ANN ARBOR, DEARBORN, AND FLINT CAMPUSES – Recommendations for approval

1. Promotions to the ranks of professor and associate professor, 2021 - 2022.

ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

2. New appointments and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks, with tenure.

   (1) Thomas, Ebony Elizabeth, associate professor of education, with tenure, School of Education, effective August 30, 2021.

3. Reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.

   (1) Bishara, Norman D., associate dean for undergraduate programs, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 (also professor of business law, with tenure).

   (2) Cardinal, Vincent J., chair, Department of Musical Theatre, and Arthur and Martha Hearron Endowed Professor of Musical Theatre, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (also professor of music, with tenure).

   (3) Carter-Su, Christin, Ph.D., Henry Sewall Collegiate Professor of Physiology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026 (also Anita H. Payne Distinguished University Professor of Physiology, professor of molecular and integrative physiology, with tenure, and professor of internal medicine, without tenure).

   (4) Gailus, Andreas, chair, Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 (also professor of Germanic languages and literatures, with tenure).

   (5) Mahalingam, Ramaswami, director, Barger Leadership Institute, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026 (also professor of psychology, with tenure).

   (6) Miller, Shelie, Jonathan W. Bulkley Collegiate Professor of Sustainable Systems, School for Environment and Sustainability, effective May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026 (also associate professor of environment and sustainability, with tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability, and associate professor of civil and environmental engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering).
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3. Reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.

(7) Nakamura, Lisa A., director, Digital Studies Institute, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 (also Gwendolyn Calvert Baker Collegiate Professor of American Culture and Screen Arts, professor of American culture, with tenure, professor of film, television, and media, without tenure, professor of English language and literature, without tenure, and professor of women’s and gender studies, without tenure).

(8) Pasquale, John D., Donald R. Shepherd Chair in Conducting, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, effective June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2026 (also clinical associate professor).

(9) Pletcher, Scott D., Ph.D., William H. Howell Collegiate Professor of Physiology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026 (also professor of molecular and integrative physiology, with tenure).

(10) Schwendeman, Steven P., chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy, effective July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 (also Ara G. Paul Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, professor of pharmaceutical sciences, with tenure, College of Pharmacy, and professor of biomedical engineering, without tenure, Medical School and College of Engineering).

4. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.

(1) Aristarkhova, Irina, acting director, Digital Studies Institute, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (also professor of art and design, with tenure, Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design, and professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).

(2) Askew, Kelly M., chair, Department of Anthropology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 15, 2021 through June 30, 2024 (also, professor of anthropology, with tenure, and professor of Afroamerican and African studies, with tenure).
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4. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.

(3) Barzilai, Maya, director, Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 (also associate professor of Middle East studies, with tenure, associate professor of Judaic studies, with tenure, and associate professor of comparative literature, without tenure).

(4) Boisseron, Bénédicte M., acting chair, Department of Afroamerican and African Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (also professor of Afroamerican and African studies, with tenure).

(5) Caird, Michelle S., M.D., chair, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, effective May 1, 2021, and as the Harold W. and Helen L. Gehring Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026 (also professor of orthopaedic surgery, with tenure).

(6) Campbell, Scott W., chair, Department of Communication and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 (also Constance F. and Arnold C. Pohs Endowed Professor of Telecommunications, professor of communication and media, with tenure, and professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure).

(7) Dillard, Angela D., chair, Department of History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 15, 2021 through June 30, 2024 (also Richard A. Meisler Collegiate Professor of Afroamerican and African Studies and in the Residential College, professor of Afroamerican and African studies, with tenure, professor of history, with tenure, and professor in the Residential College, without tenure).

(8) Dowling, David R., interim chair, Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, College of Engineering, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 (also professor of mechanical engineering, with tenure, and professor of naval architecture and marine engineering, without tenure).

(9) Gay, Steven E., M.D., interim associate dean for medical student education, Medical School, effective July 1, 2021 (also clinical associate professor, Department of Internal Medicine).

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ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

4. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.

10. Ghaferi, Amir A., M.D., Moses Gunn, M.D. Research Professor, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026 (also associate professor of surgery, with tenure).

11. Giger, Roman J., Ph.D., Dr. Richard Mark Newman Research Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026 (also professor of cell and developmental biology, with tenure, and professor of neurology, without tenure).

12. Lafontaine, Francine, interim dean, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, effective May 24, 2021 (also William Davidson Professor of Business Administration, professor of business economics, with tenure, Steven M. Ross School of Business, and professor of economics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).

13. Lee, Fiona, acting associate dean for social sciences, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (also associate dean for diversity, equity, inclusion, and professional development, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and professor of psychology, with tenure).

14. Mashour, George A., M.D., Ph.D., professor of pharmacology, without tenure, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021 (also Robert B. Sweet Professor of Anesthesiology, chair, Department of Anesthesiology, professor of anesthesiology, with tenure, and professor of neurosurgery, without tenure).

15. McHugh, Jonathan B., M.D., A. James French Professor of Surgical Pathology, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026 (also clinical professor, Department of Pathology, and clinical professor, Department of Surgery).

16. Myers, Christianne, interim chair, Department of Theatre and Drama, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (also associate professor of theatre and drama, with tenure).

17. Nesvizhskiy, Aleksey I., Ph.D., Godfrey Dorr Stobbe Research Professor of Bioinformatics, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026 (also professor of pathology, with tenure, and professor of computational medicine and informatics, without tenure).

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ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

4. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.

(18) Pinto, Rogério, professor of theatre and drama, without tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Drama, effective August 30, 2021 (also associate dean for research and innovation, and professor of social work, with tenure, School of Social Work).

(19) Pires, Acrisio M., chair, Department of Linguistics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026 (also professor of linguistics, with tenure).

(20) Spector, Scott D., interim director, Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (also Rudolf Mrázek Collegiate Professor of History and German Studies, professor of Germanic languages and literatures, with tenure, professor of history, with tenure, and professor of Judaic studies, without tenure).

*(21) Venneti, Sriram, M.B.B.S., Ph.D., Al and Robert Glick Family Research Professor, Medical School, effective April 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026 (also associate professor of pathology, with tenure, and associate professor of pediatrics, without tenure).

(22) Watkins-Hayes, Celeste M., associate dean for academic affairs, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective August 1, 2021 through August 1, 2024 (also University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor, Jean E. Fairfax Collegiate Professor of Public Policy, professor of public policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and professor of sociology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).

(23) Young, Jr., Alford A., chair, Department of Sociology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (also Edgar G. Epps Collegiate Professor of Sociology, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, professor of sociology, with tenure, professor of Afroamerican and African studies, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and professor of public policy, without tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy).

5. Leaves of absence for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff.

(1) Chao, Xiuli, extension of a personal leave of absence, effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 (professor of industrial and operations engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering).

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ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

6. Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic and administrative positions.

(1) Change in title of an existing academic administrative position to associate dean for research, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021 (currently senior associate dean for research).

(2) Establishment of an endowed professorship as the Robert and Marjorie Nield Austin Professorship in Political Science, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective May 1, 2021.

(3) Establishment of an endowed professorship as the James A. Bellamy Professorship, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective May 1, 2021.

(4) Establishment of a research professorship as the Marilyn Fisher Blanch Research Professorship in Pediatrics, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021.

(5) Establishment of an endowed professorship as the Dunn Family Endowed Professorship in Psychometrics and Test Development, School of Education, effective May 1, 2021.

*(6) Establishment of a legacy professorship as the Dr. Dorothy G. Hard Legacy Professorship, School of Dentistry, effective April 1, 2021.

(7) Establishment of an endowed professorship as the Frederick G. L. Huetwell Professorship, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective May 1, 2021.

(8) Establishment of an endowed professorship as the Peter D. Meister Professorship in the Life Sciences, Life Sciences Institute, effective May 1, 2021.

(9) Change in name of an existing endowed professorship as the Max Mendel Shaye Professorship in Public Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective May 1, 2021 (currently the Max Shaye Professorship in Public Philosophy, Politics, and Economics).

(10) Change in name of an existing endowed professorship as the Margaret and Herman Sokol Professorship in Synthetic Chemistry, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective May 1, 2021 (currently the Margaret and Herman Sokol Professorship in Medicinal Chemistry).

(11) Establishment of an endowed professorship as the John L. Tishman Family Professorship in Construction Management and Sustainability, College of Engineering, effective June 1, 2021.

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ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

6. Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic and administrative and positions.

(12) Change in name of an existing endowed professorship as the Helen Zell Visiting Professorship in Creative Writing, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective May 1, 2021 (currently the Nicholas Delbanco Visiting Professorship).

7. Other personnel transactions for regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.

(1) Avila, Ana, Howard R. Marsh Visiting Professor of Journalism, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 30, 2021 through April 30, 2022.

(2) Croft, Clare H., transfer of tenure to associate professor of music, without tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, associate professor of American culture, with tenure, and associate professor of women’s and gender studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2021 (currently associate professor of music, with tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, associate professor of American culture, with tenure, and associate professor of women’s and gender studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).

DEARBORN CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

8. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.

(1) Kridli, Ghassan T., dean, College of Engineering and Computer Science, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025 (also professor of industrial and manufacturing systems engineering, with tenure).

FLINT CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

9. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.

(1) Abubakar, Dauda, chair, Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 (also associate professor of Africana Studies, with tenure, and associate professor of political science, with tenure).
FLINT CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

9. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.

(2) Broughton-Adams, Nicole, chair, Department of Fine and Performing Arts, College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 (also lecturer).

(3) Fhaner, Matthew, hair, Department of Natural Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 (also associate professor of analytical chemistry, with tenure).

(4) Heinze, Hillary J., chair, Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 (also associate professor of psychology, with tenure).

(5) McLeman, Cameron, chair, Department of Mathematics and Applied Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 (also associate professor of mathematics, with tenure).

(6) Paroske, Marcus, chair, Department of Language and Communication, College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 (also associate professor of communication studies, with tenure).

10. Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic and administrative and positions.

(1) Change in title of an existing academic administrative position as associate dean for faculty affairs, College of Arts and Sciences, effective June 1, 2021 (currently associate dean).

(2) Establishment of a new academic administrative position as associate dean for research and graduate programs, College of Arts and Sciences, effective June 1, 2021.

(3) Change in title of an existing academic administrative position as associate dean for student affairs, College of Arts and Sciences, effective June 1, 2021 (currently associate dean).
FLINT CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

10. Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic and administrative positions.

   (4) Establishment of an endowed professorship as the Frances Willson Thompson Professorship, University of Michigan-Flint, effective September 1, 2021.

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ANN ARBOR, DEARBORN, AND FLINT CAMPUSES

Recommended promotions to the ranks

of professor and associate professor

2020-2021
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
2021 FACULTY PROMOTIONS

A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning
Matias del Campo* Associate Professor of Architecture, with tenure
Lan Deng Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, with tenure
Robert Goods speed* Associate Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, with tenure
Joseph D. Grengs Professor of Architecture, with tenure
Andrew H. Herscher Professor of Architecture, with tenure, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures, without tenure, and Professor of History of Art, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Joy Knoblauch* Associate Professor of Architecture, with tenure
Ekaterina Velikov Professor of Architecture, with tenure

Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design
Sophia Brueckner* Associate Professor of Art and Design, with tenure, Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design, Associate Professor of Information, without tenure, School of Information, and Associate Professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Kelly M. Murdoch-Kitt* Associate Professor of Art and Design, with tenure
Sun Young Park* Associate Professor of Art and Design, with tenure, Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design, Associate Professor of Information, without tenure, School of Information, and Associate Professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Bruce M. Tharp Professor of Art and Design, with tenure

Stephen M. Ross School of Business
Anna M. Costello* Associate Professor of Accounting, without tenure
Julia J. Lee Cunningham* Associate Professor of Management and Organizations, with tenure
Maxim V. Sytch Professor of Management and Organizations, with tenure
Christopher D. Williams Professor of Accounting, with tenure
Xun Wu Professor of Strategy, with tenure

School of Dentistry
Yu Lei* Associate Professor of Dentistry, with tenure
Brent B. Ward Professor of Dentistry, with tenure, School of Dentistry, and Professor of Surgery, without tenure, Medical School

School of Education
Michelle J. Bellino* Associate Professor of Education, with tenure
Awilda Rodríguez* Associate Professor of Education, with tenure

College of Engineering
Shorya Awtar Professor of Mechanical Engineering, with tenure
Ronald G. Dreslinski Jr.* Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with tenure
Krzysztof J. Fidkowski Professor of Aerospace Engineering, with tenure
Mark G. Flanner Professor of Climate and Space Sciences and Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering, and Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Anouck R. Girard Professor of Aerospace Engineering, with tenure
Christian Jablonski Professor of Climate and Space Sciences and Engineering, with tenure
Ruiwei Jiang* Associate Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering, with tenure
Danai Koutra* Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with tenure
Susan T. Lepri Professor of Climate and Space Sciences and Engineering, with tenure
Ryan D. McBride* Associate Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, with tenure
Jason P. McCormick Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, with tenure
Sunitha Nagrath Professor of Chemical Engineering, with tenure
Christopher J. Peikert Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with tenure

*Denotes those receiving tenure
Liang Qi* Associate Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, with tenure
Anish Tuteja Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, with tenure, Professor of Macromolecular Science and Engineering, without tenure, and Professor of Chemical Engineering, without tenure
Ramanarayan Vasudevan* Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering, with tenure
Zhengya Zhang Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with tenure

School for Environment and Sustainability
Inès Ibáñez Professor of Environment and Sustainability, with tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability, Professor of Environment, without tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability and College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Shelie Miller Professor of Environment and Sustainability, with tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability, and Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

School of Information
Grant Schoenebeck* Associate Professor of Information, with tenure

School of Kinesiology
Katherine M. Babiak Professor of Kinesiology, with tenure
Natalie Colabianchi Professor of Kinesiology, with tenure
Riann Palmieri-Smith Professor of Kinesiology, with tenure

Law School
Maureen S. Carroll* Professor of Law, with tenure
Gabriel Rauterberg* Professor of Law, with tenure

College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Paulina L. Alberto Professor of History, with tenure, and Professor of Spanish, with tenure
Allison Alexy* Associate Professor of Women's and Gender Studies, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Asian Languages and Cultures, with tenure
Kwasi Ampene Professor of Afroamerican and African Studies, with tenure
Andrew P. Ault* Associate Professor of Chemistry, with tenure
Rachel K. Best* Associate Professor of Sociology, with tenure
Lydia R. Bieri Professor of Mathematics, with tenure
Julie S. Biteen-Johnsen Professor of Chemistry, with tenure, and Professor of Biophysics, without tenure
Erin L. Brightwell* Associate Professor of Asian Languages and Cultures, with tenure
Sueann Caulfield Professor of History, with tenure, and Professor in the Residential College, without tenure
Erin A. Cech* Associate Professor of Sociology, with tenure
Amy Chang Professor of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology, with tenure
Henry Cowles* Associate Professor of History, with tenure
Christian de Pee Professor of History, with tenure
Ian D. Fielding* Associate Professor of Classical Studies, with tenure
Anna Fisher* Associate Professor of American Culture, with tenure
Margaret Frye* Associate Professor of Sociology, with tenure
David P. Gold Professor of English Language and Literature, with tenure, Professor of Women's and Gender Studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Education, without tenure, School of Education
Mai Hassan* Associate Professor of Political Science, with tenure
Arnold K. Ho* Associate Professor of Organizational Studies, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Psychology, with tenure
Annette Joseph-Gabriel* Associate Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures, with tenure
Tasho Kaletha Professor of Mathematics, with tenure
Sofya Khagi Professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures, with tenure
John Kingston Professor of Anthropology, with tenure
Sarah C. Koch Professor of Mathematics, with tenure
Madhumita Lahiri* Associate Professor of English Language and Literature, with tenure

