

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION  
The University of Michigan–Dearborn  
College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

Carmel Price, assistant professor of sociology, Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of sociology, with tenure, Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	2011	Sociology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
M.S.W.	2003	Social Work, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA
B.A.	2000	Psychology and Education, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

Professional Record:

2014 – present	Assistant Professor, Department of Behavioral Sciences, University of Michigan-Dearborn
2011 – 2014	Mellon Foundation Post-doctoral Fellow of Sustainability and Visiting Assistant Professor, Departments of Sociology and Earth and Environmental Sciences, Furman University, Greenville, SC

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Price has taught five courses, including Quantitative Research, Contemporary Social Problems, Gender Roles, Population Problems, and Understanding Society. She consistently receives outstanding student evaluation ratings, with her courses averaging 4.59 on the instructor rating (on a 5 point scale). Professor Price’s courses are well structured and emphasize critical thinking. She is a significantly engaged teacher who challenges students in the classroom and makes learning enjoyable. She also has two highly regarded peer-reviewed pedagogical publications. Based on their observations of Professor Price’s classes, the faculty concur that she is an excellent instructor.

Research: During Professor Price’s five years at UM-Dearborn, she has published nine peer-reviewed manuscripts, including six peer-reviewed journal articles and three peer-reviewed book chapters. Professor Price exemplifies the scholar-teacher model, as she conducts community-based, participatory research and actively engages students in her research projects. Her work focuses on two areas: food insecurity of college students and environmental justice issues. She is the co-founder of the interdisciplinary College and University Pantries (CUP) research team and has become a national leader on this issue. Her work on environmental justice has included projects on gender and attitudes to climate change, race and hydraulic fracturing in Youngstown, Ohio, and the effects of air pollution and flooding in Detroit. Her research has significant implications for inequality, environmental justice, student success, poverty, and public health.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Price, Carmel E. and Bohon, Stephanie A. 2019. “Eco-Moms and Climate Change: The Moderating Effects of Fertility in Explaining Gender Differences in Concern.” *Social Currents*, 6(5):422-439.

- Price, Carmel E., Sampson, Natalie R., Reppond, Harmony A., Thomas-Brown, Karen, Camp, Jessica K. 2019. "Creating a Community of Practice among Michigan College Campuses Food Pantry Directors." *Journal of Community Practice*, 27(1):96-109.
- Sampson, N. R., Price, C. E., Kassem, J., Doan, J., and Hussein, J. 2019. "'We're Just Sitting Ducks': Examining Recurrent Household Flooding as an Underreported Environmental Health Threat in Detroit's Changing Climate." *Extreme Weather Events and Health* special issue of *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 16(1).
- Price, Carmel E., Sampson, Natalie. 2018. "Food Pantries on College and University Campuses: An Emerging Solution to Food Insecurity." Pp. 245-257 in Food and Poverty: Food Insecurity and Food Sovereignty among America's Poor, edited by Leslie Hossfeld, E. Brooke Kelly, and Julia Waity. Nashville, TN: Vanderbilt University Press.
- Price, Carmel E., Maples, James N. 2018. "Disturbing the Dead: Community Concerns over Fracking below a Cemetery in the Utica Shale Region." Pp. 85-106 in Fractured Communities: Risk, Impacts, and Protest against Hydraulic Fracking in U.S. Shale Regions, ed. by Anthony E. Ladd. Rutgers University Press.
- Reppond, Harmony, Sampson, Natalie, Thomas-Brown, Karen, and Price, Carmel E. 2018. "Addressing Food Insecurity in College: Mapping a Shared Conceptual Framework for Campus Pantries in Michigan." *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy* 18(1):378-399.
- Ettinger, Anna K., Riley, Anne W., Price, Carmel E. 2018. "Increasing Maternal Employment Influences Child Overweight/Obesity Among Ethnically Diverse Families." *Journal of Family Issues* 39(10):2836-2861.
- Hagood, Amanda, Price, Carmel E. 2016. "Classroom Ecotones: Connecting Place-Based Pedagogy and Blended Learning." *Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and the Environment* 23(3):603-625.
- Hagood, Amanda, Price, Carmel E. 2015. "Sister Classrooms: Blogging Across Disciplines and Campuses." Pp. 17-31 in Web Writing: Why and How for Liberal Arts Teaching and Learning, ed. by Jack Dougherty and Tennyson O'Donnell. University of Michigan Press.

Service: Professor Price serves on campus on the Food Studies Certificate committee, the Search Advisory Committee for Provost, and the Behavioral Sciences Major Advisory Committee, as well as many other roles. As a community-engaged researcher, she is highly involved in Healthy Dearborn as a steering committee member and the head of the research committee. Her research team created and hosted Annual Michigan College Campuses Food Pantry Summits, where representatives from campus food pantries develop best practices for addressing student food insecurity. She has been called on to present about food insecurity in multiple venues, including as a keynote speaker for the Hungry and Homeless Summit at the University of Tennessee, to the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, and to the U.S. Government Accountability Office. She has also organized the Annual Environmental Health Research-to-Action Summer Youth Academy in Dearborn. Professor Price has also made considerable contributions to the profession through her service on the Committee on Awards and Honors for the Southern Sociological Society and her work on the Editorial Board of the *Population Research and Policy Review*.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: "The quality of her work is excellent, and the quantity is remarkable particularly given that her publication record draws from multiple and distinctive collaborative projects with communities and with undergraduate students. This type of work takes considerable time and engagement to do well. It appears that Professor Price has done so very successfully."

Reviewer B: “I am quite impressed with Dr. Price’s ability to weave academic work into the public domain and bring it all to bear on her pedagogy, integrating student researchers into her work as well. If you are looking for a community engaged scholar who exemplifies the scholar-teacher model, you have found a superstar.”

Reviewer C: “Scholar-activists are essential to the success of today’s academy, as they take a rigorous approach to creating positive social change. Dr. Price is a great example in this regard, and I look forward to seeing what she does post-tenure.”


Reviewer D: “Her materials suggest she is a talented researcher, scholar, and teacher. Price is gifted in her ability to intertwine scholarship with practice and instruction in sensible, intentional, and thoughtful ways. She truly embodies the public sociology model embraced by many that continues to rise in prominence within our discipline.”

Reviewer E: “I am very impressed with Dr. Price’s research. Her work is methodologically sound and both substantively and theoretically rich and important. Her work fits at the intersection of environmental sociology and food, and addresses issues related to class, race, and gender.”

Reviewer F: “I am confident in stating that Carmel Price is a competitive, well-published scholar in her fields of interest. Without a doubt, she is much deserving of promotion to associate professor with tenure. Based on her research collaborations and the policy implications of some of her work, she is an asset to your program.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Price has published high quality research and shown promise for continued scholarly work. She is also an outstanding teacher and is rated very highly by students and peers. She is a highly valued colleague and makes significant contributions to the university, community, and profession. We are very pleased to recommend, with strong support of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters Executive Committee, Carmel Price for promotion to associate professor of sociology, with tenure, Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.

  
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