ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

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

   (1) Baker, Shalanda H., professor of environment and sustainability, with tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability, effective August 26, 2024.

   (2) Gray, Kishonna, professor of information, with tenure, School of Information, effective August 26, 2024.

   (3) Hausermann, Heidi, associate professor of environment and sustainability, with tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability, effective August 26, 2024.

   (4) Hudson, Darrell, chair, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education, effective August 26, 2024 through August 31, 2029, and professor of health behavior and health education, with tenure, School of Public Health, effective August 26, 2024.

   (5) Kuuskoski, Jonathan, associate professor of music, with tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, effective August 26, 2024.

   (6) McCullough, Brian P., associate professor of kinesiology, with tenure, School of Kinesiology, effective August 26, 2024.

   (7) Wright, Tanya S., professor of education, with tenure, Marsal Family School of Education, effective August 26, 2024.

   (8) Zhou, Jiayu, associate professor of information, with tenure, School of Information, effective August 26, 2024.

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

   (1) Aaronson, Keith D., M.D., Bertram Pitt, M.D. Collegiate Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of internal medicine, with tenure).

   (2) Allen, Benjamin L., Ph.D., James Douglas Engel Collegiate Professor, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also associate professor of cell and developmental biology, with tenure).

   (3) Beny, Laura N., Earl Warren DeLano Professor of Law, Law School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of law, with tenure).
2. Reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.

(4) Caoili, Elaine M., M.D., Saroja Adusumilli Collegiate Professor of Radiology, Medical School, September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025 (also clinical professor, Department of Radiology).

(5) Chenevert, Thomas L., Ph.D., Collegiate Professor of Basic Radiological Sciences, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027 (also professor of radiology, with tenure).

(6) Chinnaiyan, Arul M., M.D., Ph.D., S.P. Hicks Endowed Professor of Pathology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of pathology, with tenure, and professor of urology, without tenure).

(7) Dimick, Justin B., M.D, Frederick A. Coller Distinguished Professor of Surgery, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also chair, Department of Surgery, professor of surgery, with tenure, Medical School, and professor of health management and policy, without tenure, School of Public Health).

(8) Eisenberg, Rebecca S., Robert and Barbara Luciano Professor of Law, Law School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of law, with tenure).

(9) Ginsburg, David, M.D., Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis Professor of Medicine, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also James V. Neel Distinguished University Professor of Internal Medicine and Human Genetics, professor of internal medicine, with tenure, professor of human genetics, without tenure, and professor of pediatrics, without tenure).

(10) Haymart, Megan, M.D., Nancy Wigginton Endocrinology Research Professor of Thyroid Cancer, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of internal medicine, with tenure).

(11) Hershovitz, Scott A., Thomas G. and Mabel Long Professor of Law, Law School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of law, with tenure, Law School, and professor of philosophy, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).
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2. Reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.

(12) Hines, Jr., James R., L. Hart Wright Collegiate Professor of Law, Law School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also Richard A. Musgrave Collegiate Professor of Economics, professor of economics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, professor of law, with tenure Law School, and professor of business economics, without tenure, Stephen M. Ross School of Business).

(13) Howson, Nicholas C., Pao Li Tsiang Professor of Law, Law School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of law, with tenure).

(14) Kaigler, Darnell, Major M. Ash Collegiate Professor of Periodontics, School of Dentistry, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also associate professor of dentistry, with tenure).

(15) Kazerooni, Ella A., M.D., Terry M. Silver, M.D. Collegiate Professor of Radiology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025 (also professor of radiology, with tenure, and professor of internal medicine, without tenure).

(16) Knight, Jason S., M.D., Ph.D., Marvin and Betty Danto Research Professor of Connective Tissue Research, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure).

(17) Kretzler, Matthias, M.D., Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis Professor of Medicine, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of internal medicine, with tenure).

(18) Lin, Ann Chih, Kenneth G. Lieberthal and Richard H. Rogel Professor of Chinese Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 (also associate professor of public policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy).

(19) Lori, Jody R., associate dean for global affairs and community engagement, School of Nursing, effective July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024 (also Sara H. and Robert B. Rothschild Endowed Professor of Global Nursing, and professor of nursing, with tenure).

(20) McCune, W. Joseph, M.D., Michael H. and Marcia S. Klein Professor of Rheumatic Diseases, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of internal medicine, with tenure).
ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

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

(21) McLaughlin, Vallerie V., M.D., Kim A. Eagle, M.D. Endowed Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of internal medicine, with tenure).

(22) Moenter, Suzanne M., Ph.D., Fred J. Karsch Collegiate Professor of Physiology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of molecular and integrative physiology, with tenure, professor of obstetrics and gynecology, without tenure, and professor of internal medicine, without tenure).

(23) Morenoff, Jeffrey D., associate dean for research and policy engagement, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2026 (also professor of sociology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and Arts, and professor of public policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy).

(24) Murthy, Venkatesh L., M.D., Ph.D., Melvyn Rubenfire Professor of Preventive Cardiology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of internal medicine, with tenure, and professor of radiology, without tenure).

(25) Napolitano, Lena M., M.D., Joyce and Don Massey Family Foundation Professor, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of surgery, with tenure).

(26) Nusrat, Asma, M.D., F. Peyton Rous Professor of Experimental Pathology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of pathology, with tenure).

(27) Parkos, Charles A., M.D., Ph.D., Carl Vernon Weller Professor of Pathology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026 (also chair, Department of Pathology, and professor of pathology, with tenure).

(28) Prescott, James J., Henry King Ransom Professor of Law, Law School, term, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of law, with tenure, Law School, and professor of economics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).
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2. Reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.

(29) Primus, Eve B., Yale Kamisar Collegiate Professor of Law, Law School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of law, with tenure).

(30) Prosser, Lisa A., associate vice president for research–health sciences, Office of the Vice President for Research, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also Marilyn Fisher Blanch Research Professor of Pediatrics, professor of pediatrics, with tenure, Medical School, and professor of health management and policy, without tenure, School of Public Health).

(31) Rae, James M., Ph.D., Thomas H. Simpson Collegiate Professor of Cancer Research, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure, and associate professor of pharmacology, without tenure).

(32) Rao, Panduranga S., M.D., Richard D. Swartz, M.D. Collegiate Professor of Nephrology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of internal medicine, with tenure).

(33) Rui, Liangyou, Ph.D., Louis G. D’Alecy Collegiate Professor of Molecular Physiology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of molecular and integrative physiology, with tenure, and professor of internal medicine, without tenure).

(34) Seeley, Randy J., Ph.D., Henry King Ransom Professor of Surgery, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of internal medicine, without tenure, Medical School, and professor of nutritional sciences, without tenure, School of Public Health).

(35) Shayman, James A., M.D., Agnes C. and Frank D. McKay Professor, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of internal medicine, with tenure, and professor of pharmacology, without tenure).

(36) Smrcka, Alan V., Ph.D., Benedict R. Lucchesi Collegiate Professor of Cardiovascular Pharmacology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of pharmacology, with tenure, Medical School, and professor of biophysics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).
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2. Reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.

(37) Toth, Gabor, Bram van Leer Collegiate Research Professor, Office of the Vice President for Research, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also research professor, Department of Climate and Space Sciences and Engineering, College of Engineering).

(38) Valdez, Riccardo, M.D., John G. Batsakis Professor, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also clinical professor, Department of Pathology).

(39) Worden, Francis P., M.D., Nancy Wigginton Oncology Research Professor of Thyroid Cancer, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also clinical professor, Department of Internal Medicine).

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

(1) Coleman, Ph.D., Rhima M., associate professor of orthopaedic surgery, with tenure, Medical School, and transfer of tenure from associate professor of biomedical engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School, and associate professor of mechanical engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, to associate professor of orthopaedic surgery, with tenure, Medical School, and associate professor of biomedical engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School effective August 1, 2024.

(2) Cone, Roger D., Tadatika Yamada Distinguished University Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, effective September 1, 2024 (also vice provost and director of the biosciences initiative, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Mary Sue Coleman Director of the Life Sciences Institute, Life Sciences Institute, professor of molecular and integrative physiology, with tenure, Medical School, and professor of molecular, cellular, and developmental biology, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).

(3) Dash Moore, Deborah, Jonathan Freedman Distinguished University Professor of History and Judaic Studies, effective September 1, 2024 (also professor of history, with tenure, and professor of Judaic studies, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).
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3. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.

(4) Dickson, Robert, M.D., Galen B. Toews, M.D. Legacy Professor of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028 (also associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure, and associate professor of microbiology and immunology, without tenure).

(5) Dinov, Ivaylo D., Henry P. Tappan Collegiate Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of nursing, with tenure, School of Nursing, and professor of computational Medicine and bioinformatics, without tenure, Medical School).

(6) Dunning, David, Charles R. Walgreen, Jr. Professor of the Study of Human Understanding, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of psychology, with tenure).

(7) Eglash, Ron, University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor, effective August 26, 2024 (also professor of information, with tenure, School of Information, and professor of art and design, without tenure, Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design)

(8) Feldman, Eva L., M.D., Ph.D., professor of neurosurgery, without tenure, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024 (also James W. Albers Distinguished University Professor of Neurology, Russell N. DeJong Professor of Neurology, and professor of neurology, with tenure).

(9) Fessler, Jeffrey A., William L. Root Distinguished University Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, effective September 1, 2024 (also interim chair, Division of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, professor of electrical engineering and computer science, with tenure, College of Engineering, professor of biomedical engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School, and professor of radiology, without tenure, Medical School).

(10) Fomin, Sergey, Richard P. Stanley Distinguished University Professor of Mathematics, effective September 1, 2024 (also professor of mathematics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).

(11) Hankenson, Kurt D., D.V.M., M.S., Ph.D., professor of molecular and integrative physiology, without tenure, Medical School, effective August 1, 2024 (also Henry Ruppenthal Family Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Bioengineering, and professor of orthopaedic surgery, with tenure).
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3. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.

(12) Kim, Hun Seok, Samuel H. Fuller Early Career Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, College of Engineering, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2030 (also associate professor of electrical engineering and computer science, with tenure).

(13) Kolars, Joseph C., M.D., M.A.C.P., Leslie D. Yamada and Tachi Yamada, M.D. Director, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028 (also professor of internal medicine, with tenure, professor of learning health sciences, without tenure, Medical School, and professor of health management and policy, without tenure, School of Public Health).

(14) Lassiter, Matthew D., Louis Evans Professor of History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, professor of history, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and professor of urban and regional planning, without tenure, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning).

(15) Levine, Jeremy R., associate professor of public policy, without tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective August 26, 2024 (also associate professor of organizational studies, with tenure, and associate professor of sociology, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).

(16) Loewenberg Ball, Deborah, Jessie Jean Storey-Fry Distinguished University Professor of Education, effective September 1, 2024 (also Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and professor of education, with tenure, Marsal Family School of Education).

(17) Mahajan, Prashant, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, effective July 1, 2024, and as the William G. Barson Collegiate Professor, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029 (also professor of emergency medicine, with tenure, and professor of pediatrics, without tenure).

(18) McCabe, Sean E., Carol J. Boyd Collegiate Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing, effective September 1, 2024 through May 31, 2029 (also professor of nursing, with tenure).
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3. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.

(19) McNeil, Anne J., professor of environment, without tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability and College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024 (also Carol A. Fierke Collegiate Professor of Chemistry, Arthur F Thurnau Professor, professor of chemistry, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and professor of macromolecular science and engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering).

(20) Mehra, Rohit, M.B.B.S., Godfrey Dorr Stobbe Research Professor of Translational Pathology, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028 (also clinical professor, Department of Pathology).

(21) Miller, Shelie, professor of environment, without tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability and College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024 (also Jonathan W. Bulkley Collegiate Professor of Sustainable Systems, professor of environment and sustainability, School for Environment and Sustainability, and professor of civil and environmental engineering, College of Engineering).

(22) Morenoff, Jeffrey D., associate dean for research and policy engagement, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2026 (also Professor of Sociology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and Arts, and Professor of Public Policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy).