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Julian A. Levinson, Professor of English Language and Literature, with tenure, and Professor of Judaic Studies, with tenure

Nestor L. Lopez-Duran, Professor of Psychology, with tenure

Ishani Maitra, Professor of Philosophy, with tenure

Arvind-Pal S. Mandair, Professor of Asian Languages and Cultures, with tenure

Devi E. Mays*, Associate Professor of Judaic Studies, with tenure, and Associate Professor of History, without tenure

Alison R.H. Narayan*, Associate Professor of Chemistry, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Research Associate Professor, Life Sciences Institute

Noah L. Nathan*, Associate Professor of Political Science, with tenure

Erik E. Nielsen, Professor of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology, with tenure

Iain G. Osgood*, Associate Professor of Political Science, with tenure

Benjamin B. Paloff, Professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures, with tenure, and Professor of Comparative Literature, with tenure

Damani J. Partridge, Professor of Anthropology, with tenure, and Professor of Afroamerican and African Studies, with tenure

Emily Rauscher*, Associate Professor of Astronomy, with tenure

Elizabeth F.S. Roberts, Professor of Anthropology, with tenure

Corinna Schindler, Professor of Chemistry, with tenure

Selena Y. Smith*, Associate Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Associate Professor of Environment, without tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability and College of Literature, Science, and the Art

Joshua B. Spitz*, Associate Professor of Physics, with tenure

Nathaniel K. Szymczak, Professor of Chemistry, with tenure

Ambuj Tewari, Professor of Statistics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, without tenure, College of Engineering

Achim Timmermann, Professor of History of Art, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Architecture, without tenure, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning

Antoine G. Traisnel*, Associate Professor of Comparative Literature, with tenure, and Associate Professor of English Language and Literature, with tenure

Shravan K. Veerapaneni, Professor of Mathematics, with tenure

Felix A. Warneken, Professor of Psychology, with tenure

Brian Weeks*, Associate Professor of Communication and Media, with tenure

**Medical School**

J. Todd Arnedt, Professor of Psychiatry, with tenure, and Professor of Neurology, without tenure

Amy Bohnert, Professor of Anesthesiology, with tenure, and Professor of Psychiatry, without tenure

John C. Brenner*, Associate Professor of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Pharmacology, without tenure

Dawen Cai, Associate Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology, with tenure, Medical School, and Associate Professor of Biophysics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Noelle E. Carlozzi, Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, with tenure

Tammy Chang*, Associate Professor of Family Medicine, with tenure

Vineet I. Chopra, Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure

Mary Dahmer*, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, with tenure

Hakan Demirci, Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, with tenure

Lesly A. Dossett*, Associate Professor of Surgery, with tenure

Mara C. Duncan*, Associate Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology, with tenure

Lennane M. Espinoza-Fonseca*, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure

Kate D. Fitzgerald, Professor of Psychiatry, with tenure

Timothy L. Frankel*, Associate Professor of Surgery, with tenure

Peter L. Freddolino*, Associate Professor of Biological Chemistry, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics, without tenure

Katherine A. Gallagher, Professor of Surgery, with tenure, and Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, without tenure

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Amir A. Ghaferi  Professor of Surgery, with tenure
Johann E. Gudjonsson  Professor of Dermatology, with tenure
Richard E. Harris  Professor of Anesthesiology, with tenure, and Professor of Internal Medicine, without tenure
Mary M. Heitzeg  Professor of Psychiatry, with tenure
Brian M. Hicks  Professor of Psychiatry, with tenure
Jennifer Hirsch-Romano  Professor of Cardiac Surgery, with tenure, and Professor of Pediatrics, without tenure
Vikas Kotagal*  Associate Professor of Neurology, with tenure
Kenneth Kwan*  Associate Professor of Human Genetics, with tenure, Medical School, and Research Associate Professor, Michigan Neuroscience Institute
Jules Lin  Professor of Surgery, with tenure
Costas A. Lyssiotis*  Associate Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, without tenure
Erica E. Marsh  Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, with tenure, Medical School, and Professor of Women’s and Gender Studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Eric C. Martens  Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, with tenure
Karen McLean*  Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, without tenure
William J. Meurer  Professor of Emergency Medicine, with tenure, and Professor of Neurology, without tenure
Jacob L. Mueller*  Associate Professor of Human Genetics, with tenure, Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, without tenure, and Associate Professor of Urology, without tenure
Paula A. Newman-Casey*  Associate Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, with tenure
Zaneta Nikolovska-Coleska  Professor of Pathology, with tenure
Mukesh K. Nyati  Professor of Radiation Oncology, with tenure
Melanie D. Ohi  Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology, with tenure, Medical School, and Research Professor,
Nicholas H. Osborne*  Associate Professor of Surgery, with tenure
Krishna Rao*  Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure
Rajesh Rao*  Associate Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Pathology, without tenure
Dipankar Ray*  Associate Professor of Radiation Oncology, with tenure
Rishindra M. Reddy  Professor of Surgery, with tenure
Sameer D. Saini  Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure
Maureen Sartor  Professor of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics, with tenure, Medical School, and Professor of Biostatistics, without tenure, School of Public Health
Erika D. Sears*  Associate Professor of Surgery, with tenure
Jordan A. Shavit  Professor of Pediatrics, with tenure
Lesli Skolarus  Professor of Neurology, with tenure, Medical School, and Professor of Health Behavior and Health Education, without tenure, School of Public Health
Evan S. Snitkin*  Associate Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, without tenure
Emily C. Somers  Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, without tenure, Medical School, and Professor of Environmental Health Sciences, without tenure, School of Public Health
Corey Speers*  Associate Professor of Radiation Oncology, with tenure
Elizabeth K. Speliotes  Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, and Professor of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics, without tenure
Jason R. Spence  Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology, without tenure, Medical School, and Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Medical School and College of Engineering
Ryan W. Stidham*  Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure
Eliot Tapper*  Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure
Peter Todd  Professor of Neurology, with tenure
Ivy F. Tso*  Associate Professor of Psychiatry, with tenure
Adina Turcu*  Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure
Golfo K. Tzilos Wernette*  Associate Professor of Family Medicine, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Psychiatry, without tenure

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Vinod V. Vydiswaran*: Associate Professor of Learning Health Sciences, with tenure, Medical School, and Associate Professor of Information, without tenure, School of Information
Akbar Waljee: Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure
Cristen J. Willer: Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Professor of Human Genetics, without tenure, and Professor of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics, without tenure
Bing Ye: Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology, with tenure, Medical School, and Research Professor, Life Sciences Institute
Rachel L. Zemans: Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure

**School of Music, Theatre & Dance**
Linda D. Goodrich: Professor of Dance, with tenure
John Granzow*: Associate Professor of Music, with tenure
Amy E. Hughes: Professor of Theatre and Drama, with tenure
Kristin P. Kuster: Professor of Music, with tenure
Ashley E. Lucas: Professor of Theatre and Drama, with tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, Professor in the Residential College, without tenure, Professor of English Language and Literature, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Art and Design, without tenure, Penny W, Stamps School of Art and Design
Stephen A. Lusmann: Professor of Music, with tenure
Mark Madama: Professor of Music, with tenure
Nathan Martin*: Associate Professor of Music, with tenure
Tiffany K. Ng*: Associate Professor of Music, with tenure
Christina Traister*: Associate Professor of Theatre and Drama, with tenure
Donald M. Tulip*: Associate Professor of Theatre and Drama, with tenure
Cynthia L. Westphal: Professor of Music, with tenure

**School for Nursing**
Deena K. Costa*: Associate Professor of Nursing, with tenure

**College of Pharmacy**
Michael P. Dorsch*: Associate Professor of Pharmacy, with tenure
James J. Moon: Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, with tenure, College of Pharmacy, and Professor of Biomedical Engineering, without tenure, Medical School and College of Engineering
Anna A.S. Schwendeman: Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, with tenure

**School of Public Health**
Katherine W. Bauer*: Associate Professor of Nutritional Sciences, with tenure
Justin A. Colacino*: Associate Professor of Environmental Health Sciences, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Nutritional Sciences, without tenure
Peisong Han*: Associate Professor of Biostatistics, with tenure
Holly Jarman*: Associate Professor of Health Management and Policy, with tenure
Hyun Min Kang: Professor of Biostatistics, with tenure
Rafael Meza Rodriguez: Professor of Epidemiology, with tenure, and Professor of Global Public Health, without tenure
Alison L. Miller: Professor of Health Behavior and Health Education, with tenure
Richard L. Neitzel: Professor of Environmental Health Sciences, with tenure, and Professor of Global Public Health, without tenure
Celeste L. Pearce: Professor of Epidemiology, with tenure
Simone R. Singh*: Associate Professor of Health Management and Policy, with tenure
Kendrin Sonneville*: Associate Professor of Nutritional Sciences, with tenure

**Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy**
Natasha Pilkauskas*: Associate Professor of Public Policy, with tenure
Kaitlin Raimi*: Associate Professor of Public Policy, with tenure

**School of Social Work**
Jaymia Mitchell*: Associate Professor of Social Work, with tenure

**UM-Dearborn**

*Denotes those receiving tenure
College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters
Francine Banner Professor of Sociology, with tenure, Department of Behavioral Sciences
Gengxin Li* Associate Professor of Statistics, with tenure
Keshav P. Pokhrel* Associate Professor of Mathematics and Statistics, with tenure
Harmony A. Reppond* Associate Professor of Psychology, with tenure

College of Engineering and Computer Science
Shan Bao * Associate Professor of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering, with tenure
Amanda Esquivel* Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering, with tenure
Di Ma Professor of Computer and Information Science, with tenure
Mengqi Wang* Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, with tenure

UM-Flint

College of Arts and Sciences
Halil Bisgin* Associate Professor of Computer Science, with tenure
Heather A. Dawson Professor of Biology, with tenure
Jacob Lederman* Associate Professor of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice, with tenure
Shelby Newport Professor of Theatre, with tenure
Matthew Spradling* Associate Professor of Computer Science

School of Education and Human Services
Elizabeth Cunningham* Associate Professor of Education, with tenure
Julie Ma* Associate Professor of Social Work, with tenures
Melissa Sreckovic* Associate Professor of Education, with tenure

College of Health Sciences
Reza Amini* Associate Professor of Public Health and Health Sciences, with tenure

School of Management
Min Jung Kang* Associate Professor of Finance, with tenure
George O. White III Professor of Management, with tenure

School of Nursing
Mary E. Linton* Associate Professor of Nursing, with tenure

*Denotes those receiving tenure
Recommendations for approval of new appointments and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks, with tenure
On the recommendation of the executive committee of the School of Education, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Ebony Elizabeth Thomas as associate professor of education, with tenure, School of Education, effective August 30, 2021.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Ebony Elizabeth Thomas received her bachelor’s degree in English education from Florida A&M University (1999), her master’s degree in English from Wayne State University (2004), and her Ph.D. in English and education from the University of Michigan (2010).

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Upon receiving her Ph.D., Professor Thomas was first appointed as an assistant professor of reading, language, and literature in the College of Education at Wayne State University. In 2012, she was appointed as an assistant professor in the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania and she was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2018.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Thomas is a scholar of children’s and adolescent literature, with particular attention to the underrepresentation of People of Color and the implications of that lack of diversity and inattention to race for literacy teaching and learning. She studies this through three major threads: (a) “Healing Fictions?” which includes analysis and critique of children’s and adolescent fiction alongside research with middle school students to understand how they make sense of this literature; (b) “Culturally Responsive Discourses” research with teachers to understand how they facilitate discussions about race in the teaching of literature; and (c) “Dark Fantastic” counter-storytelling that imagines and presents an emancipatory path to transform this literature. Across her research, she explores ways to decolonize children’s literature and literacy teaching. She publishes her scholarship in top peer-reviewed journals across disciplines and presents her ideas to a range of audiences across modalities. She has received numerous awards and honors recognizing her scholarship, including The National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation’s prestigious post-doctoral fellowship and the AERA Language and Social Processes’ Emerging Scholar Award. Her 2019 book, The Dark
Fantastic: Race and the Imagination from Harry Potter to The Hunger Games, has received multiple awards and honors. She has garnered support for her research with a range of grants from the James S. McDonnell Foundation, the Kellogg Foundation, and the NAEd/Spencer Foundation.

Professor Thomas’s teaching reflects synergies with her research as she applies—and teaches her students to apply—literary criticism, archival research, and linguistic analysis to a vast array of literature and media in order to decolonize children’s literature. Her instruction is guided by an exemplary commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equity that is meaningfully grounded in disciplinary content. Students consistently evaluate her as effective, and describe her as knowledgeable, passionate, and transformative. She has served as the chair of nine doctoral dissertations, as a member of six dissertation committees, and adviser to 21 master’s students. She currently advises three doctoral students and 13 master’s students. She routinely involves graduate students in research projects and the co-teaching of courses and collaborates with students in a variety of public scholarship contexts with local communities. In addition, she serves as a mentor for National Council for Teachers of English “Cultivating New Voices Among Scholars of Color” program.

PUBLICATIONS


EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL LETTERS

Reviewer A: “Dr. Thomas is leading the field by questioning its origin stories and its persistent commitment to metanarratives about universal childhoods, progress, and transformation. Dr. Thomas’s research questions and depth of inquiry in this domain stand shoulder to shoulder with senior scholars currently working in the field.”

Reviewer B: “Dr. Thomas’s scholarly output is exceptional… The awards she has garnered support the idea that she is an influential scholar along with scores of presentations at professional conferences and universities are evidence that others view her scholarship as critical.”

Reviewer C: “Dr. Ebony Elizabeth Thomas is an academic rock star in the fields of Children’s and Young Adult Literature and English Education. She has also built areas of expertise throughout her career that make her work highly regarded in multiple fields.”
Reviewer D: “She has received prestigious and highly competitive awards such as a postdoctoral fellowship from the National Academy of Education. She is also a co-editor of Research in the Teaching of English, a top research journal affiliated with the National Council of Teachers of English—impressive and high-level service for an associate professor.”

Reviewer E: “Dr. Thomas excels as a scholar and researcher…she has far exceeded the quantity of scholarship required at large research institutions at the rank of Associate Professor. She has demonstrated that she can produce scholarship independently and collaboratively… Simply put, Dr. Thomas is a powerhouse scholar.”

Reviewer F: “I would argue that Dr. Thomas is on par and, in many cases, has surpassed many of her peers in the Reading/Writing/Literacy field. Dr. Thomas has carved out a critical space for scholarship that engages fantasy, race, and digital tools in ways that are unprecedented. She has actually ushered a growing community of scholars engaged in Afrofuturism, multi-modal literacies, and race.”

Reviewer G: “Dr. Thomas is an intellectually engaging scholar/researcher with an active research agenda that invites both the academic community and general public to pay attention to diverse children’s literature (particularly African American children’s literature) and to racial otherness as they manifest at educational settings.”

