

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

Velimir Stojkovski, assistant professor of philosophy, Department of Language, Culture, and the Arts, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of philosophy, with tenure, Department of Language, Culture, and the Arts, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	2015	Philosophy, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
M.A.	2012	History of Philosophy, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
B.A.	2007	Philosophy/Sociology, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Dearborn, MI

Professional Record:

2019-present	Assistant Professor, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Dearborn, MI
2018-2019	Lecturer III, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Dearborn, MI

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Stojkovski's teaching is excellent. He has provided significant help to the philosophy discipline by sustaining and expanding its curriculum. Professor Stojkovski has consistently taught the core courses required for philosophy majors and a wide range of upper-level courses. In recent years, he has extended his efforts by teaching in the Honors Program. Professor Stojkovski is an outstanding teacher. One of the key aspects of his teaching method is conveying to students how philosophical issues underpin practical problems in real life, whether these problems pertain to the ethical, social, religious, etc. In his courses, Professor Stojkovski has been remarkably effective in emphasizing this aspect of philosophy to students, as evinced by his teaching evaluations. These evaluations attest to the overall excellence of his teaching. The numerical scores across Professor Stojkovski's evaluations have been consistently on the higher end of the interval between 4.0 and 5.0; in many cases, he has received perfect scores of 5.0. Students note that he is warm, engaged, respectful, and highly effective in teaching.

Research: Professor Stojkovski's research is excellent. Professor Stojkovski's research primarily involves the notion of recognition and the various ways it features in political and critical theory. During its earlier stages, it focused on German idealist thinkers such as Fichte and Hegel, alongside more contemporary scholars like Axel Honneth. In recent years, Professor Stojkovski's research has branched out in important new directions, focusing significantly on Friedrich Wilhelm Joseph von Schelling, one of the most influential thinkers in German idealism. Like his teaching, Professor Stojkovski's research is driven by the conviction that careful engagement with important historical texts can assist our efforts to solve concrete, contemporary problems. His research includes perennial themes that animate these problems, such as needs, education, and power. Since his appointment as an assistant professor, Professor Stojkovski has published a monograph, three peer-reviewed articles in reputable academic journals, and a short commentary on a book. All of these publications are single-authored. His monograph was published by Bloomsbury, one of the top publishers of works in continental

philosophy. One of Professor Stojkovski's peer-reviewed articles was published in *Constellations*, a leading academic journal that publishes articles in continental philosophy. This article won the Vansant-Spoiden Research Award in 2022. With these publications, Professor Stojkovski is emerging as an internationally recognized scholar in continental philosophy. He was recently invited to be a keynote speaker for an international conference ("The Politics of German Idealism") held in Coimbra, Portugal.

#### Recent and Significant Publications:

Stojkovski, Velimir. (2022). "Schelling's Political Thought: Nature, Freedom, and Recognition." *Bloomsbury Academic*. 240 pages.

Stojkovski, Velimir. (2022). "Commentary: Serena Perekh's No Refuge." *Social Philosophy Today*, Vol. 38, 139-141.

Stojkovski, Velimir. (2022). "Recognition and Power: An Analysis of Lois McNay's Against Recognition." *Constellations*, Vol. 29/3, 283-295.

Stojkovski, Velimir. (2021). "The Concept of 'Bildung' and Contemporary Education." *Journal of Ethical Urban Living*, Vol. 3/1, 31-43.

Stojkovski, Velimir. (2018). "Making Sense of 'Needs' in Hegel's Philosophy of Right." *Idealistic Studies*, Vol. 47/1), 83-97.

Service: Professor Stojkovski's service is excellent. Since his appointment as an assistant professor, he has committed himself to a significant amount of service at all levels. During this time, his service has included taking on the role of discipline representative multiple times, acting as a co-chair on the department by-laws committee, and serving as the discipline lead for its three-to-four credit-conversion process. Professor Stojkovski's service record is exemplary, going well beyond what is typically required for and expected from an assistant professor.

#### External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: "[H]e is the first to write a book on the topic of Schelling's political philosophy. This itself is a major accomplishment. I suspect that more work on Schelling will take up his political philosophy and any work that does so, at least in English, will either need to acknowledge Dr. Stojkovski's book or directly engage his contribution."

Reviewer B: "Professor Stojkovski has published three solid and clearly argued articles that put the tradition of German Idealism to bear on contemporary issues ('Recognition and Power: An Analysis of Lois McNay's *Against Recognition*,' 'The Concept of 'Bildung' and Contemporary Education,' and 'Making Sense of 'Needs' in Hegel's Philosophy of Right'). Like Professor Stojkovski's work more broadly, all three are rigorously grounded in the history of late 18th and early 19th Century German philosophy without being mired there. They succeed in creatively addressing urgent political and social issues... Professor Stojkovski's book [on Schelling] is outstanding. It is clearly argued and written in an accessible style... [I]t presents a reading of Schelling first and foremost as a living philosopher, a philosopher with much to say to our contemporary political, economic, and ecological challenges."

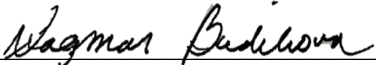
Reviewer C: "Professor [Stojkovski] is positioned to emerge as a new authority in Schelling Studies due to the uniqueness of his work and to the palpable thoroughness of his argumentation and analysis. Compared with other manuscripts I have reviewed for publication over the past 15

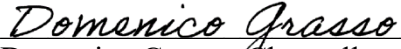
years his book stands out as the most engaging and important – a book that will age quite well as it becomes essential reading for all scholars of Schelling.”

Reviewer D: “Dr. Stojkovski’s blending of historical with contemporary questions, such as reading the concept of recognition in Hegel through the lens of current recognition theory, though not the first of its kind, is informative, very well-researched and timely, and his use of German Idealism, which he incorporates into philosophical analyses of social and political concepts, is insightful. Overall, his readings of German idealists show a high command of the, at times, very dense and difficult primary textual material. Additionally, Dr. Stojkovski employs a highly readable and clear writing style.”

Reviewer E: “As compelling as the examination of political philosophy is, it is its extension into and implication for our own treatment and understanding of nature that promises the most potential impact. Professor Stojkovski has recognized the significance of Schelling’s critique of the worldview and values of early modern science and he has investigated and extended its implications for environmental ethics. This is the kind of argument and application of philosophy to contemporary problems that both enriches scholarship and can help students to better appreciate the history and genesis of some of our most pressing current problems.”

Summary of Recommendation: Professor Stojkovski is excellent in the areas of teaching, research, and service. He is an outstanding teacher who engages with his students to highlight the practical relevance of philosophical issues. He is also an exceptional scholar, using his research in continental philosophy to emphasize this relevance, both for the scholarly community and his students. The quality and quantity of his service outputs have been impressive. It is with great pleasure that the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters Executive Committee recommends Velimir Stojkovski for promotion to associate professor of philosophy, with tenure, Department of Language, Culture, and the Arts, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.

  
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Dagmar Budikova, Dean  
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Domenico Grasso, Chancellor  
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