(23) Morrison, Jean V., John G. Searle Assistant Professor of Biostatistics, School of Public Health, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027 (also assistant professor of biostatistics).

(24) Neumar, Robert W., M.D., Ph.D., professor of molecular and integrative physiology, without tenure, Medical School, effective August 1, 2024 (also chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, and professor of emergency medicine, with tenure).

(25) Niemi, Nathan A., Henry Pollack Professor, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024 through August 31, 2029 (also professor of Earth and environmental sciences, with tenure).
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3. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.

(26) Platt, Joel F., M.D., Melvyn T. Korobkin, M.D. Collegiate Professor of Radiology, Medical School, September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025 (also professor of radiology, with tenure).

(27) Prescott, Hallie C., M.D., M.Sc., Toews Family Legacy Professor of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028 (also associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure).

(28) Sellers, Robert M., James S. Jackson Distinguished University Professor of Psychology, effective September 1, 2024 (also professor of psychology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, professor of education, without tenure, Marsal Family School of Education).

(29) Settles, Isis H., University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor, effective August 26, 2024 (also associate dean for diversity, equity and inclusion, professor of psychology, with tenure, professor of Afroamerican and African studies, without tenure, and professor of women’s and gender studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).

(30) Steiner, Allison L., professor of Earth and environmental sciences, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024 (also professor of climate and space sciences and engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering).

(31) Weiland, Christina, Karl and Martha Kohn Professor of Social Policy, effective August 26, 2024 through August 25, 2029, and transfer of tenure from professor of education, with tenure, Marsal Family School of Education, and professor of public policy, without tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, to professor of education, with tenure, Marsal Family School of Education, and professor of public policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective August 26, 2024.

(32) Zhang, Yang, professor of electrical engineering and computer science, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective August 26, 2024 (also professor of nuclear engineering and radiological sciences, with tenure, and professor of materials science and engineering, without tenure).
4. Leaves of absence for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff.

(1) Buchmueller, Thomas C., extension of an outside U.S. assignment leave of absence, effective September 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024 (Waldo O. Hildebrand Professor of Risk Management and Insurance, professor of business economics and public policy, with tenure, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, and professor of health management and policy, without tenure, School of Public Health).

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

(1) Establishment of a research professorship as the Agree Family Research Professorship in Image Guided Intervention, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024.

(2) Establishment of a research professorship as the Andrews Family Research Professorship in Hepatology, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024.

(3) Change in name of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship from the Rudolf Arnheim Collegiate Professorship in Film Studies, to the Rudolf Arnheim Collegiate Professorship in German Studies and Film, Television, and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024.

(4) Change in name of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship from the Alfred G. Meyer Collegiate Professorship in History, to the Judith T. Irvine Collegiate Professorship in Linguistics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024.

(5) Change in name of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship from the Allan Seager Collegiate Professorship in English Language and Literature, to the Donald R. Kinder Collegiate Professorship in Political Science, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024.

(6) Change in name of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship from the Agnes Inglis Collegiate Professorship in Psychology and Women’s Studies, to the Janine Maddock Collegiate Professorship in Chemistry and in Biophysics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024.

(7) Change in name of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship from the Alfred S. Sussman Collegiate Professorship in Biology, to the Gopal Prasad Collegiate Professorship in Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024.
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5. Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic and administrative positions.

(8) Change in name of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship from the Domna C. Stanton Collegiate Professorship in French, Women’s Studies, and Comparative Literature, to the Louise Tilly Collegiate Professorship in European History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024.

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

(1) Authorization for the president or the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs to approve necessary appointments, effective July 19, 2024 through September 19, 2024.

(2) Finholt, Thomas A., change in title to senior vice provost for academic and budgetary affairs, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective July 1, 2024 (also professor of information, with tenure, School of Information).

(3) Joseph, Channing G., Howard R. Marsh Visiting Professor of Journalism, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024 through April 30, 2025.

(4) Powers, Kemp, John H. Mitchell Visiting Professor of Media Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

DEARBORN CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

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

(1) DeFauw, Danielle L., chair, Department of Education, College of Education, Health, and Human Services, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 (also professor of education, with tenure).

(2) Shen, Jie, interim chair, Department of Computer and Information Science, College of Engineering and Computer Science, effective September 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 (also professor of computer and information science, with tenure).
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8. New appointments and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks, with tenure.

   (1) Arefifar, Syed Ali, associate professor of electrical engineering, with tenure, College of Innovation and Technology, effective August 26, 2024.

   (2) Mkaouer, Mohamed Wiem, associate professor of computer science, with tenure, College of Innovation and Technology, effective August 26, 2024.

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

   (1) Newport, Shelby, chair, Department of Fine and Performing Arts, College of Arts, Sciences and Education, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 (also professor of theatre, with tenure).

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
Recommendations for approval of new appointments
and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks,
with tenure
The University of Michigan
Regents Communication

Action Request: Faculty Appointment Approval

Name: Shalanda H. Baker

Title: Professor of Environment and Sustainability, School for Environment and Sustainability

Tenure Status: With Tenure

Effective Date: August 26, 2024

Appointment Period: University Year

With the approval of the Executive Committee and faculty of the School for Environment and Sustainability, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Shalanda H. Baker as professor of environment and sustainability, with tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability, effective August 26, 2024.

Academic Degrees
Shalanda H. Baker received a Bachelor of Science in political science in 1998 from the United States Air Force Academy and a JD degree in 2005 from the Northeastern University School of Law. She graduated in 2012 with her Master of Law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Professional Record
Professor Baker began her academic career in 2010 as a William H. Hastie Fellow at the University of Wisconsin Law School. She was an associate professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law from 2012-2014, and an associate professor from 2014-2017 at the University of Hawaii’s William S. Richardson School of Law. In 2017, she joined Northeastern University as a professor of law, public policy and urban affairs, serving until 2021, when she joined the Biden-Harris Administration to serve as the nation’s first deputy director for energy justice at the U.S. Department of Energy. Since 2022, and upon her confirmation by the U.S. Senate, she has served as the director of the Office of Energy Justice and Equity; Secretarial Advisor on Equity; and chief diversity officer at the U.S. Department of Energy.

Summary of Evaluation
Professor Baker is a leader in her field of energy justice. In this position as well as in her previous academic roles, she has shown herself to be able to engage broad audiences and to translate her scholarship into action. She has demonstrated a commitment to public engagement with diverse audiences, including communities, government, industry, and international constituencies. Her commitment to supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts is central to her work as a scholar and administrator, as evidenced by her work in the field of energy justice.

Professor Baker’s research, teaching and engagement activities clearly embody the school’s mission, especially because the intellectual significance of her scholarly work is intrinsically intertwined with teaching, engagement with society and policy impact. Her focus on energy justice and transitions is inter- and transdisciplinary and deeply embedded in principles of diversity, equity and inclusion, especially in shaping solutions and outcomes. Her recent position in the Energy Department and what she achieved in
the past few years (while still publishing academically) is remarkable and well poised to advance.

Professor Baker has made significant contributions in the fields of environmental and energy law, with a particular focus on energy justice. Her research is pioneering in identifying and addressing not only distributive and procedural justice challenges within a US legal and policy framework, but also in integrating advocacy as both a research topic and a sector or target audience for the research. She co-founded the Initiative for Energy Justice in 2018, which provides research and technical assistance to support equitable energy policies. Putting into practice the research insights from her influential 2018 research paper “Emerging Challenges in the Global Energy Transition: A View from the Frontlines” (Northeastern University School of Law Research Paper No. 347-2019) this initiative plays a critical role in helping policymakers and communities implement justice-centered energy transitions.

There is an arc here of linked intellectual and institutional impact. Professor Baker’s previous roles include serving as an associate professor of law at the University of Hawai‘i, where she founded the Energy Justice Program, and working as a corporate and project finance associate. This combination of scholarly and sectoral skills has meant that she is able to contribute both to papers outlining broad challenges and principles, but also to specific policy and technology-related aspects of energy justice.

Beyond her work in the US, Professor Baker held a Fulbright scholarship, during which she studied energy reform, climate change, and indigenous rights in Mexico. This has bolstered her ability to engage across language and culture groups, addressing the very different experiences of energy need and environmental justice among members of Caribbean diasporas that span the continental US and its territory, Puerto. Her work “Revolutionary Power: An Activist’s Field Guide to the Energy Transition,” published in 2021, explores the intersection of energy policy and social justice, emphasizing the need for inclusive energy reforms that address the needs of BIPOC communities and other vulnerable groups, spanning regions and contexts as a kind of manifesto that is not limited to relevance in the USA.

Professor Baker has critically considered dominant concepts and frames in the interface between energy justice and climate justice work, making her more than a legal and policy scholar, but also a theorist of systems and systems change. Her research papers and books are widely recognized and more importantly have undergirded the creation of centers, programs, federal policies and the emergence of an applied sociolegal and technical field. Collaborating closely with other scholars, Professor Baker has been an architect of engaged energy justice scholarship theory and practice.

Throughout her academic career, Professor Baker has been successful in obtaining funding to support both her research and her engagement activities. If her publication and grants record seems to have slowed in recent years this is because, in addition to her academic and research contributions, Professor Baker is actively involved in public service.

While Professor Baker will not have a formal teaching role in SEAS at this point, she has much to offer its student community and EJ through building interdisciplinary connections and mentoring. With her past teaching and practical experience, along with her comfort interacting with students at the intersection of law, justice, and energy, Professor Baker would make an excellent teacher for SEAS students. In her public lecture at UM last year, she made it clear that she is a presentationally and pedagogically skilled professional who would be a pleasure to have in the classroom.

Professor Baker’s ability to articulate environmental justice as something integral, not tangential to other aspects of the climate problem, will make her a wonderful fit for SEAS. Our student body’s desires true interdisciplinary teaching and work in the school, about learning how to solve problems, not just thinking about or understanding them. To this end, Professor Baker’s wide range of successful scholarly and practical experiences is an excellent model from which SEAS students can learn.
Professor Baker has consistently engaged in service to communities outside of her professional appointments. Since 2005, she has collaborated with diverse organizations. These organizations offered undergraduate scholarships for diverse students, improved neighborhood development in Jamaica Plain (Boston), created new arts initiatives, provided support for legal defense networks for gay military members, created new microfinance initiatives in Oaxaca (Mexico), improved health care access for underserved communities in Boston, supported LGBTQ rights nationally and importantly, supported energy justice, climate justice, solar and clean energy, and progressive reform at a national level.

Professor Baker’s focus and enthusiasm for creating a wide-range of sustainability stakeholders here in Michigan. She had researched UM stakeholders and had ideas about how to build capacity in outreach and engagement with students and campus organizations in Ann Arbor, Dearborn and Flint communities as well as other cities, state governments and NGOs in Michigan. Professor Baker’s experience with a wide variety of organizations will serve the larger UM sustainability and climate communities well.

Professor Baker is very engaging, knowledgeable, and humble in her interactions, a natural leader, with a willingness to learn and build an effective team to support her and the UM to accomplish its climate action and sustainability goals. With her extensive background in energy justice, environmental policy, and academic leadership, she is an excellent fit with the SEAS community. Professor Baker will strengthen our school, as well as its relationship with other units across campus advancing education and action related to climate and sustainability in a just and equitable way. I am pleased to enthusiastically recommend the appointment of Shalanda H. Baker a professor of environment and sustainability, with tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability, effective August 26, 2024.

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:
Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Kishonna Gray

TITLE: Professor of Information, School of Information

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 26, 2024

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Kishonna Gray as professor of information, with tenure, School of Information, effective August 26, 2024.

Academic Degrees:
Kishonna Gray earned a B.S in criminal justice in 2005 followed by a M.S. in justice studies in 2007, both from the School of Justice Studies at Eastern Kentucky University. She earned her Ph.D. in justice studies in 2011 from School of Social Transformation at Arizona State University.