SUMMARY

Professor Thomas’ scholarship has been recognized as prominent and highly significant. She will be a valued colleague and productive scholar. We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Ebony Elizabeth Thomas as associate professor of education, with tenure, School of Education, effective August 30, 2021.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Elizabeth Birr Moje, Dean
George Herbert Mead Collegiate Professor of Education, and Arthur F. Thurnau Professor School of Education

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
Recommendations for approval of reappointments
of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff
On the recommendation of the dean of the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, we are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Norman D. Bishara as associate dean for undergraduate programs, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

Norman Bishara received his B.A. degree in 1996 from Colgate University and his J.D. from Cornell University in 1999. After receiving his J.D. degree, Professor Bishara joined Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel, LLP of Buffalo, NY as an associate attorney where he engaged in commercial litigation, agreement negotiation, and providing assistance to other practice areas, such as corporate governance, environmental and intellectual property. In 2004, he received his M.S. in public policy from the University of Michigan. He joined the University of Michigan Ross School of Business as a visiting professor in 2004 and became an assistant professor of business law in 2007. He was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2014, and to professor in 2020.

Professor Bishara’s research interests include issues surrounding corporate governance and corruption as constraints on business activity, international legal reform and business ethics in the developing world, including in the Middle East, and covenants not to compete as obstacles to employee mobility and knowledge transfer, and the implications for highly skilled labor mobility, including CEO contracts. He has also held a position as a principal researcher and project consultant with the Lebanese Transparency Association (LTA) in Beirut, an affiliate of Transparency International, where he coauthored the first Lebanese Code of Corporate Governance.

Professor Bishara is a staff editor at the *American Business Law Journal* and a recent past president of the Employment Law Section of the Academy of Legal Studies in Business. He has taught a course on Business Enterprises at the Michigan State University College of Law and worked with the United Nations Development Programme-RBEC. While in private practice in New York State, he represented a diverse group of corporate and individual clients in corporate, insurance and commercial litigation matters. He is a past chairperson of the Alumni Board of the Gerald R. Ford
School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan and a Social Enterprise Research Fellow with the William Davidson Institute. His professional recognitions include the ALSB Early Career Faculty Award, an Outstanding Proceedings Award, the Mauer Award for Best Submitted Ethics Paper and Distinguished Proceedings Paper Awards, as well as Holmes-Cardozo Award Competition finalist awards, from the Academy of Legal Studies in Business. In 2017, Professor Bishara became the associate dean of undergraduate and early career programs at the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, and since 2018, he serves as the associate dean for undergraduate programs.

Professor Bishara has taught business law and business ethics courses at both the BBA and MBA levels. He is committed to teaching innovation. Professor Bishara introduces creative components to, and continually revises and refines the content of, his courses. His innovations, such as a mock Enron trial and a complex products liability scenario, require students to analyze conflicting and extensive information in order to provide recommendations that take into account legal and ethical principles. Through this analysis, students gain a deeper understanding of the legal consequences of management decisions. In short, Professor Bishara is committed to setting very high standards for the students, taking risks with innovative and challenging assignments, and being flexible in contributing to the varied teaching and curricular needs of the school.

In this role, Professor Bishara will be responsible for leading all aspects of our undergraduate programs, including the BBA, minor in business administration, campus-wide minor in entrepreneurship, summer undergraduate programs, and pipeline programs for high school students. These responsibilities include strategy development and implementation, admissions, the student experience, curricular and co-curricular educational opportunities, and all program operations.

We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Norman D. Bishara as associate dean for undergraduate programs, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

RECOMMENDED BY:

D. Scott DeRue
Edward J. Frey Dean of Business
Stephen M. Ross School of Business

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment and an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Vincent J. Cardinal

CURRENT TITLES: Chair, Department of Musical Theatre, Arthur and Martha Hearron Endowed Professor of Musical Theatre, and Professor of Music, with tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

TITLES BEING RENEWED: Chair, Department of Musical Theatre, and Arthur and Martha Hearron Endowed Professor of Musical Theatre, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

TERM: One Year, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

On the recommendation of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance Executive Committee, we are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Vincent J. Cardinal as chair, Department of Musical Theatre, and as the Arthur and Martha Hearron Endowed Professor of Musical Theatre, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Vincent J. Cardinal received a BS in education/English (cum laude) from Kent State University, and his MFA in playwriting (with honors) from Yale School of Drama, Yale University, where he was honored with the ASCAP-Cole Porter Award for Best Collected Work. His plays have been published and produced internationally. Professor Cardinal’s academic faculty record began as an assistant professor of theatre at SUNY College at Buffalo from 1991-1994. From 1994-1995, he held an adjunct teaching position at New York University, Tisch School of the Arts. In 1995, he joined the faculty at Ohio University where he was promoted to tenured associate professor and held this appointment through 2001. He was recruited to the University of Miami in 2001 as a tenured professor and remained there through 2010, teaching playwriting, acting, and directing. In 2010, he was appointed as a professor, with tenure, at the University of Connecticut. He joined the University of Michigan in 2016 as the Arthur and Martha Hearron Endowed Professor of Musical Theatre, chair of the Department of Musical Theatre, and professor of music, School of Music, Theatre & Dance.

Professor Cardinal has directed 90 productions from coast to coast. Most recently, he directed Every Brilliant Thing by Duncan Macmillan with Jonny Donahue and The Foreigner by Larry Shue for the Tony Award-winning Utah Shakespeare Festival. His production of Every Brilliant Thing was honored as “Production of the Decade” by Broadway World.
Professor Cardinal served as the artistic director of the Connecticut Repertory Theatre where he directed notable productions such as Terrence Mann in *My Fair Lady* and *Man of La Mancha*; Pat Sajak in *The Odd Couple* and *The Drowsy Chaperone*; Steve Hayes in *A Funny Thing Happened...*; Jerry Adler and Richard Kline in *The Sunshine Boys*; and Leslie Uggams in a critically lauded and history making production of *Gypsy*.

As an administrator, Professor Cardinal served as the associate dean of performing arts at Adelphi University. He was the chair of Theatre at the University of Miami and the artistic director of the Jerry Herman Ring Theatre where his musical theatre productions garnered international attention. He served as the director of the School of Theater and Head of the MFA Playwriting Program at Ohio University, and was the director of the Circle Repertory Company School in New York City.

Professor Cardinal’s extraordinary contributions and impact on the school, its programs, and our students are profound and lasting. We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Vincent J. Cardinal as chair, Department of Musical Theatre, and as the Arthur and Martha Hearron Endowed Professor of Musical Theatre, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Recommended by:

David Gier
Paul Boylan Collegiate Professor of Music and Dean, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

Recommendation endorsed by:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Christin Carter-Su, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Anita H. Payne Distinguished University Professor of Physiology, Henry Sewall Collegiate Professor of Physiology, Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, with tenure, and Professor of Internal Medicine, without tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Henry Sewall Collegiate Professor of Physiology, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026

On the recommendation of Santiago Schnell, D. Phil, the John A. Jacquez Professor and chair of the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Christin Carter-Su, Ph.D. as the Henry Sewall Collegiate Professor of Physiology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

The Henry Sewall Collegiate Professorship in Physiology was established in May 2012 to support a tenured faculty member in the Department Molecular and Integrative Physiology. It is intended to honor Dr. Henry Sewall, who was the founding chair of the Department of Physiology at the University of Michigan in 1882. The appointment period may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Dr. Carter-Su is an internationally renowned investigator in the field of endocrinology, for her landmark studies of the structure and function of growth hormone receptors, including her discovery of the role of the signaling molecule JAK2. Her research has had a profound impact on our understanding of physiology, and has led to insights into cancer, diabetes and growth abnormalities. Her discovery is fundamental to cellular signaling, and is part of advanced undergraduate and early graduate textbooks in the biomedical sciences. Dr. Carter-Su has received numerous prestigious awards, including the Greep Lecture Award from the Endocrine Society, the Bodil Schmidt-Nielsen Award from the American Physiological Society, and the Sarah Goddard Power Award from the University of Michigan. She has held important leadership roles institutionally, including as an associate director of the Michigan Diabetes Research and Training Center (MDRC), an associate director of the Pilot and Feasibility Study Program, and the director of the Enrichment Program for the Michigan Diabetes Research Center. Dr. Carter-Su’s efforts have been critical to the continued funding and programmatic success of the MDRC. She has been instrumental in securing local and national awards for many faculty, in her role as the chair of the
awards committee for her department. Dr. Carter-Su has published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles, and serves on the editorial board for *Frontiers in Molecular and Structural Endocrinology*, and is a member of the Detroit Cardiovascular Training Program Advisory Committee for Wayne State University.

Dr. Carter-Su continues to make extraordinary contributions to her department, the Medical School, and the university at large. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the reappointment of Christin Carter-Su, Ph.D. as the Henry Sewall Collegiate Professor of Physiology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

Recommended by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment

NAME: Andreas Gailus

CURRENT TITLES: Chair, Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures, and Professor of Germanic Languages and Literatures, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Chair, Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Andreas Gailus as chair, Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

Andreas Gailus earned his M.A. in 1988 from Freie Universität Berlin, and attended Cornell University for one year before earning his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1996. He started his academic career at the University of Chicago as an assistant professor (1996–2003), and spent five years at the University of Minnesota as an assistant professor (2003–2005) and associate professor (2005–2008). He joined the faculty at UM in 2008 as an associate professor, with tenure, and was promoted to professor in 2019. Professor Gailus is the recipient of the Michigan Humanities Award (2012) and the John Dewey Award (2019), and was named as a fellow in the Institute for the Humanities (2015–2016). He has served on many search, executive, and curriculum committees, including as a member of the Committee for Selection of Graduate Fellows for the Institute for the Humanities and the SACUA Tenure, Promotions, and Professional Development Committee. Professor Gailus has served as the chair of the department since 2018.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Andreas Gailus as chair, Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment

NAME: Ramaswami Mahalingam

CURRENT TITLES: Director, Barger Leadership Institute, and Professor of Psychology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Director, Barger Leadership Institute, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Ramaswami Mahalingam as director, Barger Leadership Institute, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026.

Ramaswami Mahalingam received his bachelor’s of engineering from Annamalai University, India in 1982. He attended the University of Pittsburgh where he completed his masters in 1994 and his doctorate in 1998. Professor Mahalingam began his instructional career as an assistant professor at the University of Michigan in 2001 and was promoted through the ranks to professor, with tenure, in 2017. His research focuses on different aspects of identity (e.g., race, class, ethnicity, gender), including how they intersect to influence discrimination and how people respond to discrimination, and has provided important new insights into the causes and consequences of discrimination and how intersecting identities play a role in discriminatory behavior. He is also an award-winning teacher who has taught a wide variety of courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and has played a major role in mentoring students outside of the classroom by serving in the Department of Psychology as the director of the Honors Program (the largest such program in the country) and the Accelerated Master’s Degree Program. He has served as the director of the Barger Leadership Institute since 2018.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Ramaswami Mahalingam as director, Barger Leadership Institute, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY: 

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Shelie Miller

CURRENT TITLES: Jonathan W. Bulkley Collegiate Professor of Sustainable Systems, Associate Professor of Environment and Sustainability, with tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability, and Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Jonathan W. Bulkley Collegiate Professor of Sustainable Systems, School for Environment and Sustainability

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026

The dean of the School for Environment and Sustainability is pleased to recommend the reappointment of Shelie Miller as the Jonathan W. Bulkley Collegiate Professor of Sustainable Systems, School for Environment and Sustainability, for a five-year renewable term, effective May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

The Jonathan W. Bulkley Collegiate Professorship in Sustainable Systems was established in November 2011. The school was the recipient of a generous gift from The Wege Foundation to create the professorship. A stipend funded from school resources accompanies this professorship. Appointments may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Shelie Miller received a Bachelor of Science degree from Denison University in 2000, a Master’s of Engineering in civil and environmental engineering from Clarkson University in 2001, and a Ph.D. in civil and materials engineering in 2006 from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She was an assistant professor at Clemson University prior to joining the University of Michigan in 2010 as an assistant professor. Professor Miller was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2013.

Professor Miller uses life cycle assessment and scenario modeling to proactively identify environmental problems that may result from emerging technologies. Her research thus seeks to help avoid or reduce potential negative consequences of these technologies and spans multiple professional communities. Professor Miller has established a strong record of scholarship and research productivity; her publications appear in highly rated journals, including the top journals. Professor Miller is a nationally and internationally recognized leader in the fields of industrial ecology and sustainable engineering. She has received several major honors that reflect her recognition in her field. Professor Miller is a 2009 recipient of a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. She also received an NSF CAREER Award for 2009-2013. She was selected as a Kavli Frontiers Fellow in 2013 (National Academy of Sciences) and a Jefferson Science Fellow in 2016 (National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine). Professor Miller’s research has put her at the forefront of her field.

Professor Miller is a dedicated educator who emphasizes innovative teaching methods to create an active learning environment in her classes. She has frequently offered special tutorials outside normal class hours to accommodate the diverse learning backgrounds of her students. Students consistently comment...
on her effectiveness in engaging them in the classroom, clear explanation of complex methods, demonstration of real-world applications, and commitment to their learning beyond the classroom. Professor Miller is also a successful advisor and mentor who publishes frequently with her students. She works closely with them to help them achieve prestigious and highly competitive fellowships, including an EPA STAR Fellowship and an NSF Graduate Fellowship.

Professor Miller’s service record is exemplary. She has made substantial contributions to SEAS, where she currently serves on the Executive Committee for a third term, and serves as the director of the Program in the Environment, a university-wide collaborative undergraduate program overseen by SEAS and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. She also contributes to the College of Engineering, the Center for Sustainable Systems, and the Engineering Sustainable Systems dual degree program.

Externally, Professor Miller’s service record includes numerous significant appointments in professional societies, federal committees, university committees and administrative posts, and SEAS committees. She serves on the Federal Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee, beginning in 2015, and she has served on grant review panels for NSF, DOE, USDA, and EPA. Professor Miller is an accomplished researcher who has built a nationally recognized body of work, a gifted teacher and mentor devoted to continually improving her methods, and a dedicated colleague who devotes significant time to improving the academy.

We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Shelie Miller as the Jonathan W. Bulkley Collegiate Professor of Sustainable Systems, School for Environment and Sustainability, for a five-year renewable effective May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY:  
Jonathan T. Overpeck  
Samuel A. Graham Dean  
School for Environment and Sustainability

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:  
Susan M. Collins  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Alec D. Gallimore, Ph.D.  
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering  
College of Engineering

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment

NAME: Lisa A. Nakamura

CURRENT TITLES: Director, Digital Studies Institute, Gwendolyn Calvert Baker Collegiate Professor of American Culture and Screen Arts, Professor of American Culture, with tenure, Professor of Film, Television, and Media, without tenure, Professor of English Language and Literature, without tenure, and Professor of Women’s and Gender Studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Director, Digital Studies Institute, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Lisa A. Nakamura as director, Digital Studies Institute, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

Lisa Nakamura completed her doctorate at City University of New York in 1996. She began her teaching career as an assistant professor at Sonoma State University in 1997 and was appointed as an assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 2002. She joined the faculty at the University of Illinois as an associate professor, with tenure, in 2006, and was promoted to professor in 2007. She joined the faculty at Michigan in 2012, was appointed as a professor of women’s studies (now women’s and gender studies) in July 2013, and as the Gwendolyn Calvert Baker Collegiate Professor of American Culture and Screen Arts in December 2013. She has held an additional appointment in the Department of English Language and Literature since 2014. Professor Nakamura is a leading scholar in the examination of race in digital media, looking at the emergence of race-, ethnic-, and gender-identified visual cultures through popular yet rarely evaluated uses of the internet. She has served on the LSA Executive Committee, and has been the director of the Digital Studies Institute since its inception in 2019.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Lisa A. Nakamura as director, Digital Studies Institute, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: John D. Pasquale

CURRENT TITLES: Donald R. Shepherd Chair in Conducting, and Clinical Associate Professor, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Donald R. Shepherd Chair in Conducting, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2026

With the support of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of John D. Pasquale as the Donald R. Shepherd Chair in Conducting, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, for a five-year renewable term, effective June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2026.

