

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

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

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	2016	University of California, Berkeley, Sociology
M.A.	2010	University of California, Berkeley, Sociology
M.A.	2007	University of Haifa, Sociology and Anthropology
B.A.	2003	Tel Aviv University, Sociology and Anthropology, Economics

Professional Record:

2016-present	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan
2016-present	Affiliate, Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation, University of Michigan

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Livne demonstrates a deep commitment to student learning and a creative approach to pedagogy. He has successfully taught three undergraduate courses: Economic Sociology, Death and Dying, and Introduction to Sociological Theory. At the graduate level, Professor Livne has taught Economic Sociology and Health and Healthcare. He has co-led two Department of Sociology workshops (which serve graduate students). Professor Livne also has served on six dissertation committees and five publishable paper committees and advised an undergraduate student working on a senior thesis. Professor Livne regularly provides extensive written feedback to students as an advisor, a committee member, and a workshop leader.

Research: Professor Livne's research has focused on the relationship between multiple subareas of sociology, including morality, economic, and medical sociology. He uses ethnography and historical archives to empirically examine the process of economization on U.S. healthcare. His work integrates large-scale macro-historical changes (e.g., the emergence of a multi-billion dollar new industry organized around hospice and palliative care) and the lived experience of subjects navigating these institutions (e.g., the intimate reflections of individuals at the bedside of dying family members). Professor Livne has made significant contributions integrating scholarly conversations across different subareas in sociology. Professor Livne effectively uses multiple methods to work across macro- and micro-levels of analysis, generating fresh theoretical insights, and identifying timely and important problems. His prize-winning first book, *Values at the End of Life* (Harvard University Press, 2019), has established his strong reputation in the field, and his new book on hospital pricing is well underway.

Recent and Significant Publications:

"Toward a Sociology of Finitude: Life, Death, and the Question of Limits." *Theory and Society* 50, no. 1 (October 2021): 891-934.

Values at the End of Life: The Logic of Palliative Care. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 2019.

Livne, Roi and Yuval P. Yonay. "Performing Neoliberal Governmentality: An Ethnography of Financialized Sovereign Debt Management Practices." *Socio-Economic Review* 14, no. 2 (April 2016): 339-362 (lead author).

"Economies of Dying: The Moralization of Economic Scarcity in U.S. Hospice Care." *American Sociological Review* 79, no. 5 (2014): 888-911.

Service: Professor Livne has maintained a steady record of high-effort service to the Department of Sociology, including serving on the Committee on the Administration of Graduate Affairs (CAGA), graduate admissions committee, and the Executive Committee. He has served on the colloquium committee, and he has organized community-building and faculty recruitment events. Professor Livne has also made valuable contributions to the Center for Middle East and North African Studies (CMENAS) at UM. He has a growing record of contributions to the American Sociological Association, via elected membership to the Council of the Economic Sociology Section and service on best paper award committees in multiple sections. He also co-organized a mini-conference for the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics. He regularly reviews for top journals in the discipline and a major university press.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer (A): "Professor Livne weaves together a truly stunning array of sociological theories—regarding morals and markets, death and dying, medicalization and medical specialization, science and technology studies, and agency and subjectification...I would rank Professor Livne among the top scholars of his generation working in the areas of medical sociology, economic sociology, and sociology of morality."

Reviewer (B): "Dr. Livne is an innovative and influential scholar...His work is truly original, weaving together concepts from economic sociology, medical sociology, and the sociology of morality to create a body of scholarship that makes novel contributions to all three subfields."

Reviewer (C): "His scholarship is of the highest quality and has positioned him as one the [junior] leaders in the fields of economic, cultural and medical sociology...to my mind he outranks most of them in terms of theoretical sophistication and the general applicability of his contribution."

Reviewer (D): "Livne takes the time to problematize what others have reluctantly accepted as a dysfunctional status quo...The fields in which Livne works are ones that have attracted some of the very best [junior] sociologists, and Livne ranks very high within this group."

Reviewer (E): "*Values at the End of Life*...will have enduring influences...I find Professor Livne to be a very impressive young scholar. He is productive and impactful. His work is methodologically rigorous and theoretically sophisticated."

Reviewer (F): "I want to underline how extraordinary is the effort that Livne has gone through to give us this detailed picture that allows us to draw divergent conclusions. His writing is

beautiful and clear, and he has an extraordinary ability to grab hold of important problems and find new perspectives on them.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Livne has advanced the sociology of health and the health care profession by introducing concepts from economic sociology and sociological theories of morality to uncover how palliative care has developed in the United States. He has utilized a unique blend of methodological tools to frame his research. He has drawn from these research efforts to offer high-demand graduate and undergraduate courses in economic sociology and the sociology of health. The Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and I recommend that Assistant Professor Roi Livne be promoted to the rank of associate professor of sociology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.



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