Professional Record:
Professor Gray was appointed as an assistant professor in the School of Justice Studies with a joint appointment in the Department of Women and Gender Studies at Eastern Kentucky University in 2011. She became a visiting assistant professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2016. In 2017, she was appointed as an assistant professor of communications in the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Arizona State University, and in 2018, she was appointed as an assistant professor in the Departments of Communications and Gender and Women’s Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago where she was awarded tenure in 2021. Professor Gray was appointed as an associate professor, with tenure, in the Departments of Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies and African American and Africana Studies at the University of Kentucky in 2021 and has been approved for promotion to professor, with tenure, effective September 1, 2024.

Summary of Evaluation:
Teaching: Professor Gray’s teaching philosophy is informed by her extensive experience educating both undergraduates and graduate students and the incorporation of a variety of teaching styles to help students meet the learning/course objectives/goals. Professor Gray takes an interdisciplinary and intersectional approach to teaching and mentoring. The goal of her teaching approach is to help students develop the ability to “dismantle power
structures and hierarchies” in their scholarly analysis and careers. She describes the outcome as one in which she “equips students with the confidence to be knowledge makers and producers in the world.” She makes innovative use of gaming itself as a teaching method, which further reflects how her research and teaching are integrated. Professor Gray has chaired or served on the committee of 37 graduate students over the course of her academic career in addition to supervising undergraduate projects. She also has extensive experience teaching independent studies and teaching courses related to online communities, gaming, esports, game design, and digital cultures.

**Research:** Professor Gray is known nationally and internationally as a leading scholar of gaming and digital media studies, and specifically the ways digital platforms and technological practices are racialized and gendered. In her research, she studies the bi-directional impact between technology and culture; in particular how minoritized users influence the creation of technological products and the dissemination of digital artifacts. Her research contributes to digital studies, game studies, Black studies, communication, platform studies, media studies, digital feminism, and Black game studies. Professor Gray has pioneered new scholarly fields such as Black Game Studies, authored multiple, well-cited books (an important expectation of scholarship in the humanities), taken on prestigious visiting positions, and is the principal investigator on a large-scale, multi-institution research funding effort. Her work currently has over 2,000 citations from scholars across various academic disciplines, has been incorporated into game design and development, and has received numerous accolades and awards. She is also known for her work as a public scholar and has been cited in *New York Times*, Good Morning America, *Bloomberg*, *The Guardian*, *Telegraph*, *USA Today*, NPR and similar venues.

**Service:** Professor Gray has an extensive record of service to schools and academic units and has held several leadership positions at her current and previous faculty appointments. At the University of Kentucky, she is currently the director of the Faculty Learning Community on eSports and Gaming and is a member of the Lewis Honors College Council. She has also served on a number of committees within her department at the University of Kentucky, including, but not limited to, curriculum, diversity, equity and inclusion, recruitment, and search committees. Professor Gray has been heavily involved in various scholarly communities including the creation of the South Hill Classic, a symposium about the state of Black eSports and game studies that brought together engaged scholars from predominantly white institutions and historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), game developers, and other industry professionals. Professor Gray is a prolific public intellectual and has done a remarkable job of combining service to her scholarly community, service to marginalized communities, and service to the general public.

**Recent and Significant Publications:**
Gray-Denson, Kishonna. (2015). *Race, Gender, and Virtual Inequality: Exploring the*


External Reviewers:
Reviewer A: “I would like to note, however, [Professor] Gray’s remarkable achievements in working to support scholarship in Black game studies and in community engagement. This includes workshops and camps for youth of color like ‘Camp Kiki’... [Professor] Gray is also co-Principal Investigator on a $4.6 million dollar grant from the Andrew Mellon Foundation, ... which is exploring community-driven research around gaming publics and inclusion.”

Reviewer B: “Professor Gray has been incredibly productive with some of her most promising work still on the horizon, including Black Game Studies: A Primer text, which is under contract with NYU Press. ...Beyond her monographs, Professor Gray has had an important impact as an editor. ...In 2018, she co-edited the groundbreaking book Woke Gaming with David J. Leonard. ...Beyond the introduction, the constellation of essays that Professor Gray has helped to curate also introduce new and important voices to game studies.”

Reviewer C: “I can think of no other scholar who has had a greater impact on gaming studies than [Professor Gray]. ...[Professor] Gray’s work reflects the most rigorous... applications of digital ethnographies, close readings, [and] critical discourse analyses of the experience of black gamers. ...She is a prolific public intellectual whose voice garners her space in some of the world’s most reputable news outlets and opinion pages, influence in private sector gaming and technology companies and in policy circles.”

Reviewer D: “[Professor] Gray has a stellar reputation as one of the leading figures in Black game and media studies. Her very important work operates at the intersection of humanities and social science, with an emphasis on both game representation and cultures that are all too often ignored. Her work introduces an important corrective to an industry and realm of scholarship that is in many respects retrograde in areas of inclusivity. Her theoretical framing and methodologies are robust, and her dossier shows extensive of evidence of impact, including and beyond the traditional metrics of peer-reviewed publication... As the current Co-Chair of my department’s own Tenure & Promotion Committee, I am fully confident that [Professor] Gray would meet and exceed the requirements for promotion to Full Professor at my institution.”
Reviewer E: “I would place [Professor] Gray among the topmost scholars within our discipline in terms of the quality, quantity, and impact of her scholarship. …[She] is one of the world’s leading scholars of digital studies and feminist media studies. She is widely recognized for research program, which addresses vital questions about the role of digital media and technology in shaping online communities, especially in terms of Black gaming studies. Her pioneering scholarship on creating the Black cyberfeminism theoretical framework has had a lasting and deep impact.”

Reviewer F: “To summarize, [Professor] Gray is an accomplished, prolific scholar and top-tier intellectual who is a singular leader in the emerging field of race, feminism and digital media studies. …when [it] comes to researchers exploring the specific area of gaming culture, [Professor] Gray stands alone, she is truly one of one in her work on race, gender and gaming.”

Summary of Recommendations:
Professor Gray is a senior scholar of digital media studies producing scholarship that is intersectionally grounded in theories and methods of critical race theories, feminism, sociology, platform design, and game studies. She is a talented instructor who cares deeply about teaching having mentored both students and junior faculty. Professor Gray has an extensive record of service to schools and academic units and has held several leadership positions at her current and previous faculty appointments. She has an active role in constructing her scholarly community and her engagement as a public scholar has been highly visible. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Kishonna Gary as professor of information, with tenure, School of Information, effective August 26, 2024.

Recommended by: Andrea Forte
Dean, School of Information

Recommendation endorsed by: Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Heidi Hausermann

TITLE: Associate Professor of Environment and Sustainability, School for Environment and Sustainability

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 26, 2024

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

With the approval of the Executive Committee and faculty of the School for Environment and Sustainability, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Heidi Hausermann as associate professor of environment and sustainability, with tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability, effective August 26, 2024.

ACADEMIC DEGREES
Heidi Hausermann received her B.Sc. from Willamette University (Salem, Oregon). She received both her M.A. and Ph.D. in geography from the University of Arizona (Tucson, Arizona).

PROFESSIONAL RECORD
Professor Hausermann was a post-doctoral scholar in the Department of Geography at Pennsylvania State University before joining the faculty at Rutgers University (New Brunswick, New Jersey) in 2012 as an assistant professor in the Department of Human Ecology. She accepted an appointment as an assistant professor in the Department of Anthropology and Geography at Colorado State University in 2018. Professor Hausermann was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2020, and was appointed as the director of the department in 2021.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION
Professor Hausermann is a wonderfully broad scholar and doing applied research in many areas that are gaps in SEAS and would augment virtually all fields of study. She does solution-oriented research. She will build ties with the School of Public Health, as well as with parts of the College of Engineering. She would build SEAS expertise not only in feminism, health, and racism, but also in toxics, pollution, Africa, ‘ways of knowing,’ land ownership, management, insects, land restoration, community rights, collaborative research involving behavioral change, international development, and policy coherence. Her breadth and depth of knowledge is impressive.

With respect to scholarly impact, Professor Hausermann’s work is published in high-impact interdisciplinary journals, has secured >1.8 million dollars of external funding from Fulbright, National Science Foundation, Wenner Gren, and other sources. Her research impact is further reflected in more than 30 invited lectures and panel commentaries. She was recently (2024) awarded an NSF DISES five-year grant ($1.5m), has received multiple Fulbright grants and another pending.
Her graduate advisees have also received competitive external funding.

Professor Hausermann shows evidence that she is an excellent teacher and mentor. Her record shows she was awarded for her excellence in undergraduate mentorship (Colorado State University), teaching excellence (Rutgers), and even GTA teaching excellence (University of Arizona). She was also nominated in 2021 by the Association of American Geographers for its 2021 Susan Hardwick Excellence in Mentoring Award. This pattern of student engagement in cutting-edge research indicates that she will continue to have future success in this area.

RECENT AND SIGNIFICANT PUBLICATIONS
(♠ undergraduate student co-author ** graduate student co-author)


EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWERS

Reviewer A: “…Dr. Hausermann is making exceptional contributions to the established but rapidly evolving field of political ecologies of health. ... In sum, Dr. Hausermann’s accomplishments are significant and her degree of scholarly productivity, as evidenced by numerous journal articles and significant outside support, is consistent with many tenure cases at top universities, including with that of an Associate Professor with tenure at [my institution]. I believe Dr. Hausermann’s research accomplishments are comparable to or exceed that of any critical social scientist at an American R1 research university.”

Reviewer B: “Overall, Dr. Hausermann’s research portfolio represents significant contribution to contemporary theory and scholarship on landscape change, political ecology, and the lived experiences of extractive industries in the Global South. ... From the perspective of grants and awards, it is significant and notable that Dr. Hausermann is a Fulbright Scholar and PI on a $1.5M NSF-DISES grant, which places her at the top-end of her peers.”

Reviewer C: “I rank Dr. Hausermann as excellent compared to others at a similar career stage. Dr. Hausermann maintains a robust research record while maintaining teaching excellence while serving in administrative roles.”

Reviewer D: “Her strategy of emphasizing a smaller number of carefully crafted, high quality articles in prestigious publication outlets is well-recognized and respected in Geography… Where she stands head and shoulder above her peers, though, is student mentorship, a crucial component of the research mission of the university. By my count, she has mentored 22 undergraduates and advised 31 undergraduate theses, served on the committees of 19 graduate students (including 5 in
Ghana), and supervised 12 PhD and MA students. This is a record any Full professor could be proud of; in an early Associate, it is astonishing.”

Reviewer E: “Dr. Hausermann is notable for, simply put, walking the walk when it comes to engagement and broader impacts: while many in the discipline promise such things these days, she truly does work with, and for, indigenous and marginalized communities at the heart of her research. Dr. Hausermann’s work will likely help many woman [sic] and children in Ghana avoid highly dangerous mercury poisoning. That is more direct impact than most geographers can claim.”

Reviewer F: “Hausermann and other scholars within the political ecology of health have brought political ecology’s critical focus on justice, dispossession, and environmental change to understanding patterns of illness, health, and care. We see this in Hausermann’s work on the relationship of gold mining to malaria, as well as the relationship of the buruli ulcer to land cover change in Ghana. These are groundbreaking contributions to this literature.”

Reviewer G: “The breadth of her work is breathtaking. Quite impressively, she has responded and demonstrated commitment to following the threads and leads afforded by her empirical observation. This is the hallmark of a scholar committed to ethical, community-based research. Moreover, through her interdisciplinary engagement, she is speaking to audiences in multiple disciplines, and she is not only using but also contributing to the cutting-edge of social theory. Professor Hausermann’s body of work shows that her research is methodologically innovative, deeply empirical, theoretically sophisticated and politically relevant.”

SUMMARY
Professor Hausermann is an excellent fit. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Heidi Hausermann an associate professor of environment and sustainability, with tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability, effective August 26, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Jonathan T. Overpeck
Laurie K. McCauley
Samuel A. Graham Dean
Provost and Executive Vice
School for Environment and Sustainability
President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Darrell Hudson

TITLES: Chair, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education, and Professor of Health Behavior and Health Equity, and School of Public Health

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 26, 2024

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

With approval of the Executive Committee of the School of Public Health, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Darrell Hudson as chair, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education, effective August 26, 2024 through August 31, 2029, and professor of health behavior and health education, with tenure, School of Public Health, effective August 26, 2024.