In December 1993, the Regents established the Donald R. Shepherd Chair in Conducting in recognition of a generous gift from Mr. Shepherd (BBA 1958) to support the salary of the member of the music faculty who is designated the director of the Michigan Marching Band. The appointment period may be up to five years and may be renewed.

In 2008, Professor Pasquale joined the conducting faculty at the School of Music Theatre & Dance as assistant director of bands. Professor Pasquale was promoted to the position of director of Michigan Marching and Athletic Bands in June 2013. In this position, he oversees a department of five ensembles, serving over 700 students, and manages a professional and student staff of twenty-nine people. Additionally, he administers an operational budget of approximately $2 million and provide oversight of ensemble endowments of $25 million. Since his appointment as Director in 2013, Professor Pasquale has been active in fundraising and donor relations in conjunction with the MMB’s Senior Associate Director of Development, raising over $27 million for the programs he administers. The position Director of Athletic Bands at the University of Michigan involves hands-on management of student, academic, and faculty and staff affairs, as well as mentoring and evaluating colleagues, recruiting, development, external and alumni relations, budget and finance, and logistics and operations.

Professor Pasquale has extensive experience in marching and pageantry arts, and has served in a variety of roles with the Boston Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps, the Santa Clara Vanguard Drum and Bugle Corps, and the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps. Professor Pasquale was a contributor to the instructional DVD entitled, The Cavaliers Brass: From the Concert Hall to the Football Field, which has been met with international acclaim.
On the podium, Professor Pasquale is in demand as a guest conductor of bands and orchestras within the United States and abroad. Performance credits include professional, conservatory, university, amateur, and secondary school ensembles on three continents. Professor Pasquale’s research interests include the intersection of the conductor as artistic leader and ensemble pedagogue, codification of instrumental and ensemble pedagogy and teaching of aural analysis skills to conductors. Currently, he leads an international team of conductors and educators in a project entitled, “Directed Listening for Wind Ensemble Conductors.” The culmination of this work is presented within the book “Probenmethodik Blasorchester: Geführtes Hören in der Ensembearbeit,” published by Helbling Verlag in Esslingen, Germany, and the English edition, “The Directed Listening Model: A Rehearsal Guide for Ensemble Musicianship,” published by the authors.

It gives me great pleasure to recommend the reappointment of John D. Pasquale as the Donald R. Shepherd Chair in Conducting, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, for a five-year renewable term, effective June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2026.

Recommended by:

David Gier  
Paul Boylan Collegiate Professor of Music and Dean, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

Recommendation endorsed by:

Susan M. Collins  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Unendowed Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Scott D. Pletcher, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: William H. Howell Collegiate Professor of Physiology, and Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, with tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: William H. Howell Collegiate Professor of Physiology, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026

On the recommendation of Santiago Schnell, D. Phil, the John A. Jacquez Professor and chair of the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Scott D. Pletcher, Ph.D. as the William H. Howell Collegiate Professor of Physiology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

This professorship was established through the Provost Office and was named the William H. Howell Collegiate Professorship in Physiology in May 2017 and is funded by the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology. The appointment period may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Dr. Pletcher is a professor of molecular and integrative physiology, with an additional appointment as a research professor in the Geriatrics Center. He is a world leader in the field of biogerontology research and is currently serving as the co-director of the Paul F. Glenn Center for the Biology of Aging at the University of Michigan. His research program has set the stage for a new approach to how we think about the costs of reproduction and aging. For almost a half-century, countless studies have explored the relationship between reproduction and aging. The standard thinking has been that there are physiological costs of reproduction, and that these costs lead to increased rates of aging. Dr. Pletcher’s work has shifted the focus away from physiological costs to the possibility that the relationship between reproduction and aging is mediated primarily by neuronal signals, and in fact, that the very costs themselves are not physiological but neurological. From the biomedical point of view, Dr. Pletcher’s work has important implications toward understanding how our perceptive experiences influence our own health.

Dr. Pletcher is the principal investigator for two National Institute on Aging R01 grants that address sensory modulation of aging in Drosophila and modulation of lifespan through mechanisms of hunger and satiety. He has published 80 peer-reviewed articles, many in high profile journals, including Science, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, and PLoS
Dr. Pletcher is also an innovator and developer of analytic tools, such as DTrack, Dlife, and FLIC, that are broadly used to track individual fly behavior, lifespan, and food encounters. He is the founder and president of Flidea, an engineering development and consulting firm developing automatization tools to pursue research.

Dr. Pletcher served as the director of Ph.D. graduate studies in our department from 2011-2014, and is currently the director of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences T32 Biology of Aging training grant. He is an outstanding teacher and mentor. He is serving as the course co-director for Physiology 555: Integrative Genomics, that he revamped, and is now the flagship course that is required for Ph.D. students in physiology.

Dr. Pletcher continues to be an outstanding teacher and mentor, an innovative researcher, and productive investigator. He is continuing the legacy of Dr. Howell while making significant contributions to the field of physiology. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the reappointment of Scott D. Pletcher, Ph.D. as the William H. Howell Collegiate Professor of Physiology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

Recommended by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
On behalf of the College of Pharmacy Executive Committee, we are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Steven P. Schwendeman as chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy, effective July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Steven Schwendeman earned his BSE in chemical engineering in 1986 and his PhD/MS in pharmaceutics in 1992, all from the University of Michigan. After a brief training period as a post-doctoral associate in the Department of Pediatrics, University of Michigan Medical School, Professor Schwendeman joined the Department of Chemical Engineering at MIT, where he served as a post-doctoral fellow through 1995. He was appointed as an assistant professor at The Ohio State University in 1995, a position which he held through 2000, when he transferred to the University of Michigan as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 2002 and to professor in 2008. He was appointed as the Ara G. Paul Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences and became the chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2011. He received a joint appointment as a professor of biomedical engineering in the Medical School and the College of Engineering in 2013.

Professor Schwendeman’s performance as the chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences has been excellent, and the College of Pharmacy will benefit greatly from his continued leadership. His dedication to stewardship of the department and its graduate program, along with his commitment to service at all levels, have been outstanding and contribute to the College of Pharmacy’s success in achieving its goals and accomplishing its mission.
We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Steven P. Schwendeman as chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy, effective July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Bruce A. Mueller
Interim Dean
College of Pharmacy

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Alec D. Gallimore, Ph.D.
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering,
College of Engineering

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

May 2021
Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments
or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected
academic and administrative staff
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Irina Aristarkhova

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Art and Design, with tenure, Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design, and Professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Acting Director, Digital Studies Institute, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts are pleased to recommend the appointment of Irina Aristarkhova as acting director, Digital Studies Institute, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Irina Aristarkhova received her Bachelor of Arts from Moscow State University in 1992, Master of Arts at the University of Warwick in 1995, and doctorate from the Russian Academy of Sciences in 1999. Professor Aristarkhova was a senior lecturer in art theory at Lasalle College of the Arts in Singapore (1999-2001), assistant professor at the National University of Singapore (2001-2005), and assistant professor of women’s studies and visual arts at the Pennsylvania State University (2006-2012), before joining the faculty in the School of Art and Design as an associate professor, with tenure, in 2012. She was appointed as a professor in the Digital Studies Institute in January 2021. Professor Aristarkhova’s research interests include feminist new media theory and aesthetics areas, as well as interdisciplinary curriculum development in gender, technology, and art. She is the author of numerous publications and the founder, with Faith Wilding, Coco Fusco and Maria Fernandez, of “Undercurrents,” an online discussion list about how cyberfeminism, new technologies, postcoloniality and globalization are interrelated.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Irina Aristarkhova as acting director, Digital Studies Institute, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Kelly M. Askew

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Anthropology, with tenure, and Professor of Afroamerican and African Studies, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Chair, Department of Anthropology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: August 15, 2021 through June 30, 2024

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts are pleased to recommend the appointment of Kelly M. Askew as chair, Department of Anthropology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 15, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

Kelly M. Askew received her doctorate from Harvard University in 1997. Following two years as an assistant professor of anthropology at Indiana University, she joined the Michigan faculty in 1999 as an assistant professor of anthropology and Afroamerican and African studies, was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2004, and to professor in 2015. Professor Askew was the founding director of the African Studies Center at UM, a position she held from 2008–2018. She is the recipient of the 2009 Harold R. Johnson Diversity Service Award, the author of three monographs (with another under contract) and numerous journal articles and book chapters, and the director of several award-winning documentaries, including Maasai Remix, winner of the 2020 Dikalo Award for best feature-length documentary film from the Cannes Film Festival. Professor Askew is a dedicated teacher, and has performed extraordinary service for both her departments, the African Studies Center, the visual and performing arts community, and for anthropological scholars and the lay public alike.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Kelly M. Askew as chair, Department of Anthropology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 15, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Maya Barzilai

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Middle East Studies, with tenure, Associate Professor of Judaic Studies, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Comparative Literature, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Director, Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts are pleased to recommend the appointment of Maya Barzilai as director, Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

Maya Barzilai received her doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley in 2009. She joined the Michigan faculty in 2009 as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2017. Professor Barzilai researches modernist Hebrew, German, and Yiddish literature, twentieth-century German Jewish thought, translation theory, and Weimar film. She is the author of two books, with a third in progress, as well as much collaborative work with colleagues at other institutions. She is a strong mentor to students in all three of her departments, and teaches both graduate and undergraduate courses that span several disciplines. Professor Barzilai recently served on the Comparative Literature graduate admissions committee (2020), and has served on the Translation Studies Committee since 2017.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Maya Barzilai as director, Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Bénédicte M. Boisseron

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Afroamerican and African Studies, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Acting Chair, Department of Afroamerican and African Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts are pleased to recommend the appointment of Bénédicte M. Boisseron as acting chair, Department of Afroamerican and African Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Bénédicte Boisseron received an M.A. in English from the Université Denis Diderot (Paris, France) and a Ph.D. in French and Francophone studies from the University of Michigan. Professor Boisseron began her instructional career as an assistant professor of French and Francophone studies at the University of Montana in 2006, and was promoted to associate professor in 2012. She joined the UM faculty as an associate professor of Afroamerican and African studies, with tenure, in 2018 and was promoted to professor in 2020. She is the author of Creole Renegades: Rhetoric of Betrayal and Guilt in the Caribbean Diaspora, 2015 winner of the Nicolás Guillén Outstanding Book Award from the Caribbean Philosophical Association, and recipient of an Honorable Mention from the Caribbean Studies Association for the Barbara Christian Prize for Best Book in the Humanities. Her most recent book, Afro-Dog: Blackness and the Animal Question, draws on recent debates about black life and animal rights to investigate the relationship between race and the animal in the history and culture of the Americas and the black Atlantic. She is the recipient of an Alexander Von Humboldt Research Fellowship (Berlin, Germany) and of an Animals and Society Institute and Animal Studies Program Research Fellowship (Wesleyan University, CT).

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Bénédicte M. Boisseron as acting chair, Department of Afroamerican and African Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment and Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Michelle S. Caird, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Interim Chair, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Larry S. Matthews, M.D. Collegiate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, and Professor Orthopaedic Surgery, with tenure, Medical School

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Chair, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Harold W. and Helen L. Gehring Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, and Professor Orthopaedic Surgery, with tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2021

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Michelle S. Caird, M.D. as chair, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, effective May 1, 2021, and as the Harold W. and Helen L. Gehring Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026.

Michelle Caird obtained her medical degree from the University of Michigan. After completing an orthopaedic surgery residency at the University of Michigan and a fellowship in pediatric orthopaedic surgery at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, she joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2004 as a lecturer. In the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, she rose through the ranks to and was promoted to professor in 2020.

Dr. Caird’s research focuses on osteoporosis in pediatric patients and diseases such as Osteogenesis Imperfecta. She has been involved extensively in administrative activities. First serving as the assistant residency director, and in 2015, was appointed to serve as the director of the Orthopaedic Residency Program and associate chair for education for the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. In January 2019, she was appointed as the division chief of Pediatric Orthopaedics and in May of 2019 she was appointed as interim chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery.
Dr. Caird has made significant contributions to the Medical School through her research, teaching and clinical contributions. She has demonstrated her leadership abilities as an interim chair and is an excellent candidate to serve in this administrative capacity. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Michelle S. Caird, M.D. as chair, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, effective May 1, 2021, and as the Harold W. and Helen L. Gehring Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026.

Recommended by: 

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Scott W. Campbell

CURRENT TITLES: Constance F. and Arnold C. Pohs Endowed Professor of Telecommunications, Professor of Communication and Media, with tenure, and Professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Chair, Department of Communication and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts are pleased to recommend the appointment of Scott W. Campbell as chair, Department of Communication and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

Scott Campbell was awarded an M.A. in communication studies at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (1999) and received his Ph.D. in communication studies at the University of Kansas (2002). He began his instructional career as an assistant professor at Hawaii Pacific University (2002–2005), and joined the UM faculty as an assistant professor of communication studies in 2005. He was promoted through the ranks to professor, with tenure, in 2016. Professor Campbell is a pioneering scholar who is at the top of his cohort; he has played a central role in establishing a new field of study in his discipline, namely the analysis of the uses and effects of mobile communication. He is an experienced teacher who presents courses across the full range of undergraduate and graduate classes, and has taken on a range of leadership responsibilities over the years, serving on many search committees as well as on the Executive Committee of the Department of Communication and Media and as an elected member of the UM Faculty Senate, among other positions.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Scott W. Campbell as chair, Department of Communication and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Angela D. Dillard

CURRENT TITLES: Richard A. Meisler Collegiate Professor of Afroamerican and African Studies and in the Residential College, Professor of Afroamerican and African Studies, with tenure, Professor of History, with tenure, and Professor in the Residential College, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Chair, Department of History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: August 15, 2021 through June 30, 2024

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts are pleased to recommend the appointment of Angela D. Dillard as chair, Department of History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 15, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

Angela Dillard received her doctorate from the University of Michigan in 1995. She began her academic career as a visiting lecturer at James Madison College (1995), was appointed as an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota (1995–1997), and as an assistant professor at New York University (1997–2002) where she was promoted to associate professor in 2002. Professor Dillard joined the faculty at Michigan as an associate professor, with tenure, in 2006 and was promoted to professor in 2009. She has served on the Executive Committee of the Center for Afroamerican and African Studies (CAAS), which became the Department of Afroamerican and African Studies in 2011 (2006–2007), and as associate director (2007–2009) and director (2010–2011) of CAAS. She also served as the director of the Residential College (2011–2015), and as the associate dean for undergraduate education for LSA (2015–2019). Professor Dillard’s interdisciplinary training in political theory, history, and American studies enriches her work with varied layers of inquiry and investigation. She is the author of two well-regarded scholarly books: Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner Now?: Multicultural Conservatism in America, and Faith in the City: Preaching Radical Social Change in Detroit, as well as several articles and essays. Within the classroom, Professor Dillard is dedicated to connecting education with civic life. Professor Dillard has also emerged as one of the college’s most committed, creative, and efficacious leaders in the area of service. Through her exemplary leadership, she has made a unique and stellar contribution to DAAS, the RC, the college, and the university, as well as the myriad broader communities at Michigan and beyond.
We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Angela D. Dillard as chair, Department of History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 15, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
I am pleased to recommend the appointment of David R. Dowling as interim chair, Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, College of Engineering, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

David Dowling received his B.S. in applied physics, and his M.S. and Ph.D. in aeronautics, all from the California Institute of Technology in 1982, 1983, and 1988, respectively. Following employment at Boeing Aerospace and the Applied Physics Laboratory of the University of Washington, he joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as an assistant professor in 1992. He was promoted to associate professor in 1999 and to professor in 2005.

