

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

Deirdre R. Bloome, assistant professor of sociology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of sociology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	2014	Harvard University
A.M.	2009	Harvard University
A.B.	2004	Brown University

Professional Record:

2014 – present	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan
2014 – present	Faculty Associate, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan
2014 – present	Faculty Associate, Survey Research Center, University of Michigan
2017 – 2018	Visiting Scholar, Russel Sage Foundation

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching – Professor Bloome has established herself as an outstanding teacher of statistics, quantitative methods, inequality, and stratification. She has developed thoughtful practices for teaching some of the most difficult courses in the department, including the required undergraduate statistics for sociology majors (which fulfills the LSA quantitative reasoning requirement) and advanced required statistics for doctoral students. Her courses on inequality and stratification have been important to the sociology curriculum. Professor Bloome has also been an engaged mentor, attracting a considerable number of graduate students in the Department of Sociology and at the Population Studies Center. She has an excellent record of pursuing research and publication jointly with students. This is a very strong contribution to Sociology’s efforts to train students.

Research – Professor Bloome’s research portfolio consists of thirteen peer-reviewed articles; on which she is the lead or sole author on all but four articles. She lists twelve additional “in progress” papers. This is an unusually high quantity of work, and all indications are that her productivity will continue at this pace in the future. Professor Bloome’s scholarship is noteworthy for its theoretical and methodological rigor, its cumulative nature, and its visibility and impact in the fields of sociology and demography. It is striking that all of Professor Bloome’s articles have been published in the most selective, prestigious, and high impact journals of the field and/or subfield. Her research speaks to the core sociological issues of inequality among population groups, how those inequalities are produced, and whether they persist over time. Specifically, Professor Bloome focuses on income inequality, income mobility, and race-based inequalities in family structure and income. She contributes to the sociological knowledge of these topics through a wide range of state-of-the-art and innovative analytic approaches. When available, she uses high quality existing datasets, and when existing data are not sufficient, she creates her own datasets by integrating multiple sources. Her future

research will continue to build from these datasets to further our understandings of inequality and mobility.

Recent and Significant Publications:

“Economic self-reliance and gender inequality between US men and women, 1970–2010,” with D. Burk and L. McCall, *American Journal of Sociology*, 124, 2019, pp: 1413–67.

“Educational inequality, educational expansion, and intergenerational income persistence in the US,” with S. Dyer and X. Zhou, *American Sociological Review*, 83, 2018, pp: 1215–53.

“Tenancy, marriage, and the Boll Weevil, 1892–1930,” with J. Feigenbaum and Christopher Muller, *Demography* 54, 2017, pp: 1029–49.

“Childhood family structure and intergenerational income mobility in the US,” *Demography*, 54, 2017, pp: 541–69.

Service – Professor Bloome has filled important service roles at the departmental, college, and national levels. In the Department of Sociology, she has served on the Executive, Admissions, Graduate Affairs, Graduate Student Paper Award, and Winter Colloquium committees. In the college, she served on the Quantitative/Computational Social Science Implementation Committee. Nationally, she has been the deputy editor of *Demography* through three different editors and also serves on the editorial board of *Journal of Marriage and the Family*.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A)

“Prof. Bloome is an extremely impressive scholar who is conducting important work in the field of economic inequality, race, and family demography. I believe that Prof. Bloome is among the top junior scholars in sociology. ... The department at Michigan is fortunate to have Prof. Bloome among its faculty.”

Reviewer (B)

“What impresses me about her work is that while it is very technical and full of details, she never loses site [sic] of the substantive questions driving the inquiry, and she chooses big, important questions. She also writes very clearly, helping her readers focus on the substantive contribution of the work.”

Reviewer (C)

“Dr. Bloome stands head and shoulders above nearly every assistant professor studying social stratification today. ... The quality and rigor of Dr. Bloome’s work sets her amongst a class of scholars well beyond her current status.”

Reviewer (D)

“My own assessment of the quality of Dr. Bloome’s research is that it is exceptional. I am impressed with Dr. Bloome’s methodological skills and her ability to bring new longitudinal methods and analytic strategies to the tradition of income mobility and inequality research in sociology.”

Reviewer (E)

“The quality and quantity of her output is excellent. Since completing her PhD in 2014 she has published nine articles, or an average of almost two articles per year. This is all the more impressive when one considers the quality of the journals that she is publishing in and the major contributions that each article makes. ... She is going full steam ahead producing excellent research and I expect many great contributions from her in the future. She would most certainly receive tenure at [my institution]...”

Reviewer (F)

“...Professor Bloome gets top marks on all dimensions. The quality of the work is first-rate. Everything that she writes is exhaustive, comprehensive, novel, and imaginative. ... Everything she does is gold.”

Reviewer (G)

“With these and other significant contributions, Professor Bloome has established herself as a new and respected voice in the ongoing sociological conversations about social stratification and social mobility in the United States. ...”

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