Academic Degrees:
Darrell Hudson received a Bachelor of Arts from Morehouse College in 2002. He received a MPH from the University of Michigan School of Public Health in 2005 and a PhD from the University of Michigan School of Public Health in 2009. Professor Hudson was a post-baccalaureate intramural research fellow at the National Institute of Drug Abuse from 2002-2003 and a post-doctoral research fellow in the Kellogg Health Scholars Program at the University of California, Berkeley from 2009-2011.

Professional Record:
Professor Hudson was appointed as an assistant professor, without tenure, in the Brown School at Washington University, St. Louis, MO, from 2011-2016 and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, at Washington University in 2017. He also received courtesy appointments as an associate professor in the Department of Psychiatry in the Washington University School of Medicine in 2016 and as an associate professor in the Department of Sociology at Washington University in 2019. He has been approved for promotion to professor, with tenure, at Washington University, effective July 1, 2024.
Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Hudson has taught numerous courses during his time at Washington University on topics such as social epidemiology, health behavior and health promotion, and popular culture and public health. These classes receive excellent ratings from students. Within the Washington University School of Medicine, he assisted in developing the Health Equity and Justice pillar for the newly revamped Gateway Medical Curriculum. Professor Hudson is also an active mentor with an excellent record. He has served on 12 dissertation committees, including three as the chair. His trainees have co-authored numerous peer-reviewed manuscripts under his mentorship. He is dedicated to serving the greater community through professional development seminars focused on diverse topics, such as social determinants of health and navigating the academic job search process.

Research: Professor Hudson has developed a national reputation as a scholar in the study and elimination of racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic inequalities in health in the United States. His findings have resulted in timely and important contributions to the national discourse on the negative effects of structural racism. His transdisciplinary research relies on both quantitative and qualitative methodologies. Professor Hudson has primarily investigated the effects of socioeconomic position, racial discrimination, and coping behaviors on racial/ethnic differences in depression. He has also examined perceptions of depression and mental health care among Black American men. Through his published work, he has made substantial contributions to understanding the health costs of upward social mobility: the unique psychosocial stressors and economic factors that Black Americans experience as they strive for socioeconomic gains and to better their families’ situations. Professor Hudson has a consistent record of external funding. He currently serves as a multiple principal investigator (MPI) on two national grants, including one R01 from the National Institutes of Health. He has also been a co-investigator on multiple competitive grants and has five current projects.

Service: Professor Hudson has demonstrated significant leadership capabilities through his involvement in numerous roles and committees at Washington University. He is the director of the Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Equity. Additionally, he has helped lead recruitments for the university’s cluster hire initiatives and continues to serve on university-wide committees focused on equity. At a local and national level, Professor Hudson continues to demonstrate his commitment to the community. This is evident in his role as a member of the board of trustees for the St. Louis Mental Health Board and as a member of the board of directors for CareSTL, which provides essential health services to historically marginalized communities. Professor Hudson is a standing member of the National Institutes of Health study section and has served on the editorial board for high-impact journals such as Health Promotion Practice and the Journal for the Society for Social Work Research.
Recent and Significant Publications:


External Reviewers:
Reviewer A: “I would rate Dr. Hudson as a clear leading scholar in his area, and I believe he would be quite competitive for a tenured Professor appointment at my institution.”

Reviewer B: “Dr. Hudson’s work is pioneering in the questions it addresses. ... I think Dr. Hudson is one of the very top experts in the country on the socioeconomic origins of Black Americans’ health. Dr. Hudson fits my home department’s profile for a successful promotion to Full Professor with tenure. He has a consistent and distinguished academic record and a steep trajectory that shows no signs of leveling off.”

Reviewer C: “I consider Professor Hudson to be among the top 5 ‘health equity’ scholars in his age-cohort. [His papers] are original, invariably well-written, and highly interdisciplinary. [Would Professor Hudson’s work meet the requirements for someone being considered for promotion and, if applicable, tenure at your institution?] Yes, without question.”

Reviewer D: “I strongly support Dr. Hudson for tenure and promotion to the rank of Professor. He is an accomplished scholar and appears to have considerable energy to continue to carry out his level of productive, impactful, and intellectually relevant scholarship for years to come.”
Reviewer E: “...he has a remarkable ability to ask meaningful, substantive questions and to pursue them with rigor and creativity. There is little question in my mind that he would be promoted at my current and past institutions.”

Summary of Recommendations:
Professor Hudson is a nationally recognized expert in racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic inequalities. His work focuses on how social determinants of health fuel inequities. He has an outstanding record of scholarship, an excellent record of teaching, and an excellent record of service. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Darrell Hudson as chair, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education, effective August 26, 2024 through August 31, 2029, and professor of health behavior and health education, with tenure, School of Public Health, effective August 26, 2024.

Recommended by: Recommendation endorsed by:

F. DuBois Bowman, Ph.D. Laurie K. McCauley
Dean, School of Public Health Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Jonathan Kuuskoski

TITLE: Associate Professor of Music, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 26, 2024

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

With the endorsement of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance Executive Committee, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Jonathan Kuuskoski as associate professor of music, with tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, effective August 26, 2024.

Academic Degrees
Jonathan Kuuskoski received his Bachelor of Arts in music with honors, in 2006, and his Master of Business Administration, in 2007, both from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He received his Master of Music in piano performance and pedagogy from the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 2009.

Professional Record
In 2011, Professor Kuuskoski was hired as the coordinator of outreach and community programs at the University of Missouri School of Music and led an immediate expansion of those programs’ reach and impact. The following year, his role was expanded, and as the director of entrepreneurship and community programs, and assistant teaching professor of music, he significantly broadened and deepened the school’s entrepreneurship and community programs and opportunities, and designed and taught a suite of classes. In 2015, he was recruited to Michigan as the assistant director of entrepreneurship and career services. In 2017, he was promoted to clinical assistant professor of music, and was appointed as the chair of the newly-created Department of Entrepreneurship and Leadership, and director of the EXCEL Lab, both positions he still holds. In these roles, he oversees wide-ranging entrepreneurship, career development, and arts leadership offerings that are utilized by 60% of the SMTD student body, and many students campus wide through partnerships with the Stephen M. Ross School of Business and the College of Engineering. These offerings include the ARTSADMIN curriculum, the extensive programming of the EXCEL Lab that includes workshops, mentoring and career coaching, a set of funding opportunities to support student projects, “immersion” programming, a ground-breaking arts venture incubator, and much more. Professor Kuuskoski also teaches a variety of courses focused on performing arts career development, and from 2020 until the fall of 2023. He
also was the advisor for the Performing Arts Management and Entrepreneurship minor, and the Graduate Certificate in Arts Entrepreneurship and Leadership.

Summary of Evaluation:
Teaching: Professor Kuuskoski has an outstanding record as an innovative and engaged teacher and curriculum builder in the Department of Entrepreneurship and Leadership. He has been the principal designer of credit-bearing courses that serve students across all 17 SMTD departments, as well as approximately 50 Performing Arts Management and Entrepreneurship minors, and six to eight graduate certificate students. Professor Kuuskoski provides a compelling and coherent framework for his pedagogical work, built around contextual learning, mentorship, and adaptive expertise. These values are evident in his detailed syllabi and assignments. Professor Kuuskoski’s course evaluations are outstanding.

Professor Kuuskoski also supervises independent studies, internships, and practica that students use for practical and engaged learning – a hallmark of EXCEL Lab offerings. In addition, he also provides one-on-one career counseling sessions to over 150 students annually. Students under his mentorship have mounted hundreds of projects both on and off campus, many resulting in enduring cultural or artistic projects.

Since 2017, he has mentored 133 students into internships with leading arts organizations around the world, including the New York Philharmonic, Urban Bush Women, the Joffrey, Municipal Theatre Association of St. Louis (the MUNY), and the Spoleto Festival, for example. Professor Kuuskoski’s teaching pushes traditional notions of classroom work by prioritizing service learning, engaged and community-based learning, and collaborative approaches in and out of the classroom. His teaching philosophy is inclusive, action-oriented, and student-centered.

Professional Activity: Since his appointment as a clinical assistant professor in 2017, Professor Kuuskoski has established himself as a national and internationally recognized leader in the field of arts entrepreneurship and leadership education, a relatively new, and rapidly evolving domain within academia. Professor Kuuskoski positions himself across practice and scholarly inquiry, the two dominant areas of activity in the field. His professional output includes the EXCEL program design and the creation of engaged, innovative, project-based learning opportunities, as well as the more traditionally recognized conference presentations, invited talks and residencies, and most recently, peer-reviewed publications.

Professor Kuuskoski’s reputation and standing is based on his visionary and creative leadership of the Department of Entrepreneurship and EXCEL Lab. In these roles, Professor Kuuskoski has created a national model for arts entrepreneurship and leadership education that is a distinctive and integral part of UM’s top-ranked entrepreneurial network. Professor Kuuskoski has been the principal creator and driver of what is widely considered the most comprehensive and innovative arts entrepreneurship unit in higher education.

Professor Kuuskoski is regularly invited to present at the most prestigious professional gatherings in the performing arts, including national conferences of Music Teachers National Association, the Association of Arts Administration Educators, and the College Music Society. Of particular note is his plenary co-presentation at the 2022 National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)
annual conference, with Sunil Iyengar, director of research for the National Endowment of the Arts. NASM is the premiere professional association for schools, conservatories, colleges and universities, with 628 institutional members. Professor Kuuskoski has also presented regularly to universities and cultural institutions, including Yale University (Tsai Center for Innovative Thinking at Yale), Bolz Center for Arts Administration at the Wisconsin School of Business, University of Minnesota-Duluth, University of Missouri-Kansas City, University of Tennessee, New World Symphony, SphinxConnect, and Chorus America. Additionally, Professor Kuuskoski has been active as a consultant and advisor to the New World Symphony, Interlochen Arts Academy, Roosevelt University, and the PRISM Quartet. He has also begun contributing to his evolving field through peer-reviewed publications. He has authored a refereed book chapter in one of the seminal textbooks in the field, Creating the Revolutionary Artist: Entrepreneurship for the 21st-Century Musician (Rowman & Littlefield, 2018), one refereed co-authored article, and three book reviews for the refereed journal Artivate, the leading journal of arts entrepreneurship. He has also published two papers in conference proceedings. His non-refereed publications include three consulting reports, five invited publications, and contributions to the New Grove Dictionary of American Music (Second Edition). Professor Kuuskoski has a number of important projects in various stages of completion, including chapters on entrepreneurship in the forthcoming Cambridge Companion to Piano Pedagogy, and the Oxford Handbook of Piano Pedagogy, and two commissioned case studies that will appear in the Eastman School of Music’s Eastman Case Studies.

Service: Professor Kuuskoski’s record of service is exemplary, far exceeding the norm for a faculty member hired at the rank of associate professor. He has served as the department chair since 2017, and in that role led an expansion of the curriculum, and coordinated the activity of two tenured full professors, one tenure track professor, one joint-appointed professor, and 12 or more LEO lecturers to deliver 20+ courses per year. In his role as the director of the EXCEL Lab, he has overseen the previously described range of activities, and the work of two FTE staff and seven student staff. From 2017 until 2022, he was one of two faculty members in the department, and served as the department’s representative on the school’s undergraduate and graduate curriculum committees, in addition to several other important school-wide committees, including the Sexual Misconduct Prevention Taskforce.

One of Professor Kuuskoski’s most important service contributions has been serving as co-author of the school’s successful Anti-Racism Hiring Initiative proposal, which has resulted in the addition of two faculty to the department who will be part of a cluster with the School of Social Work. These new faculty “will collectively transform our ability to elevate anti-oppressive methodologies and center them within our arts leadership training programs.” Professor Kuuskoski chaired both successful searches for these new faculty, as well as the successful search for a new tenure track faculty member in performing arts leadership who joined the faculty this past fall. Professor Kuuskoski has also coordinated SMTD’s participation in the Strategic National Arts Alumni Project (SNAPP) and been involved in that important longitudinal study at the national level, and been the SMTD representative on the ArtsEngine Faculty Council and grant review committee.