Since joining the University of Michigan, Professor Dowling has taught and conducted research in fluid mechanics and acoustics with funding from ONR, NAVSEA, NAVAIR, DARPA, Ford, and GE Aviation. He has authored and co-authored more than 200 conference presentations and more than 100 journal articles, and has supervised or co-supervised 21 doctoral students. He is the primary author of *Fluid Mechanics*, 6th ed. (Academic Press, 2016), a senior or 1st-year-graduate level textbook. He served as an associate chair and undergraduate program director for the Department of Mechanical Engineering from 2007 to 2009. He was an associate editor of the *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America* from 2003 to 2012. Professor Dowling is a fellow of the Acoustical Society of America, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the American Physical Society – Division of Fluid Dynamics. He received the Student Council Mentoring Award of the Acoustical Society of America in 2007, the University of Michigan, College of Engineering’s John R. Ullrich Education Excellence Award in 2009, and the Outstanding Professor Award from the University of Michigan Chapter of the American Society for Engineering Education in 2009.
Professor Dowling has demonstrated that he possesses the experience, ability, and commitment to fulfill the important responsibilities of a department chair in the College of Engineering. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of David R. Dowling as interim chair, Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, College of Engineering, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Alec D. Gallimore, Ph.D.
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
 ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Steven E. Gay, M.D.

CURRENT TITLE: Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Internal Medicine, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Interim Associate Dean for Medical Student Education, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Steven E. Gay, M.D. as interim associate dean for medical student education, Medical School, effective July 1, 2021.

Steven Gay received his M.D. degree in 1990 from the University of Illinois. He completed a residency in internal medicine at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as a clinical assistant professor in 2000 after spending three years as a faculty member at the University of Illinois. In 2017, Dr. Gay was promoted to clinical associate professor.

Dr. Gay has a substantial record of service contributions. He has been serving as the medical director of the Critical Care Support Services for the past twenty years at UMHS. In 2007, Dr. Gay became the assistant dean for admissions at the University of Michigan Medical School. He has also served as the associate director of the Lung Transplant Program at Michigan Medicine (2003-2006).

Dr. Gay has made significant contributions to the Medical School through his clinical and administrative contributions. He is an excellent candidate to serve in this capacity. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Steven E. Gay, M.D. as interim associate dean for medical student education, Medical School, effective July 1, 2021.

Recommended by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President
President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Amir A. Ghaferi, M.D.

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Surgery, with tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Moses Gunn, M.D. Research Professor, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026

On the recommendation of Justin A. Dimick, M.D., M.P.H., the Frederick A. Coller Distinguished Professor and chair of the Department of Surgery, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Amir A. Ghaferi, M.D. as the Moses Gunn, M.D. Research Professor, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

The Moses Gunn, M.D. Research Professorship was established in March 2021 through funds split from the Frederick A. Coller Professorship endowment. The intent is to support the research and clinical efforts of a distinguished faculty member in the Department of Surgery. The appointment period may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Amir Ghaferi received his M.D. degree in 2005, from Johns Hopkins University. He completed an internship and residency in surgery and a fellowship in health services research and subsequently an M.S. degree in health and healthcare research at the University of Michigan. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as an assistant professor in 2012 in the Departments of Surgery and Management and Organizations, in the Stephen M. Ross School of Business. Dr. Ghaferi was promoted to associate professor in 2017, in surgery, and from 2017-2020, in management and organizations.

Dr. Ghaferi’s research focuses on understanding the relationship of organizational systems and design to quality and efficiency, with the ultimate goal of designing interventions to improve care locally, regionally, and nationally. His research has been funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the National Institutes of Health, and the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute. He has published more than 120 peer-reviewed articles in prominent journals including the New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA, Health Affairs, British Medical Journal, and Harvard Business Review.

Dr. Ghaferi has served in numerous leadership positions. He is the vice chair for strategy and finance in the Department of Surgery, and the associate medical director for ambulatory surgery in the University of Michigan Medical Group. He is the director of the Michigan Bariatric Surgery Collaborative, a consortium of 40 hospitals and 80 surgeons focused on improving the safety and
quality of bariatric surgery. Dr. Ghaferi is an active member of several national societies and international committees. He is the past president of the Surgical Outcomes Club, the largest surgical health services research group in the world, and is president of the Association for Academic Surgery. Dr. Ghaferi is passionate about inspiring and developing academic surgeons across the US and beyond and has served as the co-director of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons’ annual course, Developing a Career in Academic Surgery, from 2015-2020.

Dr. Ghaferi is nationally and internationally renowned as an expert in health system delivery research, as an honored teacher and as a respected surgeon. He is an appropriate candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Amir A. Ghaferi, M.D. as the Moses Gunn, M.D. Research Professor, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

Recommended by:  Recommendation endorsed by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.  Susan M. Collins
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs  Provost and Executive Vice
Dean, Medical School  President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Roman J. Giger, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: George Linius Streeter Collegiate Professor, Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology, with tenure, and Professor of Neurology, without tenure, Medical School

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Dr. Richard Mark Newman Research Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology, Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology, with tenure, and Professor of Neurology, without tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026

On the recommendation of Pierre A. Coulombe, Ph.D., the G. Carl Huber Professor and chair of the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Roman J. Giger, Ph.D. as the Dr. Richard Mark Newman Research Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

The Dr. Richard Mark Newman Research Professorship in Cell and Developmental Biology was established in May 2020 through a generous gift from the parents of Dr. Richard Mark Newman, Leonard and Eileen Newman. The holder will be a tenured faculty member in the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Roman J. Giger received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Zurich. He pursued post-doctoral training at The Netherlands Institute for Brain Research in Amsterdam, and at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Giger was appointed as an assistant professor at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in 2001, and was promoted to an associate professor in 2006. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as an associate professor of neurology and cell and developmental biology, in 2008, and was promoted to a professor in 2014. In 2016, he was also appointed as the George Linius Streeter Collegiate Professor.

Dr. Giger’s research focuses on defining the role of the immune system, and of inflammation, in regulating the repair of neurons and neuronal circuitry after injury. His laboratory has made groundbreaking contributions to identifying the role of cell surface receptors for growth inhibitory molecules in neurons. Such ligand-receptor interactions negatively regulate axon growth and regeneration in the adult mammalian nervous system after injury, and may provide effective therapeutic targets to improve neuronal growth and functional outcomes. His team also led the identification of innate immune receptors which, when activated with synthetic ligands, produce
an inflammatory response that is beneficial and promotes regeneration of injured axons in the adult CNS. Dr. Giger’s group pioneered the study of specific immune cell types in the injured visual system and spinal cord that promote neuronal regeneration, and the identification of immune cell-derived growth factors that promote neuronal repair.

Dr. Giger has published more than 80 peer-reviewed articles in top tier journals. His research has been continuously funded by the NIH, the Department of Veterans Affairs and Health and Human Services, and foundation grants. He has served in numerous roles within the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology, including as the chair of the Ph.D. graduate program, service on 32 thesis committees, and as a member of the Executive Committee.

Dr. Giger is an outstanding researcher, who focuses on the nervous system and immune system interaction. This professorship will advance his important research in neural damage and the development of novel treatment strategies for multiple sclerosis. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Roman J. Giger, Ph.D. as the Dr. Richard Mark Newman Research Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

Recommended by:  
Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.  
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs  
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:  
Susan M. Collins  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Francine Lafontaine as interim dean, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, effective May 24, 2021 until a permanent dean is appointed.

Francine Lafontaine received her B.B.A in 1980, and her M.Sc. in applied economics in 1982, both from HEC Montreal, at the University of Montreal, Canada. She received her Ph.D. in economics from the University of British Columbia in 1988. She began her academic career as an assistant professor at Carnegie Mellon University. She joined the faculty at the Stephen M. Ross School of Business as an assistant professor in 1991, was promoted to associate professor in 1995, and to professor in 2000. She held the Jack D. Sparks – Whirlpool Corporation Research Professor of Business Administration from 2005-2007, and has held the William Davidson Professor of Business Administration chair since 2010. In 2012, Professor Lafontaine was a visiting scholar in the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University, and at MIT Sloan School of Management in 2013. She served as the director at the Bureau of Economics for the U.S. Federal Trade Commission from Fall of 2014 to the end of 2015. From 2016-2020, she served as the senior associate dean for faculty and research at the Ross School of Business. In July 2020, she was appointed as the associate dean for business + impact at the Ross School of Business.

Concurrent with her appointments, Professor Lafontaine was a faculty research fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) from 1993-2002, and has been a research fellow at the Centre for Economic Policy Research in London, in the UK, since 2017.
Professor Lafontaine’s numerous awards and honors include the 2020-21 Andy Andrews Service Award at the Ross School of Business, the senior faculty research award from the Ross School of Business in 2012-2013; and an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Rennes 1, in 2013. In addition, in 2018-2019, she was elected as the president in the Society for Institutional and Organizations Economics. She also served as the president of the Industrial Organization Society from 2010 to 2012.

Professor Lafontaine’s research focuses on industrial organization, vertical relationships and antitrust, contracting and franchising, and entrepreneurship, along with related public policy issues. Professor Lafontaine has received several research grants, including from the Sloan Foundation and the National Science Foundation. She has also received support from the Mitre Research Fund at the University of Michigan Department of Economics, with Ying Fan in 2013-14. She has published a number of research articles in top journals in her field, and a monograph, The Economics of Franchising (with Roger Blair), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, published in 2005, with a new edition released in 2011. She has advised numerous doctoral students at the Ross School and from other units on campus. She also served as a co-editor of the Journal of Economic and Management Strategy since 1997, and a co-editor of the Journal of Law, Economics and Organization from 2006 to 2012. She has delivered a remarkable number of seminar presentations nationally and world-wide, including for example at the Toulouse School of Economics, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), and the University of Mannheim, as well as Columbia University, Stanford University, UC Berkeley, and so on. She has also presented her research at numerous national and international conferences.

I am pleased that Professor Lafontaine has agreed to serve as interim dean of the Ross School of Business. She is a distinguished scholar and educator with years of experience as a faculty member, administrator, and researcher given her service as senior associate dean. She has a long and distinguished record of service to the university and the business and economic community. I am confident that the school will maintain its momentum during this interim period under her leadership. I enthusiastically recommend this appointment, effective May 24, 2021 until a permanent dean is appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Fiona Lee

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Professional Development, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and Professor of Psychology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Acting Associate Dean for Social Sciences, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and Professor of Psychology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts are pleased to recommend the appointment of Fiona Lee as acting associate dean for social sciences, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Fiona Lee received her Bachelor of Arts from Scripps College in 1987. She attended Harvard University where she received her Master of Arts in 1992 and her doctorate in 1995. She joined the faculty at Michigan that same year as an assistant professor of psychology, working her way through to the rank of professor, with tenure, in 2009. In 2016, she was awarded an Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship. She has been closely involved in the recruitment, mentoring, promotion, and career development of minority faculty and students, and has served the university on both the Title IX Sanctioning Board and on the Faculty Grievance Board, and as chair of the ADVANCE Launch Committee. She is currently finishing her term as associate dean for diversity, equity, inclusion, and professional development. Professor Lee is well positioned to effectively support the departments within the social sciences as the interim associate dean.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Fiona Lee as acting associate dean for social sciences, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Recommended by:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Recommendation endorsed by:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: George A. Mashour, M.D., Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Robert B. Sweet Professor of Anesthesiology, Chair, Department of Anesthesiology, Professor of Anesthesiology, with tenure, and Professor of Neurosurgery, without tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Pharmacology, without tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2021

On the recommendation of Lori L. Isom, Ph.D., the Seevers Professor and chair of the Department of Pharmacology, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of George A. Mashour, M.D., Ph.D. as professor of pharmacology, without tenure, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021.

Dr. Mashour leads an NIH-funded research program in animals and humans that focuses on neuropharmacology, including the systems neuroscience of general anesthetics and psychedelics as well as the use of neuropharmacologic agents to modulate consciousness and sleep-wake states. He has been involved at the executive level in the Michigan Drug Discovery initiative through his leadership role in the Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research, and founded the Center for Drug Repurposing, which is aligned with pharmacology and funded projects within that department. Dr. Mashour is the lead principal investigator of an NIH grant to optimize the FDA Expanded Access program through a new national consortium that will facilitate the use and study of experimental therapeutics. In his clinical work, he functions as an applied pharmacologist through his role as an operating room anesthesiologist. Dr. Mashour plans to contribute to the Department of Pharmacology as a scientific collaborator, serve as a lecturer in pharmacology courses, and serve as a dissertation committee member or co-mentor.

This additional appointment will ensure stronger connections between the Departments of Anesthesiology and Pharmacology, and will be mutually beneficial. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the additional appointment of George A. Mashour, M.D., Ph.D. as professor of pharmacology, without tenure, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021.

Recommended by: Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D. 
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by: Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
On the recommendation of Charles A. Parkos, M.D., the Weller Professor and chair of the Department of Pathology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Jonathan B. McHugh, M.D. as the A. James French Professor of Surgical Pathology, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

The A. James French Professorship in Surgical Pathology was established in March 2021 through funds split from the A. James French professorship fund. The intended holder will be a senior faculty member in the Department of Pathology. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Johnathan B. McHugh received his M.D. degree in 2002 from the University of Nebraska. He completed a residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at the University of Michigan, and a fellowship in head and neck pathology at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. McHugh was appointed as a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Pathology in 2007 at this institution, and was jointly appointed in the Department of Surgery in 2010. He rose through the ranks to a clinical professor in 2017.

Dr. McHugh specializes in bone and soft tissue pathology, endocrine pathology, head and neck pathology, oral and maxillofacial pathology, and surgical pathology. He is internationally recognized for his expertise on salivary gland neoplasms, HPV-related head and neck squamous cell carcinomas, soft tissue tumors of the head and neck and sinonasal neoplasms. His research has been continuously funded through the NIH, Department of Defense, foundations and professional societies. Dr. McHugh has published more than 200 peer-reviewed articles, and 20 book chapters on head and neck pathology and soft tissue tumors.

Dr. McHugh’s service includes his role as the president of the A. James French Society of Pathologists from 2012-2018. He is the senior editor of Ear, Nose and Throat Pathology for the Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, and has held many important positions institutionally, as the director of Immunohistology. He is an excellent teacher, presenting didactic
lessons for the Departments of Pathology, Otolaryngology, Pediatric Otolaryngology, and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Dr. McHugh is frequently invited to teach at national and international conferences, including the American Society for Clinical Pathology, the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology, Michigan Society of Pathologists, and New Frontiers in Pathology.

Dr. McHugh is an exceptional diagnostician and clinical researcher, and a fitting candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Jonathan B. McHugh, Ph.D. as the A. James French Professor of Surgical Pathology, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

Recommended by:
Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:
Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Christianne Myers

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Theatre and Drama, with tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Interim Chair, Department of Theatre and Drama, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

With the approval of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance Executive Committee, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Christianne Myers as interim chair, Department of Theatre and Drama, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Professor Myers is a freelance costume designer and an associate professor of theatre and drama in the School of Music Theatre & Dance. Prior to coming to Michigan, Professor Myers spent 14 years in New York City working as a costume designer for theatre, opera, industrial work and film. New York highlights include the Obie Award-winning productions of Music Theatre Group’s Running Man and Blue Light’s production of Dare Clubb’s Oedipus. In addition to more than 15 productions at the Juilliard School, her other design credits include productions for The Santa Fe Opera, Detroit Public Theatre, The Lincoln Center Institute, The Clarence Brown Theatre, The Syracuse Stage, The Indiana Repertory Theatre, Theatreworks/USA, The Caldwell Theatre, The Irontale Ensemble, and Opera Memphis. Professor Myers has designed more than 40 shows for the School of Music Theatre & Dance. She is a founding member and organizer of the American Theatrical Costume Association.

