultural sociology, anthropology) that scholars often pursue separately. ... [her] scholarship moves the field of religion, politics and culture forward in innovative and important ways."

Reviewer (B)

"Professor Zubrzycki is recognized as a leading early mid-career historical and cultural sociologist. She is an acute and sensitive observer, with a talent for using fine-grained empirical analyses to illuminate larger theoretical questions. ... She has made substantial contributions to the study of the relation between religion and nationalism and, more broadly, to the study of the relation between culture and politics. She is very productive, and her work is of consistently high quality."

Reviewer (C)

"...Zubrzycki is theoretically sophisticated, empirically grounded... Zubrzycki demonstrates in convincing detail and penetrating insight the key role played by what she variously calls the sensorial, iconic or aesthetic dimension of nationalism. While this argument has been made by others...and in a different way...I find the analytical framework developed by Zubrzycki to be more flexible and dynamic than what was on offer up till now."

Reviewer (D)

"Her work is superb: it is theoretically innovative and empirically sustained, and it stands at the forefront of the discipline that it does a good deal to advance. Then she has considerable range, from nationalism and religion to cultural sociology more generally, and with superb books on Poland and on Quebec. ...she most certainly has a significant international reputation...largely because her work addresses key topics in the discipline—the distinction between ethnic and civic nationalism, the debate about secularization, and the nature of cultural change."

Reviewer (E)

"...I was pleased to learn that she now directs European studies programs at your institution and that she edits your prestigious interdisciplinary journal *Comparative Studies in History and Culture*. These assignments are sure indicators that her immediate colleagues recognize her considerable professional stature and perceive her as having sound scholarly judgment."

Reviewer (F)

"I think she is one of the most interesting sociologists in the US because she combines good scholarship and fine writing with a dynamic approach to the sociology of culture that has deeply affected the subfield. ... Prof. Zubrzycki is a...star in both cultural and historical sociology who is recognized in Europe as well as the US. She has been active in the profession, and generous with her time. ... her CV is so filled with professional activities it is hard to imagine when she has time to write."

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Zubrzycki's research has positioned her as one of the intellectual leaders in her subfields. She is also an excellent teacher and an active citizen who has provided valuable service across the board. The Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and I recommend that Associate Professor Genevieve Zubrzycki be promoted to the rank of professor of sociology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.



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