For the university, Professor Kuuskoski is a member of the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Roundtable, and Career Services Directors Group. On the national level, Professor Kuuskoski has
served on committees affiliated with the National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy (2018–present), Washtenaw County Community College Entrepreneurship Advisory Board (2017–present), and the College Music Society. Professor Kuuskoski is a generous and highly collaborative citizen of the school, the university, and his professional community.

Excerpts from External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: “Jonathan Kuuskoski’s work overall is very impressive. He is a visible leader, and his professional impact is nationally known in his field, arts entrepreneurship education. In particular, Kuuskoski’s teaching and service contributions are outstanding. Kuuskoski’s work in teaching and service is significant, and as such he stands out as a leader and high-performing achiever in relation to others in his peer group working in arts entrepreneurship education. I evaluate Kuuskoski’s service contributions to the discipline as excellent. His teaching and service work exceed the requirements for someone being considered for appointment as a tenured Associate Professor of Arts Entrepreneurship at [my institution].”

Reviewer B: “Prof. Kuuskoski is a sought-after speaker and presenter, as evidenced by the nineteen guest workshops and invited talks presented during his pre-tenure period. Many are with well-respected peers...and at respected peer institutions such as Yale University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison...Prof. Kuuskoski is well-positioned to continue the positive impacts his work to date have enabled thus far, and it is clear that he is a highly valued member of academic and professional communities alike...In Prof. Kuuskoski’s case, his career as a professional musician and his inspirational experiences with Arts Enterprise laid the groundwork for the fusion of his creative and academic pursuits and his considerable impact in arts entrepreneurship and leadership to date. Prof. Kuuskoski’s collective body of work in his current position exemplifies the teaching, research, and service responsibilities of a tenure track faculty member, and his works in progress and under contract represent significant continuing impact.”

Reviewer C: “Jonathan’s remarkable achievements as a teacher, scholar, program administrator, and leader in the arts entrepreneurship community clearly qualify him for this promotion. In reviewing Jonathan’s file, I was impressed by the breadth and depth of his output. He has made significant contributions to the arts entrepreneurship literature, including a chapter in the 21cm publication, Creating the Revolutionary Artist—a work that boasted contributions from a veritable Who’s Who in arts entrepreneurship. It is...irrefutable and beyond any doubt whatsoever that he is worthy of promotion and tenure. He is without a doubt one of the leading figures in our field, a person of keen insights and passion for teaching (and learning); an articulate voice in a field still figuring out how to talk about itself; an energetic and innovative administrator; an inspiration to students and colleagues alike. The University of Michigan is lucky to have him, and I could not possibly hold him in higher esteem.”

Reviewer D: “While I have not had the opportunity to meet Mr. Kuuskoski personally, his exceptional reputation is well-recognized in the academic community...Arts Entrepreneurship and Leadership/Management is a specialized field, with roughly 100 faculty members globally, predominantly in non-tenured positions. It is encouraging to see the School of Music, Theatre & Dance at the University of Michigan poised to offer him a tenured position, enhancing the stature and stability of this niche discipline...Mr. Kuuskoski’s extensive experience and contributions to his field suggest he is well-qualified for tenure under the criteria observed by other successful
academics in similar positions. In conclusion, my assessment of Mr. Kuuskoski is overwhelmingly positive. His commitment to advancing both his program and his students’ success makes him a valuable asset to your faculty. I strongly support his promotion and hope he will be afforded every opportunity to continue his excellent work.”

Reviewer E: “I believe that the quality, quantity, focus, and professional impact of Jonathan Kuuskoski’s works in the teaching and programming of arts entrepreneurship all have been outstanding. Applying the provost’s additional considerations, Jonathan’s teaching and programming in arts entrepreneurship are deserving of promotion and tenure. Jonathan’s teaching and programming in arts entrepreneurship is the best I have seen in 20+ years of being involved with entrepreneurship education at the university level. Again, the breadth, consistency, and extensiveness of his professional activities are extraordinary…I believe that his outstanding, consistent, and extensive achievements in teaching and programming in arts entrepreneurship would earn Jonathan the rank of Associate Professor with Tenure.”

Reviewer F: “It is clear from his pedagogical statement that he seriously considers his role as a teacher and as such reflects on his philosophies for teaching and how to achieve the greatest impact on his students. His pedagogical statement is exemplary in terms of how a faculty person can take a serious and critical approach to their teaching–building on established practices with their own contributions based on experience….I believe his contributions in the areas of teaching are excellent and his reputation in the field of practice for arts entrepreneurship are impressive.”

Summary of Recommendations:
Professor Kuuskoski is a prominent and highly regarded member of the international arts entrepreneurship education community, who is viewed in the field as a leader in shaping curricula and programming for students. He has exceptional records in teaching and service, and his scholarly and professional production spans both practice and scholarship in ways that are both strategic for SMTD, and at the leading edge of his emergent discipline. On behalf of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Jonathan Kuuskoski as associate professor of music, with tenure, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, effective August 26, 2024.

Recommended By: Recommendation Endorsed By:

David Gier Laurie K. McCauley
Paul Boylan Collegiate Professor of Music Provost and Executive Vice
and Dean, School of Music, Theatre & Dance President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
The University of Michigan
Regents Communication

Action Request: Faculty Appointment Approval

Name: Brian P. McCullough
Title: Associate Professor of Kinesiology, School of Kinesiology
Tenure Status: With Tenure
Effective Date: August 26, 2024
Appointment Period: University Year

On the recommendation and endorsement of the Executive Committee of the School of Kinesiology, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Brian P. McCullough as Associate Professor of Kinesiology, School of Kinesiology, effective August 26, 2024.

Academic Degrees:
Brian P. McCullough completed his undergraduate degree in sport management at Ithaca College, New York, in 2005. He continued his education with a master’s degree in kinesiology with an emphasis in sport management at Texas A&M University in 2007 and completed his Ph.D. degree in kinesiology in 2011, also at that institution.

Professional Record:
Professor McCullough was appointed as an assistant professor in the School of Human Movement, Sport and Leisure Studies at Bowling Green State University from 2011-2014. He was appointed as an assistant professor in Sport Administration Leadership at Seattle University in 2014 and was promoted to an associate professor, with tenure, in 2018. In 2020, Professor McCullough was appointed as an associate professor at Texas A&M in the Department of Kinesiology and Sport Management and was granted tenure in 2021. He has also held affiliate appointments in the Center for Sport Management and Research Education and the Huffines Institute for Sports Medicine and Human Performance at Texas A&M since 2020.

Summary of Evaluation:
Teaching: Professor McCullough’s teaching consists of instruction in sport management for undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral programs. He also teaches facility and event management, managing sport organizations, and doctoral seminar courses. He infuses diverse practices through reading selections from authors with various identities into his curriculum, to embrace the broader picture of sport’s impact on society and the environment. During his tenure at Seattle University, Professor McCullough served as the coordinator of the online Sport Sustainability Leadership (SSL) certificate, the first of its kind worldwide. He developed the learning modules for the certificate’s five courses and created all the course materials, lectures, and case studies. Professor
McCullough has served as the chair of four doctoral student committees and co-chair of four additional committees. He has been a member of two master’s thesis and 15 non-thesis committees. He has taught seven undergraduate courses, 13 graduate courses, and three doctoral courses. His teaching methodology has been successful, as evidenced by former students who have continued their careers in high-profile positions, including as a faculty at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, assistant general manager of Reign FC, senior associate of Advisory Services – Sports and Entertainment for Waste Management, and collegiate sustainability and engagement specialist at the Green Sports Alliance. Professor McCullough has collaborated with his students to publish 19 peer-reviewed articles.

Research: Professor McCullough’s research focuses on environmental sustainability in a sport context, a subdiscipline of sport management known as sport ecology. He is the director of the Center for Sport Management Research and Education at Texas A&M and has established industry and sport organizational partnerships to conduct funded research grants for students and faculty. Professor McCullough has facilitated research collaborations with athletic departments at numerous institutions such as the University of Colorado, University of Washington, and Texas A&M. He has also expanded research collaborations with non-profit environmental groups, including the Green Sports Alliance, Sport Positive Council for Responsible Sport, and the U.S.A. Special Olympics. His research endeavors are far-reaching internationally, as he is a co-principal investigator on an International Biathlon Union Grant Programme, an advisor for the ERASMUS+ Program—a European Union program for education, training, youth and sport, and as a consultant for the Australian Conservation Foundation to measure the sport sponsorship of coal, oil, and gas companies in the Australian sport industry. Professor McCullough has published more than 50 peer-reviewed articles in high impact journals in the field and disciplinary fields, two regulatory documents, three books, 19 book chapters, and four monographs. He has presented his research nationally and internationally on 92 occasions, including in Canada, Austria, Denmark, Australia, New Zealand, England and Italy.

Service: Service has been a strong component of Professor McCullough’s career. Departmentally, he has served as the chair of three sport management search committees, as well as a member of four additional committees. He has been a reviewer for the Aviles-Johnson fellowship program at Texas A&M, the faculty annual review ad hoc committee, and the HLKN graduate faculty. He has held nine positions within the North American Society for Sport Management, including as the chair of the Distinguished Sports Management Educator Award, the Distinguished Research Award Committee, the Doctoral Research Grant Competition, and the Sustainability Committee. Professor McCullough has also served as a member of the Working Group on Sustainability for the European Association for Sport Management and five national committees while on faculty at Texas A&M. He has been an associate editor for *Frontiers in Sport Management and Marketing*, and a special issue editor for *European Sport Management Quarterly*. Additionally, he has been a reviewer for more than 30 journals in his field.

Recent and Significant Publications:

External Reviewers:

**Reviewer A:** “Dr. McCullough’s research activity at this stage in his career is truly remarkable. He has amassed 54 peer-reviewed publications, 97 conference presentations, 59 invited presentations, 11 funded research grants and contracts…8 technical reports, 4 monographs, 3 first-authored books (with a fourth under contract), and 19 book chapters… In my estimation, Dr. Brian McCullough has already achieved national and international recognition in the field of Sport Management. Moreover, I expect him to continue to make a significant mark on the field in the years ahead. The quality of his research and creative activity already well exceeds that of many tenure-line faculty being considered for tenure at the rank of Associate Professor at major research universities, including those at which I have served as a faculty member or outside reviewer…”

**Reviewer B:** “Dr. McCullough has maintained an active membership in program and school committees during each of his academic appointments…[he] is also the Director of the Center for Sport Management Research and Education, which has supported faculty and students in the College of Education and Human Development through grants, events, and guest speakers…It is also important to mention Dr. McCullough’s position as Co-Director of the Sport Ecology Group, which has uniquely positioned him to provide service contributions to the field of sport management and more specifically, sport ecology, from both academic and industry angles. This initiative was only founded in 2019, so Dr. McCullough’s contributions to building this network over the first five years of operation are immense.”

**Reviewer C:** “If anyone in sport management academic work or in the sport industry needs something in the area of environmental sustainability, Dr. McCullough is – or should be – the source. He is knowledgeable, active, and a leader in this important area of our field. He produces outstanding scholarship while also having an impact on practitioners with his consulting, speaking, and application…Overall, Dr. McCullough – through his innovative/productive research agenda, grant success, research accomplishments/impact, pedagogical impact, service activities, and other scholarly contributions (e.g., book chapters, reports) – makes significant contributions to our field…Based on this applicant’s scholarship, impact, and achievements, Dr. McCullough meets the requirements for someone being considered for associate professor with tenure.”

**Reviewer D:** “Dr. McCullough’s scholarly contributions are of high quality and impact. He has consistently published in top journals in the field of sport management, evidenced by the numerous papers he has in these outlets. McCullough has focused his research on sport ecology and environmental sustainability of the sport product, and he has made significant contributions to this niche… Over the past five years, McCullough has clearly emerged as one of the top scholars in our field… The tenure and promotion expectations at [my institution] were extremely high and
difficult. However, I believe Dr. McCullough would easily be awarded tenure and hired at the rank of associate professor…given his impressive scholarly record.”