Professor Myers is an effective and committed administrator and academic leader, and exceptionally well prepared to lead the department. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Christianne Myers as interim chair, Department of Theatre and Drama, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

RECOMMENDED BY:

David Gier
Paul Boylan Collegiate Professor of Music and Dean, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Aleksey I. Nesvizhskiy, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Pathology, with tenure, and Professor of Computational Medicine and Informatics, without tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Godfrey Dorr Stobbe Research Professor of Bioinformatics, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026

On the recommendation of Charles A. Parkos, M.D., the Weller Professor and chair of the Department of Pathology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Aleksey I. Nesvizhskiy, Ph.D. as the Godfrey Dorr Stobbe Research Professor of Bioinformatics, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

The Godfrey Dorr Stobbe Research Professorship in Bioinformatics was established in March 2021 through funds split from the Stobbe professorship fund. It is intended to support the teaching and research efforts of a tenured faculty member in the Department of Pathology. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Aleksey I. Nesvizhskiy received his Ph.D. degree in physics in 2001 from the University of Washington. He completed a fellowship in proteomics and bioinformatics and was appointed as a research scientist at the Institute for Systems Biology in 2003. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2005 as an assistant professor in pathology. Dr. Nesvizhskiy was jointly appointed in computational and bioinformatics in 2007. He rose through the ranks to professor in 2017.

Dr. Nesvizhskiy’s research focuses on proteomics, mass spectrometry, and multi-omics integrative analysis of proteomic, genomic and metabolomics data. His research has been continuously funded by the NIH, and he has published more than 170 peer-reviewed articles. He is highly sought after to present his research, with 128 regional, national and international invited presentations to his credit. Dr. Nesvizhskiy has served on numerous national and international committees, including NIH study sections, as an associate editor for JCI Insight, and senior editor of Journal Proteomics. He has mentored learners at all levels, and has been a member of 24 dissertation committees. He was appointed as the director of the NIH T32 training program Advanced Proteome Informatics of Cancer, since 2012, and as the director of the Proteomics Research Facility in the Department of Pathology since 2015. Dr. Nesvizhskiy has received
Dr. Nesvizhskiy is world renowned as an expert in proteomics. He is an outstanding scholar and respected teacher. He is a fitting candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Aleksey I. Nesvizhskiy, Ph.D. as the Godfrey Dorr Stobbe Research Professor of Bioinformatics, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

Recommended by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice
President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Rogério Pinto

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Dean for Research and Innovation, and Professor of Social Work, with tenure, School of Social Work

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Theatre and Drama, without tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Drama

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 30, 2021

With the support of the Executive Committees of the School of Music, Theatre & Drama and the School of Social Work, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Rogério Pinto as professor of theatre and drama, without tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Drama, effective August 30, 2021.

Rogério M. Pinto was awarded a Ph.D. in social work from Columbia University School of Social Work in 2003. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2015 as an associate professor, with tenure, and was promoted to professor in 2018.

Professor Pinto is a Brazilian-born psychiatric social work researcher with more than a decade of clinical and community practice. He is an expert in Community Based Participatory Research and mixed-method research. In the United States, Brazil and Spain, Professor Pinto examines how transdisciplinary collaboration and practitioners’ involvement in research improves delivery of evidence-based services. He also studies factors that influence ethnic and sexual minority women’s involvement in research and health care. Professor Pinto is a scientific reviewer for NIH and Brazil’s Ministry of Health and an associate editor for the Journal of Mixed Method Research. He received the Society for Social Work and Research 2004 Outstanding Dissertation Award and the 2010 Deborah Padgett Early Career Achievement Award. In 2013, he received the Graduate Student Faculty Mentoring Award from Columbia University.

A steadfast commitment to developing connections between the arts and social sciences, combined with a distinguished career in administration, scholarship and creative practice, establishes Professor Pinto’s qualifications to assist the School of Music, Theatre & Dance in expanding its interdisciplinary partnerships throughout the university community.
We are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Rogério Pinto as professor of theatre and drama, without tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Drama, effective August 30, 2021.

Recommended by:

David Gier
Paul Boylan Collegiate Professor of Music and Dean, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

Recommendation endorsed by:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Lynn Videka
Dean, School of Social Work

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Acrisio M. Pires

CURRENT TITLES: Interim Chair, Department of Linguistics, and Professor of Linguistics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Chair, Department of Linguistics, and Professor of Linguistics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts are pleased to recommend the appointment of Acrisio M. Pires as chair, Department of Linguistics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026.

Acrisio Pires received his Bachelor of Arts (1992) and Master of Arts (1996) from the University of Brasilia, Brazil, and his doctorate (2001) from the University of Maryland at College Park. He joined the faculty of the University of Michigan as an assistant professor of linguistics in 2002, was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2008, and to professor in 2015. He has also served as a visiting faculty member at the University of Brasilia, Brazil (2003), and the University of the Baltic Islands in Spain (2015). Professor Pires’ research and teaching focus on linguistic theory and Minimalist syntax, comparative syntax, language change, language acquisition and bilingualism. He is the author and editor of several books, and the author or co-author of numerous book chapters and journal articles. Professor Pires has a wide-ranging course repertoire which is essential to the department’s undergraduate and graduate curricula in syntax and the undergraduate curriculum in semantics, and which is important to the language component of the college’s ongoing cognitive science initiative. Professor Pires’ excellent record of service has included frequent election to the department’s Executive Committee; he has also served as the chair of the Undergraduate and Graduate Committees. He has been serving as interim chair of the Department of Linguistics since January 2021.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Acrisio M. Pires as chair, Department of Linguistics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through July 30, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST:  Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME:  Scott D. Spector

CURRENT TITLES:  Rudolf Mrázek Collegiate Professor of History and German Studies, Professor of Germanic Languages and Literatures, with tenure, Professor of History, with tenure, and Professor of Judaic Studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE:  Interim Director, Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES:  July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts are pleased to recommend the appointment of Scott D. Spector as interim director, Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Scott Spector received his Bachelor of Arts with honors from Clark University in 1981. He attended the Johns Hopkins University where he completed his Master of Arts in 1989 and doctorate in 1994. Following a one-year appointment as a post-doctoral research associate in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University (1992-1994), he was appointed as an assistant research scientist in the Center for Russian and East European Studies (1994-present) at the University of Michigan. He was appointed as an assistant professor in the Departments of History and Germanic Languages and Literatures (1994-2000), promoted to associate professor, with tenure (2000-2010), and to professor in 2010. He also holds an appointment as a professor, without tenure, in the Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies (2008-present). Professor Spector has received broad recognition as a leader in his overlapping fields of German studies, history, Judaic studies, and the study of gender and sexuality. He teaches in both of his home departments (although his courses are routinely cross-listed with Judaic studies, women’s and gender studies, and philosophy), and contributes to the curriculum at all levels, from the first-year seminar to the advanced graduate course.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Scott D. Spector as interim director, Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Sriram Venneti, M.B.B.S., Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Pathology, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Pediatrics, without tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Al and Robert Glick Family Research Professor, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: April 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026

On the recommendation of Donna M. Martin, M.D., Ph.D., the Ravitz Foundation Endowed Professor and chair of the Department of Pediatrics, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Sriram Venneti, M.B.B.S., Ph.D. as the Al and Robert Glick Family Research Professor, Medical School, effective April 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

The Al and Robert Glick Family Research Professorship was established March 2021 through a generous gift from the Al and Robert Glick families in honor of their long-standing friendship with the Lloyd Carr family. This professorship was created to honor the memory of the Carr family’s son and grandson, Chad Carr, and is a portion of the gift for the establishment of the Chad Carr Pediatric Brain Tumor Center in the Department of Pediatrics. It is intended to support a faculty member in the Department of Pediatrics with the expertise to further research advances in Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma and other pediatric brain cancers, and to bring hope to families and children impacted by pediatric brain tumors. The holder will be a faculty member with a primary or secondary appointment in the Department of Pediatrics. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Sriram Venneti received his M.B.B.S. degree from Bangalore Medical College in India, and a Ph.D. degree in neuroscience from the University of Pittsburgh. He completed an anatomic pathology residency and a neuropathology fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Venneti completed post-doctoral training at the University of Pittsburgh, and joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2014 as an assistant professor in the Department of Pathology. He is an expert in brain tumor research, specifically pediatric brain tumors, with excellent diagnostic capabilities. In 2018, Dr. Venneti was additionally appointed as an assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics, and was promoted to associate professor in 2020.

Dr. Venneti is an accomplished scientist who has made an impact through his work in this field, including the analysis of biomarkers that may have clinical significance in the near future. His research has been well-funded by the NIH, foundations, and institutional funding. He has published 79 peer-reviewed articles, and has been invited to present his research on 61 occasions.
regionally, nationally and internationally. Dr. Venneti is a talented educator for students at all levels and has served on numerous dissertation committees. He is a well-respected clinical diagnostic neuropathologist. He has received numerous awards for his research, including the Doris Duke Clinical Scientist Development Award, the Sidney Kimmel Scholar Award, the American Society for Clinical Investigation Young Physician Scientist Award, and the Sontag Foundation Distinguished Scientist Award.

Dr. Venneti is a world-renowned expert in pediatric brain tumors, which aligns him with the intent of this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Sriram Venneti, M.B.B.S., Ph.D. as the Al and Robert Glick Family Research Professor Medical School, effective April 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

Recommended by:  

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.  
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs  
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:  

Susan M. Collins  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

April 2021  

INTERIM APPROVAL GRANTED
ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Celeste M. Watkins-Hayes

CURRENT TITLES: University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor, Jean E. Fairfax Collegiate Professor of Public Policy, Professor of Public Policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and Professor of Sociology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

EFFECTIVE DATES: August 1, 2021 through August 1, 2024

The dean and the Executive Committee of the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy are pleased to recommend the appointment of Celeste M. Watkins-Hayes as associate dean for academic affairs, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective August 1, 2021 through August 1, 2024.

Celeste M. Watkins-Hayes attended Spelman College where she completed her B.A. summa cum laude in 1996. She received her M.A. in 2000, and her Ph.D. in 2003, both from Harvard University. During her studies, she was appointed at Harvard as a fellow in the Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy (1998-2003). Beginning in 2003, Professor Watkins-Hayes was at Northwestern University where she held faculty appointments as an assistant professor of sociology and African American studies (2003-2009), associate professor of sociology and African American studies (2010-2017), and as professor of sociology and African American studies (2017-2020). She joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor of sociology and public policy in 2020.

The associate dean for academic affairs is responsible for organizing the curriculum of the Ford School, and interacts with faculty and students around issues relating to the teaching mission of the school. Professor Watkins-Hayes served as a department chair for two years in the Department of African American Studies at Northwestern and before that as the undergraduate director and graduate director. Her administrative experience with students and faculty make her an ideal candidate for this position.
We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Celeste M. Watkins-Hayes as associate dean for academic affairs, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective August 1, 2021 through August 1, 2024.

Recommended by:

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Michael S. Barr
Joan and Sanford Weill Dean of Public Policy
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

Recommendation endorsed by:

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Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

May 2021
The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts are pleased to recommend the appointment of Alford A. Young, Jr. as chair, Department of Sociology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Alford Young received his B.A. from Wesleyan University in 1988, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1992 and 1996, respectively. He joined the Michigan faculty as an assistant professor of sociology and in Afroamerican and African studies in 1996 and he received tenure in 2002. He was promoted to professor in 2010. Professor Young’s work has earned him an international reputation as a leading scholar of race and ethnicity, class, work, masculinity, and culture. Professor Young’s accomplishments extend to a distinguished career of teaching and mentoring. He is an extraordinarily effective undergraduate and graduate teacher, and his contributions in the classroom have been recognized through numerous teaching awards, including the Thurnau Professorship he has held since 2004. He has previously served as the chair of the Department of Sociology for seven years,
We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Alford A. Young, Jr. as chair, Department of Sociology, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Michael S. Barr
Joan and Sanford Weill Dean of Public Policy
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

Recommendations for approval of leaves of absence
for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff
ACTION REQUEST: Extension of Leave of Absence

NAME: Xiuli Chao

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

TYPE OF LEAVE: Personal Leave

DATES OF CURRENT LEAVE: September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021

TIME EXTENSION REQUESTED: September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022

It is recommended that Xiuli Chao be granted an extension of a personal leave of absence, effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

Professor Chao has been on leave of absence with Amazon’s Supply Chain Optimization group as a visiting principal scientist. He has been working in the Supply Chain Optimization Technology (SCOT) team of Amazon. Professor Chao has been involved in several projects, including i) markdown optimization for over-stocked items, ii) optimal storage capacity assignment for FBA (Fulfillment by Amazon) sellers, and iii) multi-echelon inventory optimization for upstream warehouses.

Professor Chao’s work at Amazon perfectly matches his research and teaching interests. This opportunity will deepen his understanding of industrial problems and their real world features on the subject, thus enhancing his research and teaching when he returns to the University of Michigan. In addition, this experience will help develop his industry connection for future research collaborations.

We believe the University of Michigan will benefit from his current involvement with Amazon and request approval of this extension of a personal leave of absence for Xiuli Chao.

RECOMMENDED BY: Susan M. Collins

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY: Alec D. Gallimore, Ph.D.

Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

College of Engineering

May 2021
Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic and administrative positions.
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Change in Title of an Existing Academic Administrative Title
CURRENT TITLE: Senior Associate Dean for Research, Medical School
RECOMMENDED TITLE: Associate Dean for Research, Medical School
EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2021

The Medical School wishes to recommend a change in title of an existing academic administrative title from senior associate dean for research, to associate dean for research, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021.

The renaming of this position will allow it to align more appropriately with the current structure of the education and research areas of the Medical School. The associate dean for research will report directly to the chief scientific officer/executive vice dean for research. The associate dean will be responsible for coordinating, integrating, and leading existing infrastructure and support for research as well as positioning Michigan Medicine to respond timely to emerging trends and regulations in the field. The associate dean for research is the primary advocate for the needs and interests of the research community and is expected to work in strong partnership with Medical School leadership to ensure Michigan has a robust and vibrant research environment that allows faculty and learners to professionally thrive.

Therefore, we request the change in title of an existing academic administrative title from senior associate dean for research, to associate dean for research, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021.

Recommended by: 

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Robert and Marjorie Nield Austin Professorship in Political Science, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2021

With the approval of the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the Robert and Marjorie Nield Austin Professorship in Political Science, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective May 1, 2021.

The college has been the recipient of a generous gift bequest of $2,500,000 from Marjorie Nield Austin and Robert C. Austin to establish the Robert and Marjorie Nield Austin Professorship in Political Science. Appointment periods for this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Appointments to the Robert and Marjorie Nield Austin Professorship will be made by the dean of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts upon the recommendation of the chair of the Department of Political Science and with the approval of the college Executive Committee.

In recognition of this significant gift from Marjorie Nield Austin and Robert C. Austin, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the Robert and Marjorie Nield Austin Professorship in Political Science, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective May 1, 2021.

Recommended by:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Recommendation endorsed by:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: James A. Bellamy Professorship, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2021

With the approval of the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the James A. Bellamy Professorship, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective May 1, 2021.

