

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION  
The University of Michigan  
A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning

Jennifer L. Maigret, associate professor of architecture, with tenure, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, is recommended for promotion to professor of architecture, with tenure, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning.

Academic Degrees:

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| M.Arch. | 2004 | University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI |
| M.S.    | 1996 | University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI |
| B.A.    | 1994 | Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY         |

Professional Record:

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| 2023 – Present | Director, Dow Sustainability Fellows Program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI  |
| 2018 – Present | Principal, PLY+, Ann Arbor, MI   |
| 2016 – Present | Associate Professor of Architecture, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI |
| 2010 – 2018    | Principal, MAde Studio, LLC, Ann Arbor, MI   |
| 2009 – 2016    | Assistant Professor of Architecture, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI |
| 2008 – 2009    | Assistant Professor of Architecture, Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts, Washington University, St. Louis, MO                      |
| 2006 – 2008    | Cynthia Weese Teaching Fellow, Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts, Washington University, St. Louis, MO                            |
| 2005 – 2006    | Lecturer I, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI                          |
| 2001 – 2006    | Design Professional, PLY, Ann Arbor, MI  |

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Maigret enriches the architecture curriculum with a vital and informed perspective on sustainability, drawing from her extensive experience as a practicing architect and interdisciplinary expertise. She teaches lecture courses, design studios, and seminars at both undergraduate and graduate levels. Her notable teaching contributions include two “climate-centered” courses and studios, where she delves into the multifaceted impacts of design and urbanism. Through the lenses of global warming, ecosystem health, resource conservation, and environmental justice, Professor Maigret explores the environmental, economic, socio-cultural, and aesthetic dimensions of architecture. Her influence as an educator extends beyond the architecture program, as she engages in interdisciplinary teaching that enables students from diverse academic backgrounds to appreciate the intersections of sustainable thinking with buildings and cities. The affirmation of the value of her teaching and mentorship is evident in her selection for the Donna M. Salzer Award for Excellence in Teaching, highlighting the impact and recognition she has garnered in the realm of education.

Research and Creative Practice: Professor Maigret adopts an interdisciplinary approach in her work, spanning design, practice, and research across three distinct areas. Her focus encompasses manifesting architecture’s connection to the environment, enhancing building performance, and

elevating the quality of occupants' experiences. Rooted in scientific inquiry developed through prior studies in evolutionary biology, her expertise in sustainable design applies a practice-based platform to advance disciplinary knowledge. As the principal and partner of the award-winning firm Ply +, in collaboration with Craig Borum, Professor Maigret has played a key role in the practice's success. The firm has received prestigious accolades, including two Society of American Registered Architects National Design Awards of Excellence (2023, 2019), the Architectural League of New York Emerging Voices Award (2021), and the American Institute of Architects Michigan Building Honor Award (2021). Her work has been published and recognized in national design magazines such as *Metropolis Magazine*, *Architectural Record*, *The Architect's Newspaper*, and *Architect's Magazine*. Professor Maigret has cultivated a national reputation for integrating sustainable research methods into a public-facing design practice, contributing to the elevation of architecture's environmental and social responsibility. Additionally, her success in securing research funding has continued to further support projects that complement the firm's architectural work and inform her pedagogy.

#### Recent and Significant Publications, Exhibitions, and Awards:

AN Interior, Top 50 Architect and Designers of 2023, PLY+

Society of American Registered Architects, National Design Award of Excellence, Marygrove Elementary School, 2023

Architectural League of New York, Emerging Voices Award, PLY+, 2021

American Institute of Architects Michigan, Building Honor Award, Michigan Animal Rescue League, 2021

Society of American Registered Architects, National Design Award of Excellence, St Mary Chapel, 2019

Arquero de Alarcón, María; Maigret, Jen. "Inhabiting the Water Cycle." Third Coast Atlas: Prelude to a Plan of the Great Lakes Region, edited by Daniel Ibañez, Clare Lyster, Charles Waldheim, Mason White, ACTAR, 2017, pp. 136-141.

Service: Professor Maigret is widely recognized as a thought leader and is frequently called upon to fulfill diverse roles at the university, college, and program levels. At the university level, she currently serves as the director of the Dow Sustainability Fellows Program. Previously, she played a crucial role as a co-lead on the President's Commission on Carbon Neutrality: Building Standards and Analysis Team. Her contributions also extended to being a member of a working group instrumental in the transformation of the School of Natural Resources and Environment into the School for Environment and Sustainability. Within the Taubman College, Professor Maigret has actively participated in various key activities, initiatives, and leadership roles, including serving on the Executive Committee. At the program level, her involvement has been significant, contributing to curricular work as a member of the Educational Policy Committee, participating in annual admissions processes, and engaging in the review of lecturers. Furthermore, at the professional level, she makes valuable contributions to the peer-review process of design award juries, showcasing her commitment to the broader professional community.

#### External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: "She has developed a significant body of work that demonstrates a high level of academic rigor, productivity, and originality in two related, but distinct areas."

Reviewer B: "...Professor Maigret's research is ground-breaking...impressive work that contributes to the disciplinary knowledge of our field. Her built projects and ongoing design work are

significantly recognized and contribute greatly to the making of sustainable and healthy building environments for a multiplicity of occupants.”

Reviewer C: “...Professor Jen Maigret is a committed academic and practicing architect who draws on her critical practice to inform her teaching and influence the discipline. Her work has garnered national attention, and she has generated significant research outcomes related to her critical practice of architecture through PLY+. She has completed important buildings and has new work in progress that will likely increase her recognition and impact.”

Reviewer D: “Professor Maigret has been very successful advancing a research agenda...most notably through her applied research in professional practice as principal at PLY+, informing a diverse range of professional projects...earning significant national/ international recognition which speaks directly to Professor Maigret’s ability to not only participate in international conversations relative to the state of our profession, but to begin to influence and direct those conversations.”

Reviewer E: “She is clearly advancing the practice of architecture through critical engagement in both the technical aspects of design excellence through innovation in construction methods... developing a creative practice at the scale and quality that she has done, with peer-reviewed awards and recognition at both regional and national levels is exceptional.”

Reviewer F: “...in the intersections of digital technology, craft, assembly, and design Professor Maigret’s creative architectural production is significant...designing several critically positioned projects in such a short time, and more importantly having them built, is a tremendous achievement.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Professor Maigret possesses a lasting legacy of scholarly and professional accomplishments. Beyond being a renowned designer, she exhibits robust leadership capabilities that not only propel the profession forward but also enrich the collective expertise of both the architecture program and the college. It is with the support of the Taubman College Promotion and Tenure Committee and the Executive Committee that I recommend Jennifer L. Maigret for promotion to professor of architecture, with tenure, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning.



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