Reviewer E: “Dr. McCullough’s teaching philosophy is grounded in social learning theory and the Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm (IPP), aiming to engage students critically in industry practices within the sport sector. His teaching effectiveness is evidenced by consistently positive student evaluations…indicating strong organization, effective learning environments, and clear communication of expectations. He has developed innovative courses, including the first Sport Sustainability Leadership certificate program…demonstrating his commitment to curriculum development and academic innovation. His mentoring of doctoral students and leadership in the Graduate Student Mentoring Initiative (GSMI) have further enriched the academic community and prepared students for impactful careers.”

Summary of Recommendations:
Professor McCullough is a well-established researcher and educator with extensive service commitments and an international profile. He has been successful obtaining funding for his research and has been productive through his publications in top-tier journals. He will be an important and beneficial addition to the faculty within the school and institutionally. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Brian P. McCullough as associate professor of kinesiology, with tenure, School of Kinesiology, effective August 26, 2024.

Recommended by: Recommendation endorsed by:

Lori Ploutz-Snyder Laurie K. McCauley
Dean, School of Kinesiology Provost and Executive Vice
President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
On the recommendation of the executive committee of the Marsal Family School of Education, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Tanya S. Wright as professor of education, with tenure, Marsal Family School of Education, effective August 26, 2024.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Tanya Wright earned a B.A. (2000) and a M.A. (2003) from Columbia College. She earned a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 2011.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Upon receiving her Ph.D. in 2011, Professor Wright was appointed as an assistant professor at Michigan State University and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2017.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Wright is an early literacy scholar who studies curriculum and instruction in language and literacy during the early childhood and elementary years. Her research focuses on pre-kindergarten through second grade vocabulary and reading instruction and the integration of literacy and content-area learning for young children. Her work is driven by a commitment to ensuring equitable access to high quality literacy instruction and as a result she partners with teachers and children in diverse and under-resourced communities on the creation of culturally relevant materials and methods.

Professor Wright has an extensive record of publication in highly ranked research journals, including Reading Research Quarterly and Reading and Writing and practitioner-oriented journals such as The Reading Teacher. She has authored or co-authored five books for teachers and parents including Literacy Learning for Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers: Key Practices for Educators (2022) which received the Academic Choice Smart Book Award in 2023. She is
exceptionally successful in garnering external funding for her research and has yielded approximately $9.4M in grant support from prestigious organizations that include the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Spencer Foundation, the Institute for Education Sciences, and the National Science Foundation. She received the Jerry Johns Outstanding Teacher Educator in Reading Award in 2022.

Professor Wright is also an exceptional teacher. She has taught reading-focused courses at all levels, including reading methods courses and research courses. She receives consistently high course evaluation ratings and enthusiastic comments about the quality of her instruction. Students praise the content of the courses, the scaffolding of assignments, and the variety of ways that she presents and invites students to grapple with content, via discussion, writings, and presentations. She is also a dedicated mentor and advisor and has chaired six dissertation committees and has served as a member of twenty additional dissertation committees.

PUBLICATIONS


EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL LETTERS

Reviewer A: “Dr. Wright’s scholarship is on par with or exceeds that of her peers at a similar point in their careers. Dr. Wright has an impressive record of publication in high-quality journals while simultaneously securing a remarkable amount of external funding to support her research. She has shown that she excels in every aspect of her scholarly endeavors.”

Reviewer B: “I have consistently been impressed by the quality and volume of Dr. Wright’s work and recognize her as a major voice in literacy education”

Reviewer C: “Dr. Wright is widely acknowledged nationally to be one of the field’s leading experts in early vocabulary development and disciplinary literacy for young children. Her research and scholarship have been especially timely and impactful across both the research and practice communities.”

Reviewer D: “[Dr. Wright] is a highly productive scholar who thinks about early literacy development in ways not constrained by any of the orthodoxies emergent from the current
outbreak of skirmishes over reading instruction. She has published an admirable mix of solid research articles for her data-oriented colleagues and accessible papers for practitioners and school administrators. She has been spectacularly successful in attracting research funds to support her work on curricular development and on policy analysis. In short, she is a scholar of impressive accomplishments who also thinks in innovative ways about very old questions.”

Reviewer E: “In my view, the strongest evidence for promotion to full professor is in the type and amount of externally-funded work Dr. Wright has earned in combination with her strong orientation towards service to the field.”

SUMMARY

Professor Wright’s scholarship has been recognized as innovative and influential. She will be a valued colleague, an effective instructor, and a productive scholar. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Tanya S. Wright as professor of education, with tenure, Marsal Family School of Education, effective August 26, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Jiayu Zhou

TITLE: Associate Professor of Information, School of Information

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 26, 2024

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Jiayu Zhou as associate professor of information, with tenure, School of Information, effective August 26, 2024.

Academic Degrees:
Jiayu Zhou earned a B.S. in computer science and technology from Beijing Jiaotong University in Beijing, China in 2008. In 2014, he earned a Ph.D. in computer science from Arizona State University.

Professional Record:
In 2015, Professor Zhou was appointed as an assistant professor at Michigan State University and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2021.

Summary of Evaluation:
Teaching: Professor Zhou’s teaching philosophy can be summarized as interest, practice, and collaboration. He uses real-world examples to motivate students and draw their interest into highly abstract and technical content. He designs hands-on tasks and projects that allow students to practice their understanding of theoretical concepts and he encourages students to collaborate with each other through discussions and group projects. By practicing this philosophy, he is able to explain highly technical concepts in an accessible way to students with very different backgrounds. He actively recruits and mentors students from underrepresented backgrounds and has had a significant impact on his Ph.D. student and research mentees. Two of his Ph.D. students have graduated and have been placed in the tenure-track faculty of R1 universities or comparable, such as an assistant professor at Bogazici University, one of the top universities in Turkey, while others have secured leading industrial positions (Meta, Amazon, etc.). Students under his supervision have attracted multiple awards and recognitions, including the Best Paper Award from Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) BigData in 2016, the Best Student Paper Award at the IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging in 2016, and the Best Student Paper Award at the Special Interest Group on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (SIGKDD) Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining in 2022.
Research: Professor Zhou is renowned for his work in creating machine learning solutions for healthcare problems, particularly for the early diagnosis and interventions of Alzheimer’s disease and mild cognitive impairment (MCI). The most significant impact of Professor Zhou’s research falls in two directions. On the technical side, his work makes significant contributions to the literature of privacy-preserving machine learning, especially the paradigm of federated learning. On the application side, his most influential work is the development of novel machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI) methods for early diagnosis and intervention of Alzheimer’s disease and MCI. Since 2015, Professor Zhou has published 32 journal articles and 89 papers in peer-reviewed conference proceedings. Many of these papers appear in the top-tier publication venues for the AI, machine learning, and data mining communities, including the Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems, the Association for Computer Machinery (ACM) SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining, the International Conference on Machine Learning, the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence Conference on Artificial Intelligence, and the IEEE International Conference on Data Mining.

Service: Professor Zhou has demonstrated a strong commitment to service within his current university and across his field. In his current position at Michigan State University, he is a member of the University Student Appeals Board and serves on the Outstanding Faculty Award Selection Committee and the Curriculum Committee. He has also served as a faculty advisor for student clubs, including those focused on emerging technologies such as AI and Blockchain. Professor Zhou has a strong record of service in his academic community. He currently holds the role of associate editor for three journals: ACM Transactions on Computing for Healthcare, ACM SIGKDD Explorations, and Neurocomputing. He has also co-organized workshops in the emerging areas of AI ethics and biomedical informatics and delivered tutorials at data mining conferences. Professor Zhou has also engaged with the broader community through participation in the Michigan State University College of Engineering K-12 Summer Programs, where he provided short lectures on data science to inspire the next generation of researchers.

Recent and Significant Publications:
External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: “[Professor] Zhou is an excellent scholar and researcher. His research is supported by [the Office of Naval Research], [National Institutes of Health], and [National Science Foundation (NSF)], with over twelve million dollars of funding. He is an advisor to five Ph.D. students and has advised seven Ph.D. students who have become successful researchers in industry and academia. He received numerous awards, including the NSF [Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER)] and two best papers awards. He is a prolific researcher, publishing numerous manuscripts in top machine learning and computational medicine venues and demonstrating the depth and breadth of his research interests by doing extensive theoretical and applied projects.”

Reviewer B: “[Professor] Zhou has established himself as a pioneering leader in data science with a special focus on health informatics. His interdisciplinary collaborations have notably advanced early diagnostics and treatments for neurodegenerative diseases, and methodology and platform for drug discovery, leveraging his innovative privacy-preserving machine learning Models. …his efforts in promoting diversity are deeply integrated into his research and teaching philosophy, focusing on creating inclusive learning environments and addressing the challenges faced by these groups in [science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)] fields.”

Reviewer C: “[Professor] Zhou has served as a member of various internal committees, including the curriculum committee, graduate studies and research committee, colloquium committee, and school-level committees such as the Trifecta committee member. The achievements of [Professor] Zhou in his service portfolio demonstrate his preeminence in service.”

Reviewer D: “What sets him apart from many other researchers in the field is his ability to work with researchers from different disciplines and build highly productive collaborations that lead to high impact results and publications. His leadership in this area has been well recognized by a large number of professional awards for his papers, numerous invitations to give keynote talks at major workshops in his field as well as invited talks at a number of peer institutions.”

Reviewer E: “His passion for teaching is evident in how he brings complex machine learning concepts into clearer view for students, improving their understanding with direct applications from his research. … This dynamic approach has not only kept course material at the forefront of technological advancement but also deeply engaged students in the learning process. … His commitment to diversity in STEM is particularly noteworthy; he has made significant strides in mentoring students from underrepresented backgrounds, ensuring they receive the support necessary to thrive.”

Reviewer F: “[Professor] Zhou has done remarkable work in machine learning, particularly on federated learning systems and multi-modal data integration, which significantly enhance model performance in critical areas like medical predictive modeling and autonomous driving. … I recommend [Professor] Zhou for tenure without reservation. He has exceeded the qualities and expectations we seek in a tenured professor.”
Reviewer G: “[Professor] Zhou’s profound contributions to machine learning and health informatics establish him as a leading figure in these fields. … [Professor] Zhou is an excellent researcher in machine learning and health informatics. His outstanding contributions to the field and exemplary service record fully justify a tenured associate professorship at most institutions including mine.”

Reviewer H: “He is best known in the field of data mining and machine learning because of his remarkable work on building theoretical foundations and developing practical algorithms for multi-task learning and privacy-enhancing techniques with diverse real-world applications, especially health informatics. … [Professor] Zhou is an exceptionally brilliant scientist and researcher, well known for his outstanding achievements in the realm of cutting-edge machine learning theories and methodologies.”

Summary of Recommendations:
Professor Zhou is nationally recognized as a researcher who builds machine learning solutions to healthcare problems and has garnered substantial support through numerous external grants. Professor Zhou has designed and implemented multiple computer science courses at both undergraduate and graduate levels. He has a proven track record of mentorship and is dedicated to including a diverse student body in research and education. Professor Zhou is actively engaged in his research communities, holding leadership roles in the organizational committees of top-tier conferences and on the editorial boards of high-impact journals in his fields. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Jiayu Zhou as associate professor of information, with tenure, School of Information, effective August 26, 2024.