The college has been the recipient of a generous gift bequest of $2.5 million from the estate of James A. Bellamy to establish the James A. Bellamy Professorship. The professorship will be used to honor a faculty member in the field of medieval classical Arabic literature or civilization, and potentially attract an outstanding candidate to the University of Michigan. Appointment periods may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Appointments to the James A. Bellamy Professorship will be made by the dean of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts upon the recommendation of the chair of the Department of Middle East Studies and with the approval of the college Executive Committee.

In recognition of this significant gift from James A. Bellamy, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the James A. Bellamy Professorship, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective May 1, 2021.

Recommended by:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Professor of History and Statistics
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Recommendation endorsed by:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Research Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Marilyn Fisher Blanch Research Professorship in Pediatrics, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2021

On the recommendation of Donna M. Martin, M.D., Ph.D., the Ravitz Foundation Professor and chair of the Department of Pediatrics, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of the Marilyn Fisher Blanch Research Professorship in Pediatrics, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021.

The Marilyn Fisher Blanch Research Professorship in Pediatrics is being established through a generous gift from Susan B. Meister and Paul M. Meister, in honor of their mother, Marilyn Fisher Blanch. It is intended to support a faculty member in the Susan B. Meister Child Health and Research Center who has demonstrated leadership in advancing the health and well-being of children, adolescents and families through research and teaching, that influences health policy and health systems. The appointment period may be up to five years and may be renewed.

As a young nurse in upstate New York, Marilyn Fisher Blanch understood the importance of interdisciplinary work and nimble clinical systems. At age 19, she worked in the hospital environment that was created by World War II. Hospital operations had adapted to the shortage of stateside physicians, and nurses were often running the patient units. Later, as a mother of five and a lifelong community volunteer in Detroit, she understood the needs of children as individuals and as a vulnerable group. Marilyn Fisher Blanch would be very happy that this professorship is part of a growing number of professorships named to honor women.

Marilyn Fisher Blanch was a pioneer who loved children, treasured her own family, felt it was a given that women would lead and teach, and loved a lively, well informed discussion. This professorship will honor her legacy and benefit children and adolescents through research and clinical care. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the establishment of the Marilyn Fisher Blanch Research Professorship in Pediatrics, Medical School, effective May 1, 2021.

Recommended by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Medical School

Recommendation endorsed by:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Dunn Family Endowed Professorship in Psychometrics and Test Development, School of Education

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2021

With the approval of the Executive Committee of the School of Education, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the Dunn Family Endowed Professorship in Psychometrics and Test Development, School of Education, effective May 1, 2021.

The college has been the recipient of a generous gift of $2,500,000 from Douglas M. and Karen M. Dunn of the Dunn Family Foundation to establish the Dunn Family Endowed Professorship in Psychometrics and Test Development. The professorship will be used to attract an outstanding candidate to the University of Michigan. Appointment periods may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Appointments to the Dunn Family Endowed Professorship in Psychometrics and Test Development will be made by the dean of the School of Education upon the recommendation of the school’s Executive Committee.

In recognition of this significant gift from Douglas M. and Karen M. Dunn, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the Dunn Family Endowed Professorship in Psychometrics and Test Development, School of Education, effective May 1, 2021.

Recommended by: Elizabeth B. Moje, Dean
George Herbert Mead Collegiate Professor
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
School of Education

Recommendation endorsed by: Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Legacy Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Dr. Dorothy G. Hard Legacy Professorship, School of Dentistry

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2021

With the approval of the Executive Committee of the School of Dentistry, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the Dr. Dorothy G. Hard Legacy Professorship, School of Dentistry, effective April 1, 2021.

The School of Dentistry is the recipient of a generous gift in the amount of $500,000 from Dr. Robert W. Browne to establish the Dr. Dorothy G. Hard Legacy Professorship to be held by a selected School of Dentistry faculty member. This professorship will be a rotating title, to be awarded to an esteemed faculty member in Dental Hygiene with the endorsement of the School of Dentistry Executive Committee. The title will be held for a period of five years and may be renewed.

Robert Browne received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1952 from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. While practicing orthodontic dentistry, Dr. Browne and one other dentist began the Care Corporation, which specialized in nursing home care, recreation, and real estate management. Dr. Browne has been a generous donor to the School of Dentistry and now makes this generous gift to establish a Legacy Professorship to honor Dorothy Hard.

Dorothy Hard graduated from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 1922 and worked for two years as an industrial dentist in the Parke Davis laboratories. She returned to the School of Dentistry in 1924 as an instructor. She was promoted to assistant professor in 1935, to associate professor in 1944, and to professor in 1953. In 1934, she earned a master’s degree in public health. Professor Hard was the first director of the curriculum in dental hygiene, serving in this role for forty-five years. Under her guidance, the curriculum in dental hygiene grew to meet changing demands within the profession. Extended to two years in 1938, it became the basis of an optional four-year degree program in 1948. Professor Hard was elected to the American College of Dentists in 1950, becoming chairman of the Michigan Chapter of the College in 1958. She held significant offices in other professional organizations, including the American Association of Women Dentists and the American Association of Dental Teachers.
In recognition of the legacy of Dorothy Hard, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the Dr. Dorothy G. Hard Legacy Professorship, School of Dentistry, effective April 1, 2021.

Recommended by:

[Signature]

Laurie K. McCauley
Dean, School of Dentistry

Recommendation endorsed by:

[Signature]

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

April 2021
INTERIM APPROVAL
GRANTED
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Frederick G. L. Huetwell Professorship, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2021

With the approval of the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the Frederick G. L. Huetwell Professorship, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective May 1, 2021.

The college was the recipient of the estate of Frederick G. L. Huetwell and $4,800,000 was designated to establish four endowed professorships in the social sciences and the humanities. This action was approved by the Regents in April 1995. A fifth professorship incumbent was approved in August 2012. The sixth professorship established here will be used to attract and honor distinguished senior faculty in the social sciences and the humanities. Appointment periods may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Frederick (Fritz) Huetwell received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan in 1938. Mr. Huetwell joined his family’s company, Calvert Lithography, in Detroit, and worked there until the fifties when the company ceased operation. He then focused his considerable energy as executive director of the University of Michigan Club of Detroit. His support of the University of Michigan extended into the philanthropic area as well. During his lifetime, he provided ongoing support for medical research and need-based scholarships for undergraduate students. Appointments to the Frederick G. L. Huetwell Professorship will be made by the dean of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts upon the recommendation of the chair of the department and with the approval of the college Executive Committee.

In recognition of this significant gift from Frederick Huetwell, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the Frederick G. L. Huetwell Professorship, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective May 1, 2021.

Recommended by:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Recommendation endorsed by:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Peter D. Meister Professorship in the Life Sciences,
Life Sciences Institute

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2021

With the approval of the director of the Life Sciences Institute, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the Peter D. Meister Professorship in the Life Sciences, Life Sciences Institute, effective May 1, 2021.

The Life Sciences Institute has been the recipient of a generous gift of $2,500,000 from Paul M. and Susan Blanch Meister to establish the Peter D. Meister Professorship in the Life Sciences. The professorship will be used to recruit an outstanding senior faculty member to the University of Michigan. Appointment periods may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Appointments to the Peter D. Meister Professorship will be made by the director of the Life Sciences Institute. Upon the hiring of the individual holding the professorship, the individual will assume an existing appointment in the Life Sciences Institute along with a joint tenure-track appointment in a university school/college.

In recognition of this significant gift from Paul and Susan Meister, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the Peter D. Meister Professorship in the Life Sciences, Life Sciences Institute, effective May 1, 2021.

Recommended by: 

Roger D. Cone, Ph.D.
Mary Sue Coleman Director
Asa Gray Collegiate Professor of the Life Sciences
Vice Provost and the Director of the Biosciences Initiative

May 2021

Recommendation endorsed by:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Change in Name of an Existing Endowed Professorship

CURRENT TITLE: Max Shaye Professorship in Public Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Max Mendel Shaye Professorship in Public Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2021

We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing endowed professorship from the Max Shaye Professorship in Public Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, to the Max Mendel Shaye Professorship in Public Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective May 1, 2021.

The Max Mendel Shaye Professorship in Public Philosophy, Politics, and Economics was established in December 2020. Robert K. Shaye gifted $2,500,000 to the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts to establish a professorship to honor his father, Max Mendel Shaye. Max Mendel Shaye was a monumental man; he was an artist, a scholar, a moralist, and a pragmatist. This professorship supports scholars working on a variety of issues, including but not limited to: global climate change, refugee crises, privacy protection in the age of social media and big data, conflicts over global economic integration and immigration, democratic backsliding, corruption, and the prospect of AI-induced mass unemployment. In addition, the Shaye professor will consider matters of justice, democracy, public policy, and ethical conduct in political affairs and offices of public trust. This professorship is to be held by distinguished scholars in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and comes with an annual stipend and annual research funds. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years, may be renewed, and may be made by the dean upon the recommendation of the chair of the department and with the approval of the college Executive Committee.

We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing endowed professorship from the Max Shaye Professorship in Public Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, to the Max Mendel Shaye Professorship in Public Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective May 1, 2021.

Recommended by:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Recommendation endorsed by:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Change in Name of an Existing Endowed Professorship

CURRENT TITLE: Margaret and Herman Sokol Professorship in Medicinal Chemistry, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Margaret and Herman Sokol Professorship in Synthetic Chemistry, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2021

We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing endowed professorship from the Margaret and Herman Sokol Professorship in Medicinal Chemistry, to the Margaret and Herman Sokol Professorship in Synthetic Chemistry, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective May 1, 2021.

The Margaret and Herman Sokol Professorship in Synthetic Chemistry was established in July 2007 as a result of a generous gift from Herman Sokol. Each incumbent will be a distinguished scholar whose accomplishments and promise in the investigation and teaching of medicinal or synthetic chemistry offers the hope of the discovery and development of new therapeutic agents and of medicinal applications beneficiary to health. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed, and will be made by the dean upon the recommendation of the chair of the department and with the approval of the college Executive Committee.

We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing endowed professorship from the Margaret and Herman Sokol Professorship in Medicinal Chemistry, to the Margaret and Herman Sokol Professorship in Synthetic Chemistry, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective May 1, 2021.

Recommended by:  

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Anne Curzan, Dean  
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education  
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor  
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Recommendation endorsed by:  

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Susan M. Collins  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
We are pleased to recommend the establishment of the John L. Tishman Family Professorship in Construction Management and Sustainability, College of Engineering, effective June 1, 2021.

The College of Engineering is the recipient of a generous gift from Dan and Sheryl Tishman and the NorthLight Foundation to establish and support an endowed professorship to be known as the John L. Tishman Family Professorship in Construction Management and Sustainability. The holder of this professorship will have research, education, or programmatic relationships with the Construction Management program and programs related to sustainability. Appointments will be made for up to five years and may be renewed.

Dan and Sheryl Tishman and the NorthLight Foundation endowed this professorship in honor of Dan’s father, John L. Tishman (1926-2016). John Tishman graduated with a BSE in electrical engineering in 1946 from the University of Michigan. He was a renowned real estate executive and CEO of Tishman Realty and Construction, managing the construction of iconic buildings, such as Madison Square Garden and the first World Trade Center in New York City and the John Hancock Center in Chicago. A dedicated philanthropist and alumnus, John Tishman provided many gifts to the University of Michigan College of Engineering, including funds to establish the John L. Tishman Professorship in Engineering, the John L. Tishman Fellowship, and construction of the Bob and Betty Beyster Building, home to the Division of Computer Science and Engineering. He also established the Tishman Construction Management Program within the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering in 2011. A master builder and creator of the method of Construction Management, John Tishman was an early advocate for green building standards that are now practiced industry wide.

The College of Engineering is grateful to Dan and Sheryl Tishman, and the Northlight Foundation for their generosity and support. In recognition of this significant gift, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the John L. Tishman Family Professorship in Construction Management and Sustainability, College of Engineering, effective June 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDED BY:
Alec D. Gallimore, Ph.D.
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:
Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice
President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Change in Name of an Existing Endowed Professorship

CURRENT TITLE: Nicholas Delbanco Visiting Professorship, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Helen Zell Visiting Professorship in Creative Writing, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2021

We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing endowed professorship from the Nicholas Delbanco Visiting Professorship to the Helen Zell Visiting Professorship in Creative Writing, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective May 1, 2021.

Chicago philanthropist Helen Zell is a 1964 graduate of the University of Michigan’s Department of English Language and Literature. She became involved in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Master of Fine Arts Program (MFA) in the Creative Writing Program in 2001, when she endowed the department’s first visiting professorship in fiction. In March 2013, Ms. Zell requested that the professorship be renamed as the Nicholas Delbanco Visiting Professorship, intended to honor Professor Delbanco, the Robert Frost Distinguished University Professor of English Language and Literature, and one of the first directors of the Creative Writing Program. Ms. Zell requests that the name be changed to the Helen Zell Visiting Professorship in Creative Writing to support visiting professors in creative writing, including but not limited to fiction and poetry, in the MFA. Appointments to this professorship may be up to three years, with the possibility of renewing for an additional two years. Appointments to the Helen Zell Visiting Professorship in Creative Writing will be made by the dean of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts upon the recommendation of the chair of the department and with the approval of the college Executive Committee.

We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing endowed professorship from the Nicholas Delbanco Visiting Professorship to the Helen Zell Visiting Professorship in Creative Writing, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective May 1, 2021.

Recommended by:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Recommendation endorsed by:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

Recommendations for approval of other personnel transactions for regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Appointment to an Endowed Visiting Professorship

NAME: Ana Avila

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Howard R. Marsh Visiting Professor of Journalism, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: August 30, 2021 through April 30, 2022

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Communication and Media and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Ana Avila as the Howard R. Marsh Visiting Professor of Journalism, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 30, 2021 through April 30, 2022.

The Howard R. Marsh Visiting Professorship in Journalism was established in 1974 by a gift of securities from the Howard R. Marsh Trust. Marsh Visiting Professors are eminent professional journalists or distinguished academic scholars who lecture in undergraduate and graduate courses, teach mini-courses, and often present public lectures.

Ana Avila holds a master’s degree in social science from the Latin American Faculty of Social Science, Mexico City, created and coordinated by UNESCO (2006). She received her bachelor’s degree in journalism, Department of Communications, Iberoamericana University, Mexico City (1996). She was a Humphrey Fellow at Philip Merrill College of Journalism at the University of Miami as part of the U.S. State Department’s Fulbright program (2010) and was the Knight Wallace Fellow for Journalists at the University of Michigan (2020). Ana Avila is currently on a leave of absence from her position as the deputy director at Newsweek Mexico (Spanish language version).

Ms. Avila will teach two courses each semester for the Department of Communication and Media. The first, “Left out of the News: Minorities and Gender Misrepresentation in Journalism,” is designed to analyze what minority and gender problems are not included in the news, which problems are on the media agenda, and how those issues are framed—e.g., the focus on dysfunction, such as crime, poverty, migration, and similar issues. The class will offer solutions considering various journalism techniques and theories, drawing heavily on Ms. Avila’s more than seventeen years of experience as an investigative journalist in Mexico and the United States.

The second course, “Inside Out: Covering Justice Struggles in Michigan,” will examine social justice and equality problems in the state of Michigan. Students will connect with the work that other faculty and students are doing at UM, including the Center for Poverty Solutions, Juvenile Justice Clinic, Environmental Law and Sustainability Clinic, and the Prison Creative Arts
Project. They will work on stories to target two objectives: (1) learn from and cover the problems specific to the state of Michigan, and (2) come away from the course with a better understanding and social awareness of local/regional issues.

