

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION  
The University of Michigan-Flint  
College of Health Sciences  
Department of Public Health and Health Sciences

Lisa M. Lapeyrouse, assistant professor of health sciences and administration, Department of Public Health and Health Sciences, College of Health Sciences, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of health sciences and administration, with tenure, Department of Public Health and Health Sciences, College of Health Sciences.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	2009	University of Michigan
M.S.	2001	University of Arizona
B.A.	1999	University of California

Professional Record:

2012 – Present Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health and Health Science,  
University of Michigan at Flint,

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Lapeyrouse taught seven different courses at the undergraduate and graduate level in Public Health and graduate courses for the Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice program. Her teaching is primarily in face-to-face courses but she has also taught online. She served as primary reader for nine master's capstones/theses. Her student course evaluations range from very good to excellent. Professor Lapeyrouse's courses are well planned, intellectually stimulating, and engaging to various types of learners. She values and encourages student engagement utilizing multiple evidence based strategies, including the use of metaphors, technology (clickers, Text Connect), storytelling, content experts as guest speakers, and service learning projects. Students often comment positively on her ability to use examples and illustrations, innovative teaching methods, expertise in content and overall enthusiasm for teaching. Professor Lapeyrouse has received numerous teaching awards being recognized for teaching excellence by students, faculty peers, dean and provost.

Research: Professor Lapeyrouse has focused her research efforts on understanding health disparities in Latinx populations, particularly with regard to mental health and health care access. Her research addresses national health priorities identified in Healthy People 2020 with work completed in the border-states with Mexico and in the Flint community. She has published seven peer-reviewed manuscripts since joining the University of Michigan-Flint faculty, with additional manuscripts under review. Professor Lapeyrouse involves public health students as co-researchers on her local projects. She has established significant research collaborations in the Latinx population in Flint and with other health disparity researchers in the state of Michigan. With these relationships now established, she has significant potential for future contributions to health disparities research with a focus on the Latinx population.

Recent and Significant Publications

Kodjebacheva, G., Lapeyrouse, L.M., Rahrig, J., Walker, L., & Campbell, K. (Accepted). Interventions to Promote Safe Water Drinking Among Women of Reproductive Age. *American Journal of Health Promotion*.

Assari, S., Lapeyrouse, L.M., & Neighbors, H.W. (Accepted). High Household Income Is Associated With Less Goal Striving Stress For Whites But Not African Americans. *Medicina*.

- Assari, S., Lapeyrouse, L.M., & Neighbors, H.W. (2018). Income and Self-Rated Mental Health: Diminished Returns for High Income Black Americans. *Behavioral Sciences*, 8(5): 50.
- Lapeyrouse, L.M., Miranda, P.Y., Morera, O.F., & Balcazar, H. (Online 2016, Print 2017). Strategic Health Seeking: Mammography among Latina Border Residents With and Without Health Insurance. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, 4(2): 282-287.
- Lapeyrouse, L.M. (2016). Oral (Roundtable) Presentation. Prescription Drug Costs: Does Neighborhood Matter? at: the 144<sup>th</sup> Annual American Public Health Association (APHA) Meeting and Exposition.

Service: Professor Lapeyrouse made significant service contributions to the community, profession, and university. Her community and professional service align with her research agenda. She is actively engaged with Latinos United for Flint and has engaged with the Prevention Research Center of Michigan in Flint. Nationally, she has served as a conference abstract reviewer for the Latino Caucus of the American Public Health Association. Professor Lapeyrouse focused her university service on committees and activities that support student centeredness and enhancing community engaged teaching across campus. She provided skillful leadership to the College of Health Sciences Academic Standards Committee and contributes significantly to the Faculty Advisory Committee for University Outreach.

#### External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A): “Dr. Lapeyrouse’s work is crucial if the field is to move forward in identifying and applying successful interventions and policies to address issues of health disparities and access to care in Latino communities. Her approach to using an intersectionality framework to study issues of race and gender on stress is a unique contribution to the field.”

Reviewer (B): “I find Lisa Lapeyrouse’s work to be of high quality, published in well-respected journals. ... The papers are well-written; the discussion sections are particular well-thought out and give the reader much to consider.”

Reviewer (C): “I believe the quality of these publications demonstrate that rigorous performance expectations and measurement criteria—including strong conceptual frameworks, appropriate methods, correct application, meaningful results and implications— were met.”

Reviewer (D): “After reviewing several of Dr. Lisa Lapeyrouse’s articles and her CV, I have concluded she has performed as an exemplary assistant professor in the field of health promotion. Indeed, as her various awards indicate (e.g., Teaching Innovation, Agho Teaching Excellence, Boyer Faculty Scholar, etc.) she has demonstrated excellence in her profession, particularly teaching.”

Reviewer (E): “As part of this assessment, I reviewed two articles... In both of the articles, one in which she is the first author, the authors described results of cross-sectional survey data collected in El Paso-Juarez border region. These articles provided good quality data on the health behaviors, comorbidities, access and barriers to health care among Hispanic population living in that region. The results presented in these publications contribute to the understanding of health issues among Hispanics.”

Reviewer (F): “I found all of Dr. Lapeyrouse’s scholarly publications to be interesting and significant contributions to the public health literature. I especially was impressed by the article she co-authored in the journal, *Behavioral Sciences* titled, “Income and Self-Rated Mental Health: Diminished Returns

for High Income Black Americans.” In light of the current political, economic, and sociocultural climate in the U.S., this article offers special insights for public health research and practice. It should be noted that this article was published in a psychology journal. This is notable because it lends significance to the broad scope of Lapeyrouse’s research.”

Reviewer (G): “She has definitely been busy with working within the Latino community as well her activities with professional organizations. These are true strengths as are her publications and presentations regarding health status among Latinos. Dr. Lapeyrouse has continually been making a significant contribution to her field and discipline as seen in her time spent with various professional organizations and being a reviewer for many journals.”

Summary of Recommendations:

Professor Lapeyrouse is a strong researcher and teacher. With the support of the Promotion and Tenure Review Committee and the director of the Department of Public Health and Health Sciences, I enthusiastically recommend Lisa M. Lapeyrouse for promotion to associate professor of health sciences and administration, with tenure, Department of Public Health and Health Sciences, College of Health Sciences.


Recommended by:



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Donna Fry, Dean  
College of Health Sciences

Recommendation endorsed by:



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Susan E. Alcock, Interim - Provost and  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs



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Susan E. Borrego, Chancellor  
University of Michigan-Flint

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