Recommended by: 
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Andrea Forte 
Dean, School of Information 
President for Academic Affairs

Recommendation endorsed by: 
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Laurie K. McCauley 
Provost and Executive Vice President 

July 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

Recommendations for approval of reappointments
of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff
On the recommendation of Timothy S. Blackwell, M.D., the John G. Searle Professor and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Keith D. Aaronson, M.D. as the Bertram Pitt, M.D. Collegiate Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Bertram Pitt, M.D. Collegiate Professorship in Cardiovascular Medicine was established in May 2015 through a generous donation by Mr. James Todd and the K.S. and Feili Lo Foundation, and departmental funds. It is intended to support the research, academic and clinical efforts of a faculty member in the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine. Dr. Pitt was faculty at the University of Michigan from 1977-2005, and is currently a professor emeritus. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Keith D. Aaronson received his M.D. in 1984 from Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Aaronson joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1996 as an assistant professor and rose through the ranks to professor in 2011. They are an expert in the field of cardiovascular research, specifically on end-stage heart failure. Their tenure as the Bertram Pitt, MD Collegiate Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine since September 2019 has been marked by notable academic achievements, including the publication of 73 peer-reviewed papers and contributions to key book chapters in cardiovascular medicine. Further, Dr. Aaronson has actively worked on research that supports and advance health equity among those with heart failure and heart transplant patients. A highlight of their work involves the development of predictive models and scores for heart failure patients, such as the Heart Failure Survival Score. The recent focus has been on the REVIVAL study, which collected data to inform future trials on the timing of ventricular assist device therapy. Dr. Aaronson has also been at the forefront of developing models to predict complications in LVAD recipients and led efforts to reduce infections in these patients. Furthermore, their research into healthcare inequalities has shed light on racial and sex disparities in the administration of advanced heart failure therapies. Dr. Aaronson has worked on the
REVIVE-IT randomized clinical trial that compared a left ventricular assist device to a standard of care therapy. Dr. Aaronson’s research also focuses on a device for the treatment of kidney dysfunction due to heart failure.

Dr. Aaronson continues to be extremely productive in their research, with 215 peer-review publications to his credit. This professorship is an important contributor to that research. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the reappointment of Keith D. Aaronson, M.D. as the Bertram Pitt, M.D. Collegiate Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

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

Recommendation endorsed by: Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Benjamin L. Allen, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: James Douglas Engel Collegiate Professor, and Associate Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology, with tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: James Douglas Engel Collegiate Professor, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

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 reappointment of Benjamin L. Allen, Ph.D. as the James Douglas Engel Collegiate Professor, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The James Douglas Engel Collegiate Professorship was established in July 2013 through funds generated from the G. Carl Huber professorship fund. This professorship will support research efforts which focuses on research related to developmental problems with a cell biological perspective. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Benjamin L. Allen received his Ph.D. degree in cellular and molecular biology in 2004. He completed a fellowship at Harvard University and was appointed as an assistant professor at the University of Michigan in 2009 in the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology. In 2017, he was promoted to associate professor, with tenure. Dr. Allen holds numerous administrative appointments, including as the director of the University of Michigan Post-Baccalaureate Research Education Program, associate director of the Cellular and Molecular Biology Ph.D. Program and Center for Cell Plasticity and Organ Design, and associate director of Cellular and Molecular Biology Ph.D. Program.

Dr. Allen’s research has established himself as a leader in the field of Hedgehog signaling, a key signaling pathway that is central to embryonic development and to maintenance of adult tissues. His research explores nearly all aspects of how cells sense and respond to Hedgehog signals using mouse and cell culture model systems. A focus of his laboratory has been to define the individual and overlapping roles of Hedgehog components in mammalian craniofacial, limb, and cerebellar development. Dr. Allen has been highly successful in obtaining funding for his research and he is currently the PI on one NIH R01 award (co-PI, Pasca di Magliano) and co-I on two R01 awards, one from National Cancer Institute (PI Lyssiotis) and one from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (PI Razumilava). The work from his lab has been published
in nearly all of the leading journals of the field including Development, eLife, Developmental Biology, Journal of Cell Biology, and Science Advances. His expertise in the field is further evidenced by his participation as an ad hoc reviewer for over 40 different scientific journals, his participation as an ad hoc grant reviewer both nationally and internationally. He teaches and mentors undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, and graduate students as well as post-doctoral researchers in his laboratory. Dr. Allen has served on numerous departmental committees, including the Graduate Recruiting, Graduate Admissions, Seminar, Website, Executive, Faculty Search and Culture and Community committees.

Dr. Allen is an outstanding scientist, teacher, mentor and citizen. He has been a strong contributor to the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology through significant administrative roles and is an appropriate candidate for reappointment to this professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the reappointment of Benjamin L. Allen, Ph.D. as the James Douglas Engel Collegiate Professor, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

Recommended by: Recommendation endorsed by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D. Laurie K. McCauley
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dean, Medical School

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Laura N. Beny

CURRENT TITLES: Earl Warren DeLano Professor of Law, and Professor of Law, with tenure, Law School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Earl Warren DeLano Professor of Law, Law School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

The Law School is pleased to recommend the reappointment of Laura N. Beny as the Earl Warren DeLano Professor of Law, Law School, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Earl Warren DeLano Professorship in Law was established in the Law School in June 1987 in memory of Earl Warren DeLano, to whom the university awarded a J.D., with distinction, in 1910. The appointment periods may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Professor Beny has been a professor of law at the University of Michigan since 2008. She received her B.A. degree from Stanford University in 1990, her M.A. degree from Harvard University in 1994, her J.D. degree from Harvard Law School in 1999, and her Ph.D. from Harvard University in 2002. Before joining the faculty at Michigan Law, she practiced law for Debevoise & Plimpton in New York, from 2001-2003. In 2003, Professor Beny joined the University of Michigan Law School faculty as an assistant professor. Since joining the faculty, Professor Beny has served as a legal consultant from 2007-2008 to the Government of Southern Sudan prior to its independence from Sudan in 2011. She was elected to a two-year term on the executive committee of the University of Michigan’s International Institute’s African Studies Center.

Professor Beny has taught corporate finance, enterprise organization, international finance, the public corporation, law and development, and law and finance. She has taught a course entitled Africa in the Global Legal System which is the first of its kind among U.S. law schools. This novel course has integrated her expansive research and teaching interests, which span Africa, law, economics, finance/capital markets, international development, and political economy.
We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Laura N. Beny as the Earl Warren DeLano Professor of Law, Law School, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

RECOMMENDED BY: Kyle D. Logue
Interim Dean, Law School
Douglas A. Kahn Collegiate Professor

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY: Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
On the recommendation of Vikas Gulani, M.D., Ph.D., the Fred Jenner Hodges Professor and chair of the Department of Radiology, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Elaine M. Caoili, M.D. as the Saroja Adusumilli Collegiate Professor of Radiology, Medical School, September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

The Saroja Adusumilli Collegiate Professorship in Radiology was established in August 2008 to honor Saroja Adusumilli, M.D. Dr. Adusumilli was an assistant professor of radiology at the University of Michigan, and was an outstanding clinical radiologist, and teacher, and a gifted investigator. She died in 2007 in a motor vehicle accident. The term for this professorship is up to five years and may be renewed.

Elaine M. Caoili received her M.D. degree in 1993 from the University of Michigan. She completed an internship at the University of Pennsylvania, a residency at the University of California, San Francisco, and a fellowship in abdominal imaging at Duke University. Dr. Caoili was appointed as a clinical assistant professor in 1999 at the University of Michigan. She rose through the ranks to a clinical professor in 2011. Dr. Caoili was appointed as the Saroja Adusumilli Collegiate Professor of Radiology originally in 2017.

Dr. Caoili’s research focuses on computed tomography, ultrasound, abdominal biopsies and magnetic resonance imaging. She has been funded by the NIH, the Radiologic Society of North America Research and Education Foundation, the Prostate Cancer Foundation and industry. Dr. Caoili is a member of the non-vascular interventional team within the Division of Abdominal Radiology. She has received several Scientific Paper Awards from the Society of Uroradiology, and the Alexander R. Margulis Award for Scientific Excellence from the Radiological Society of North America. Dr. Caoili has published 140 peer-reviewed articles and has presented her research on nationally and internationally in Spain, Denmark, and Slovenia.
Dr. Caoili continues to be an academically productive, an outstanding educator, and excellent clinical radiologist. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the reappointment of Elaine M. Caoili, M.D. as the Saroja Adusumilli Collegiate Professor of Radiology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

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

Recommendation endorsed by: Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Thomas L. Chenevert, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Collegiate Professor of Basic Radiological Sciences, and Professor of Radiology, with tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Collegiate Professor of Basic Radiological Sciences, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027

On the recommendation of Vikas Gulani, M.D., Ph.D., the Fred Jenner Hodges Professor and chair of Radiology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Thomas L. Chenevert, Ph.D. as the Collegiate Professor of Basic Radiological Sciences, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027.

The Collegiate Professorship in Basic Radiological Sciences was established in March 2001 to support the efforts of the basic radiological sciences faculty in the Department of Radiology. This professorship is intended to fund innovative research programs for established investigators in the field of radiology. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Dr. Chenevert joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1984 as an instructor and rose through the ranks to professor in 1999. He has focused his career as a medical imaging physicist on magnetic resonance and is internationally recognized as a leader in the field. He has published 224 peer-reviewed articles, and his research has been well funded through the NIH and institutionally. Dr. Chenevert has made many contributions to the department with Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) research and is an excellent teacher. He has a thorough understanding of the field and excellent communication skills as he is very capable of distilling the most complex ideas into understandable explanations. His remarkable knowledge and willingness to help all our learners is commendable and always within the spirit of compassion and inclusion. As a MRI scientist, he is respected worldwide and his record for innovation speaks for itself.

Dr. Chenevert remains an outstanding faculty member and continues to further his research through the funds provided from this prestigious professorship. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the reappointment of Thomas L. Chenevert, Ph.D. as the Collegiate Professor of Basic Radiological Sciences, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

June 2024
On the recommendation of Charles A. Parkos, M.D., Ph.D., the Carl V. 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 reappointment of Arul M. Chinnaiyan, M.D., Ph.D. as the S.P. Hicks Endowed Professor of Pathology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The S.P. Hicks Endowed Professorship in Pathology was established in December 2005 to honor Dr. Samuel P. Hicks, who had a most distinguished career at the University of Michigan from 1962-1996. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Dr. Chinnaiyan joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2001 as an assistant professor. He rose through the ranks to a professor in 2006. He is the director of the Michigan Center for Translational Pathology and is an investigator for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Dr. Chinnaiyan served on the Rogel Cancer Center Executive Committee and has received numerous awards, including election to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the National Academy of Inventors. In 2022, he was awarded the Sjöberg Prize for Cancer Research by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. Dr. Chinnaiyan currently holds 15 patents and has published more than 660 peer-reviewed articles.

Under Dr. Chinnaiyan’s direction, the Michigan Center for Translational Pathology continues to focus its research on the discovery of the genetic factors involved in the development of a wide variety of diseases, including cancer of the prostate, breast, lung, colon, and skin using cutting-edge research techniques in areas such as genomics and proteomics, coupled with innovative bioinformatics techniques and high-throughput analysis for identification of critical biomarkers. Dr. Chinnaiyan and his team of investigators have maintained an outstanding level of external support from the National Institutes of Health and Department of Defense among other funding agencies. His selection as the chair of the NCI’s Early Detection Research Network (EDRN) has given him the opportunity to shape future strategies in the early detection of cancer. Dr. Chinnaiyan’s research continues to push the boundaries of cancer biology, leading to
significant advancements in understanding oncogenic drivers and developing novel therapeutic strategies. Administratively, he has secured major grants totaling over $10 million annually. As the director of the Michigan Center for Translational Pathology, he has mentored many graduate students and post-doctoral fellows, with several of his trainees becoming tenure-track professors or officers of biotechnology companies. Clinically, he has integrated molecular diagnostics into patient care, improving diagnostic accuracy and treatment outcomes. He led the team that used TMPRSS2-ERG as a marker to develop MPS2, an innovative urine test that outperforms PSA tests and significantly reduces unnecessary biopsies.