This appointment is funded by the department’s Marsh endowment and continues to fulfill the endowment’s mission to bring an eminent journalist to the department to teach classes on the long-range factors that affect the ability of the news media to perform their functions in a democratic society.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Ana Avila as the Howard R. Marsh Visiting Professor of Journalism, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 30, 2021 through April 30, 2022.

Recommended by:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature, Linguistics, and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Recommendation endorsed by:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Transfer of Tenure of a Faculty Member

NAME: Clare H. Croft

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Music, with tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, Associate Professor of American Culture, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Women’s and Gender Studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Associate Professor of Music, without tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, Associate Professor of American Culture, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Women’s and Gender Studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2021

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of American Culture and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, we are pleased to recommend a transfer of tenure for Clare H. Croft from associate professor of music, with tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, associate professor of American culture, with tenure, and associate professor of women’s and gender studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, to associate professor of music, without tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, associate professor of American culture, with tenure, and associate professor of women’s and gender studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2021.

Clare H. Croft completed her Bachelor of Arts in American studies and dance at Goucher College in 2000 and her Master of Arts in performance studies from New York University in 2002. She holds a doctorate in theatre history and criticism with an emphasis in performance as public practice from the University of Texas at Austin, which she completed in 2010. Following a three-year post-doctoral fellowship in the Michigan Society of Fellows (2010-2013), Professor Croft was appointed as an assistant professor in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance (2013-2018) and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2018. In 2019, she was jointly appointed as an associate professor, with tenure, in the Department of American Culture, and an associate professor, without tenure, in the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies.

Professor Croft is a dance historian and theorist, as well as a dramaturg and curator. Her research focuses on American dance and performance of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, critical race theory, and feminist and queer theory. Professor Croft is the author of Dancers as Diplomats: American Choreography in Cultural Exchange (Oxford University Press, 2015), a study of the U.S. State Department’s sponsorship of international dance tours as a form of cultural diplomacy. Dancers as Diplomats won the 2017 Outstanding Publication Prize from the Congress on Research in Dance, the preeminent national and international organization of dance scholars, educators, and artists. Professor Croft is also the editor of the book and website Queer Dance: Meanings and Makings (Oxford University Press, 2017), a collection of essays by scholars and artists, that received the 2020 Oscar G. Brockett Prize.
for Dance Research from the Dance Studies Association. Professor Croft’s writing, which has been recognized widely, has appeared in numerous journals including *QED: Journal of LGBTQ Worldmaking*, *Dance Research Journal*, and *Theatre Journal*.

Professor Croft has taught several signature graduate and undergraduate courses in queer studies and dance, and she is currently teaching a more general core American Culture course: AMCULT 300: Practices in American Culture. She has supervised more than a dozen completed MFA theses and dissertation committees and is currently supervising four Ph.D. committees. Professor Croft has also served as a senior concert advisor to a dozen undergraduate students in dance and as an honors thesis committee member to two undergraduate students in women’s and gender studies.

Professor Croft’s service to the profession and the university is extensive. She currently serves as an editor of the *Studies in Dance History* book series, a UMS Faculty Advisory Board member, co-leader of the Performance Studies Interest Group, an Interarts Faculty Committee member, and coordinator of the MFA student recruitment in the Department of Dance. Professor Croft has actively served as mentor for an assistant professor, been elected to the American Culture Executive Committee, and has chaired a tenure review panel. Her involvement in American Culture has received an overwhelmingly positive response from faculty and this tenure shift will align her appointment structure to match her interdisciplinary teaching, scholarship, and artistic work and interests, which are situated at the intersection of dance studies and American studies.

We are very pleased to recommend a transfer of tenure for Clare H. Croft from associate professor of music, with tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, associate professor of American culture, with tenure, and associate professor of women’s and gender studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, to associate professor of music, without tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, associate professor of American culture, with tenure, and associate professor of women’s and gender studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2021.

Recommended by:

Anne Curzan, Dean
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literatures, Linguistics and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor of Music
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

May 2021

Recommendation endorsed by:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Ghassan T. Kridli

CURRENT TITLES: Interim Dean, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, and Professor of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering and Computer Science

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Dean, and Professor of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering and Computer Science

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025

On the recommendation of the provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Ghassan T. Kridli as dean, College of Engineering and Computer Science, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025.

Ghassan Kridli earned his B.S. in 1986 and his M.S. in 1988 in mechanical engineering from the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida. He earned his Ph.D. in 1997 in mechanical and aerospace engineering from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Professor Kridli joined the faculty of the College of Engineering and Computer Science in 1997 as an assistant professor in the Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering. He was promoted to associate professor in 2003 and to professor in 2014. He was appointed as the associate dean for undergraduate education in 2015. Professor Kridli received recognition for success in obtaining external grant funding by the Office of the Chancellor in 2000, 2003, and 2006. He also received the Susan B. Anthony Award from the UM-Dearborn Commission for Women in 2014. Professor Kridli has been involved in multiple committees on campus, including the Council of Associate Deans, the University Degree and Curriculum Committee, and the Scheduling Advisory Team. He also served as the co-chair of the Chancellor Search Advisory Committee as well as on the Provost Search Advisory Committee and most recently, on one of UM-Dearborn’s campus-wide strategic planning working groups.

As interim dean, Professor Kridli has clearly provided intellectual, academic, and operational leadership for the college and partnered with faculty and staff to strengthen a common sense of purpose within CECS and among the college’s many stakeholders. He is fostering an open, collegial and inclusive climate, and is working to expand and develop external partnerships and collaborations, and to encourage the research enterprise of the college.
I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Ghassan T. Kridli as dean, College of Engineering and Computer Science, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025.

Recommended by:

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Domenico Grasso, Chancellor
University of Michigan–Dearborn

May 2021
Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Dauda Abubakar

CURRENT TITLES: Chair, Department of Africana Studies, Associate Professor of Africana Studies, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Political Science, with tenure, College of Arts and Sciences

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Chair, Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, Associate Professor of Africana Studies, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Political Science, with tenure, College of Arts and Sciences

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023

The dean, in consultation with the faculty and the Executive Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences, is pleased to recommend the appointment of Dauda Abubakar as chair, Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

Dauda Abubakar received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is a world renowned expert in comparative politics in Africa and recently published Violent Non-State Actors in Africa: Terrorists, Rebels and Warlords. Professor Abubakar has a rich history of service to the university. He is currently serving as the chair of the Department of Africana Studies, chair of the CAS Curriculum Committee, and leads the university’s planning for our annual Africa Week activities.

We believe that Professor Abubakar will prove to be an effective leader. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Dauda Abubakar as chair, Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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Susan Gano-Phillips, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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Sonja Feist-Price, Provost and    Debasish Dutta, Chancellor
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs   University of Michigan-Flint

May 2021
The dean, in consultation with the faculty and the Executive Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences, is pleased to recommend the appointment of Nicole Broughton-Adams as the chair, Department of Fine and Performing Arts, College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

Nicole Broughton-Adams received her MFA in production technology management from Carnegie Mellon University. She has over a decade of experience both with the university as well as private companies as a stage and production manager. Her record of service to the university is extremely impressive. She is currently serving as the director of the Master of Arts Administration Program, serves on the University of Michigan-Flint Graduate Board, and is a co-chair of the college’s Strategic Plan Implementation Communications Committee.

We believe that Ms. Broughton-Adams will prove to be an effective leader. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Nicole Broughton-Adams as chair, Department of Fine and Performing Arts, College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Susan Gano-Phillips, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Sonja Feist-Price, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Debasish Dutta, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

May 2021
ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Matthew Fhaner

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Analytical Chemistry, with tenure, College of Arts and Sciences

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Chair, Department of Natural Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024

The dean, in consultation with the faculty and the Executive Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences, is pleased to recommend the appointment of Matthew Fhaner as the chair, Department of Natural Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

Matthew Fhaner received his Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from Michigan State University. Prior to joining the faculty in 2014, he worked as a researcher for the US Department of Agriculture. He was promoted to associate professor in 2020. He is a member of the Chemistry and Biochemistry Lab Safety Committee and chaired the college’s Curriculum Committee.

We believe that Professor Fhaner will prove to be an effective leader. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Fhaner as chair, Department of Natural Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024.

Recommended by:

Susan Gano-Phillips, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

Recommendation endorsed by:

Sonja Feist-Price, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Debasish Dutta, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

May 2021
ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Hillary J. Heinze

CURRENT TITLES: Chair, Department of Psychology, and Associate Professor of Psychology, with tenure, College of Arts and Sciences

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Chair, Department of Behavioral Sciences, and Associate Professor of Psychology, with tenure, College of Arts and Sciences

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023

The dean, in consultation with the faculty and the Executive Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences, is pleased to recommend the appointment of Hillary J. Heinze as chair, Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

Hillary Heinze received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Wayne State University. After working at the Yale School of Medicine Consultation Center, she joined the faculty of the University of Michigan -Flint in 2006, and was promoted to associate professor in 2012. She is currently serving as the chair of the Department of Psychology.

We believe that Professor Heinze will prove to be an effective leader. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Hillary J. Heinze as chair, Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Susan Gano-Phillips, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Sonja Feist-Price, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Debasish Dutta, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Cameron McLeman

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Mathematics, with tenure, College of Arts and Sciences

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Chair, Department of Mathematics and Applied Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023

The dean, in consultation with the faculty and the Executive Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences, is pleased to recommend the appointment of Cameron McLeman as chair, Department of Mathematics and Applied Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

Cameron McLeman received his Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Arizona. He teaches a wide range of mathematics courses to majors and non-majors, chairs the college’s Student Support Committee, is a member of the LEO Review Subcommittee, and has previously served as the director of the Master of Arts in Mathematics program.

We believe that Professor McLeman will prove to be an effective leader. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Cameron McLeman as chair, Department of Mathematics and Applied Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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Susan Gano-Phillips, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

Recommendation endorsed by:

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Sonja Feist-Price, Provost and    Debasish Dutta, Chancellor
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs    University of Michigan-Flint

May 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Marcus Paroske

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Communication Studies, with tenure, College of Arts and Sciences

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Chair, Department of Language and Communication, College of Arts and Sciences

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024

The dean, in consultation with the faculty and the Executive Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences, is pleased to recommend the appointment of Marcus Paroske as chair, Department of Language and Communication, College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

Marcus Paroske received his Ph.D. in communication from the University of Pittsburg. He has an impeccable record of service to the college. He is a current member of the college’s Executive Committee and Marketing and Communication Committee. In the fall semester, he chaired the Restructuring Committee. He has previously served as the co-chair of the College Vision and Mission Committee and has been chair of the Departments of Communication Studies and Communication and Visual Arts.

We believe that Professor Paroske will prove to be an effective leader. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Marcus Paroske as chair, Department of Language and Communication, College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Susan Gano-Phillips, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Sonja Feist-Price, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Debasish Dutta, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

May 2021
Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic and administrative positions.
The College of Arts and Sciences wishes to recommend a change in title of an existing academic administrative position from associate dean to associate dean for faculty affairs, College of Arts and Sciences, effective June 1, 2021.

The need for this change is to reflect an alignment within the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) with the mission and objectives of the college’s recently approved departmental restructuring.

The associate dean for faculty affairs’ responsibilities will include but are not limited to, enrollment management through planning, coordination and approval of course schedules for the Behavioral Sciences and Social Sciences and Humanities departments and corresponding graduate programs; serving ex officio as a member of the CAS Executive Committee and LEO Review Committee; administering annual program reviews; planning and coordination of professional development and onboarding for new chairs; facilitation of Lecturer III and tenure-track searches; coordination of tenure-track faculty annual evaluation processes; and chair/director appointments and evaluations.

The associate dean for faculty affairs will report to the dean for the College of Arts and Sciences. We recommend a change in title of an existing administrative position from associate dean to associate dean for faculty affairs, College of Arts and Sciences, effective June 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Susan Gano-Phillips, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

RECOMMENDATION ENDORED BY:

Sonja Feist-Price, Provost
and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Debasish Dutta, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

May 2021
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment a New Academic Administrative Position

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs, College of Arts and Sciences

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 2021

We are pleased to recommend the establishment of a new academic administrative position of associate dean for research and graduate programs, College of Arts and Sciences, effective June 1, 2021.

The associate dean for research and graduate programs will be instrumental in the alignment with the mission and objectives for the College of Arts and Sciences’ (CAS) recently approved departmental restructuring.

The associate dean for research and graduate programs will be responsible for enrollment management through planning, coordination, and approval of course schedules for the Departments of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and Applied Sciences and corresponding graduate programs; serving as an ex officio as a member of the CAS Grants and Awards and Laboratory Safety Committees; providing administrative supervision and oversight of CAS laboratory and technical staff in consultation with the other CAS associate deans; facilitating research support and development in CAS; and serving as a liaison to Office of Research and Economic Development.

The associate dean for research and graduate programs will report to the dean for the College of Arts and Sciences. We are pleased to recommend the establishment of a new academic administrative position of associate dean for research and graduate programs, College of Arts and Sciences, effective June 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Susan Gano-Phillips, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Sonja Feist-Price, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Debasish Dutta, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

May 2021
The College of Arts and Sciences wishes to recommend a change in title of an existing academic administrative position from associate dean to associate dean for student affairs, College of Arts and Sciences, effective June 1, 2021.

The need for this change is to reflect an alignment within the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) with the mission and objectives of the college’s recently approved departmental restructuring.

The associate dean for student affairs will be responsible for enrollment management through planning, coordination and approval of course schedules for the Fine and Performing Arts and Language and Communication departments and corresponding graduate programs; serving ex officio as a member of the CAS Academic Standards Committee and Curriculum Committee; coordinating academic advising in CAS with academic departments and the Student Success Center; strengthening internships, career development activities, and high impact practices throughout the college; building marketing and recruitment capabilities within and beyond CAS in collaboration with CAS communications specialist and Undergraduate Admissions; and coordinating K-12 and Dual Enrollment Education Partnership (DEEP) Initiatives.

The associate dean for student affairs will report to the dean for the College of Arts and Sciences. We are pleased to recommend a change in title of an existing academic administrative position from associate dean to associate dean for student affairs, College of Arts and Sciences, effective June 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Susan Gano-Phillips
Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Sonja Feist-Price, Provost
and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Debasish Dutta, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

May 2021
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Frances Willson Thompson Professorship, University of Michigan-Flint

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2021

With the approval of the Frances Willson Thompson Fund expenditure plan, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the Frances Willson Thompson Professorship, University of Michigan-Flint, effective September 1, 2021.

The Frances Willson Thompson Fund was created at the University of Michigan-Flint with a pledged gift in 1977. Frances Willson Thompson’s vision was that the university invite speakers of national repute to campus to share their thoughts on the challenging issues of our time. Over the years, the endowment has grown opening up new opportunities for the university. Following discussions with the Thompson family and with their concurrence, the endowment agreement was amended to repurpose the use of funds in ways that may be of greater benefit to UM-Flint and in support of faculty endeavors.

The Frances Willson Thompson Professorship will be utilized to recruit new or recognize current University of Michigan-Flint tenured faculty members who demonstrate exceptional contributions in their field. This professorship will be awarded to those that will lead the University of Michigan-Flint efforts with innovative and progressive ideas in areas of importance to the community such as poverty solutions, technology, health care and environment. The appointment will be for a period of five years and may be renewed.

In recognition of this continued generous gift from Frances Willson Thompson Fund, we are pleased to recommend the creation of the Frances Willson Thompson Professorship, University of Michigan-Flint, effective September 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION BY: Sonja Feist-Price, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY: Debasish Dutta, Chancellor

University of Michigan-Flint

May 2021