Dr. Chinnaiyan continues to be extremely productive in his research and is an outstanding mentor. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the reappointment of Arul M. Chinnaiyan, M.D., Ph.D. as the S.P. Hicks Endowed Professor of Pathology, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

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

Recommendation endorsed by: Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Justin B. Dimick, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Chair, Department of Surgery, Frederick A. Coller Distinguished Professor of Surgery, Professor of Surgery, with tenure, Medical School, and Professor of Health Management and Policy, without tenure, School of Public Health

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Frederick A. Coller Distinguished Professor of Surgery, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Justin B. Dimick M.D. as the Frederick A. Coller Distinguished Professor of Surgery, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Frederick A. Coller Distinguished Professorship in Surgery was established in December 1970 through the generosity of the Frederick A. Coller Surgical Society. This professorship supports the activities of the chair of the Department of Surgery. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Dr. Dimick joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2007 as an assistant professor of surgery. He rose through the ranks to professor in surgery and health management and policy in 2015. Dr. Dimick was appointed as the chair of the Department of Surgery in 2019. His research focuses on quality measurement and healthcare policy. Throughout his tenure at the University of Michigan, he has held numerous leadership roles, including as the director for the Center for Healthcare Outcomes and Policy for the Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation, as an associate chair for Strategy and Finance in the Department of Surgery, and as the division chief for Minimally Invasive Surgery. He is an extremely productive researcher with 431 peer-reviewed articles to his credit. Dr. Dimick has been well-funded by the National Institute on Aging, and the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.
In his role as the chair of the Department of Surgery, Dr. Dimick will continue to fulfill the intent of this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the reappointment of Justin B. Dimick M.D. as the Frederick A. Coller Distinguished Professor of Surgery, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

Recommended by: 

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

F. DuBois Bowman, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Public Health

Recommendation endorsed by:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Rebecca S. Eisenberg

CURRENT TITLES: Robert and Barbara Luciano Professor of Law, and Professor of Law, with tenure, Law School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Robert and Barbara Luciano Professor of Law, Law School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

The Law School is pleased to recommend the reappointment of Rebecca S. Eisenberg as the Robert and Barbara Luciano Professor of Law, Law School, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Robert and Barbara Luciano Professorship in Law was established in May 1999 thanks to support from Robert and Barbara Luciano, in honor of Robert Luciano’s long relationship with the University of Michigan Law School, through his tenure as chairman of Schering-Plough. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Professor Eisenberg has been a member of the Law School faculty since 1984. She received her A.B. from Stanford University in 1975 and her J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law in 1979. While in law school, Professor Eisenberg served as an articles editor of the California Law Review. After graduation, Professor Eisenberg clerked for Robert F. Peckham, the chief judge for the Northern District of California, and practiced law for almost five years with two prominent San Francisco law firms. She then came to Ann Arbor to join the faculty.

Professor Eisenberg is a superb interdisciplinary scholar and teacher. At Michigan, she has taught courses in torts, and on a variety of topics pertaining to the legal protection of intellectual property, with particular emphasis on the subjects of technology transfer and of the impact of granting patent rights with respect to the human genome. She has published extensively, in law reviews and in scientific publications (including Science), and she has presented the results of that research at workshops around the world. She has served as a member of several different working groups and committees for the National Institutes of Health. She has received grants from the Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications program of the Human Genome Project from the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Biological and Environmental Research for her work on private appropriation and public dissemination of DNA sequence information. Professor
Eisenberg has also played an active role in public policy debates concerning the role of intellectual property in biopharmaceutical research.

We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Rebecca S. Eisenberg as the Robert and Barbara Luciano Professor of Law, Law School, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

RECOMMENDED BY:  
Kyle D. Logue  
Interim Dean, Law School  
Douglas A. Kahn Collegiate Professor

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:  
Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: David Ginsburg, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: James V. Neel Distinguished University Professor of Internal Medicine and Human Genetics, Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis Professor of Medicine, Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Professor of Human Genetics, without tenure, and Professor of Pediatrics, without tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis Professor of Medicine, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

On the recommendation of Timothy S. Blackwell, M.D., the C. Richard Boland Distinguished Professor, the John G. Searle Professor and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of David Ginsburg, M.D. as the Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis Professor of Medicine, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis Professorship in Medicine is one of two prestigious professorships created in December 1993 through an endowment from the Warner-Lambert Company, with the intent to support Medical School investigators in scientific research in the fields of basic chemistry, molecular biology, biotechnology, genetics, and/or human gene therapy. There are now four Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis Professorships in Medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Dr. Ginsburg joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1985 as an assistant professor. He rose through the ranks to professor, with tenure, in the Department of Internal Medicine, and professor, without tenure, in the Departments of Human Genetics, and Pediatrics. He has been a member of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute since joining the faculty and was promoted to an HHMI investigator in 1994. In 2003, Dr. Ginsburg was appointed as the James V. Neel Distinguished University Professor of Internal Medicine and Human Genetics. He has received continuous funding from the NIH, has published over 200 articles, and has written five books. He holds six patents. Dr. Ginsburg has received numerous awards for his work, including the Louis and Artur Lucian Award for Research in Circulatory Diseases from McGill University, the Henry M. Stratton Medal for Basic Research from the American Society of Hematology, the Robert J. and Claire Pasarow Foundation 22nd Annual Medical Research Award for Cardiovascular Disease, and the Association of American Medical Colleges Distinguished Research in the Biomedical Sciences Award.
The laboratory led by Dr. David Ginsburg at the University of Michigan has made significant strides over the past five years, focusing on the intersection of genetics and hemostasis, the variability of endothelial cell function in disease, and the mechanisms governing protein transport in cells. Their pioneering work in precision medicine includes developing high throughput genetic tools such as deep mutation scanning to elucidate mutations in key hemostatic factors like von Willebrand factor and plasminogen activator inhibitor-1, with implications for the treatment of related bleeding disorders and beyond. They have expanded our understanding of the genetic predisposition to venous thromboembolism by identifying mutations in both known and novel genes through whole-exome sequencing. In the realm of cellular transport, Ginsburg’s lab has characterized the roles of various ER-to-Golgi trafficking proteins in disease, offering potential new therapeutic pathways. He actively mentors a diverse group of faculty and students, fostering career development; with many of his mentees achieving prominence in academic and clinical research.

Dr. Ginsburg continues to be internationally recognized for research in the molecular biology of coagulation disorders. He is a great representative of this institution through service, scholarly productivity, teaching and patient care. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the reappointment of David Ginsburg, M.D. as the Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis Professor of Medicine, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

Recommended by: Recommendation endorsed by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D. Laurie K. McCauley
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs Provost and Executive Vice Dean, Medical School President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Megan Haymart, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Nancy Wigginton Endocrinology Research Professor of Thyroid Cancer, and Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Nancy Wigginton Endocrinology Research Professor of Thyroid Cancer, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

On the recommendation of Timothy S. Blackwell, M.D., the John G. Searle Professor and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Megan Haymart, M.D. as the Nancy Wigginton Endocrinology Research Professor of Thyroid Cancer, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Nancy Wigginton Endocrinology Research Professorship in Thyroid Cancer was established July 2019 through a generous gift from James Wigginton to honor his wife, Nancy Wigginton. It is intended to support the research and clinical efforts of a faculty member in the area of thyroid cancer in the Department of Internal Medicine. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Megan Haymart received her B.A. degree in 1998 from the University of Missouri. She completed her M.D. degree at Johns Hopkins University in 2002. Dr. Haymart completed a residency in internal medicine at that institution, and a fellowship in endocrinology, diabetes, and metabolism at the University of Wisconsin, and was appointed as an instructor in 2007. In 2009, Dr. Haymart joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as an associate professor of internal medicine and rose to the rank of professor in 2020.

Dr. Haymart’s research focuses on thyroid cancer. She has spearheaded the expansion of the thyroid cancer research program at the University of Michigan. In this period, she has achieved substantial scholarly output with 63 published works in esteemed journals, secured funding through two completed R01 grants and a highly scored and recently funded R01 grant, delivered numerous lectures globally, and been honored with distinguished awards, including the Woman of the Year Award from the Women in Thyroidology. As a committed mentor, Dr. Haymart has shown a deep dedication to DEI values, consistently providing mentorship to trainees of diverse backgrounds. In total, she has guided 18 trainees, two of whom are now faculty at Michigan’s Department of Medicine and garnered the MICHR Distinguished Clinical and Translational
Research Mentor Award in 2021. In leadership roles, she has significantly raised the profile of the university’s thyroid team, contributing to national guidelines, and serving in high-level positions within professional societies, illustrating a profound impact on both the academic and clinical landscapes of thyroidology.

Dr. Haymart has been continually funded for her research through the NIH and institutionally. She has received institutional and national awards for her research, including the American Thyroid Association’s Van Meter Award and Lectureship in 2017, and the University of Michigan Department of Internal Medicine’s Jerome Conn Award for Research Excellence in 2018. Dr. Haymart has shown exemplary service in her role as an associate editor for *Thyroid*, as a member of the board of directors for the American Thyroid Association, and as a panel member on the National Comprehensive Cancer Network Thyroid Cancer Guidelines Committee.

Dr. Haymart is an internationally renowned researcher in the area of thyroid cancer. She is an ideal candidate for this professorship and will further the intent through her continued research. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the reappointment of Megan Haymart, M.D. as the Nancy Wigginton Endocrinology Research Professor of Thyroid Cancer, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

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

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
The Law School is pleased to recommend the reappointment of Scott A. Hershovitz as the Thomas G. and Mabel Long Professor of Law, Law School, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Thomas G. and Mabel Long Professorship in Law was established in the Law School in July 1998 from Elizabeth A. Long in honor of her father Thomas G. Long, to whom the university awarded a J.D. in 1901, and Mabel Long. The appointment periods may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Professor Hershovitz has been a professor of law at the University of Michigan since 2012. He received his M.A. degree from the University of Georgia in 1998, his D.Phil., Law from the University of Oxford in 2002, and his J.D. degree from Yale Law School in 2004. Before joining the faculty at Michigan Law, Professor Hershovitz clerked for the Honorable William Fletcher in the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit from 2004-2005, served as an attorney-adviser on the civil appellate staff of the U.S. Department of Justice from 2005-2006, and clerked for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the U.S. Supreme Court from 2006-2007. In 2007, he joined the University of Michigan Law School faculty as an assistant professor.

We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Scott A. Hershovitz as the Thomas G. and Mabel Long Professor of Law, Law School, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2024.

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College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

July 2024
The Law School is pleased to recommend the reappointment of James R. Hines, Jr. as the L. Hart Wright Collegiate Professor of Law, Law School, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The L. Hart Wright Collegiate Professorship was established in the Law School in March 1985 in honor of a former member of the faculty who taught from 1946 until 1983. The professorship is supported by income from an endowment established with gifts made by the alumni and faculty of the Law School and by the family and other admirers of Professor Wright. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

James Hines received his B.A. degree in 1980 cum laude from Yale College, his M.A. degree in 1960 in economics from Yale University, and his Ph.D. degree from Harvard University in 1986. Professor Hines joined the faculty of Princeton University as an assistant professor of economics and public affairs, Department of Economics and Woodrow Wilson School from 1986-1991. From 1991-1992, he was a visiting assistant professor at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, and in 1992-1997, he was an associate professor of public policy. Professor Hines joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor of economics in 1997 at the Stephen M. Ross School of Business and was promoted to professor in 1999. He joined the Department of Economics in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts in 2001 and the Law School in 2006. Professor Hines has also taught at Harvard Law School and Columbia University. He has received numerous teaching awards.
Professor Hines has served on many important editorial boards including as co-editor of the Journal of Economic Perspectives, associate editor of the New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics, associate editor of the Journal of Regional Science, and on the editorial board of B.E. Journals in Economic Analysis & Policy. He is a leading scholar on the economics of taxation and has been an important figure in shaping contemporary tax policy.

We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of James R. Hines, Jr. as the L. Hart Wright Collegiate Professor of Law, Law School, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Kyle D. Logue
Interim Dean, Law School
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RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Sharon F. Matusik
Edward J. Frey Dean of Business
Stephen M. Ross School of Business

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Nicholas C. Howson

CURRENT TITLES: Pao Li Tsiang Professor of Law, and Professor of Law, with tenure, Law School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Pao Li Tsiang Professor of Law, Law School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

The Law School is pleased to recommend the reappointment of Nicholas C. Howson as the Pao Li Tsiang Professor of Law, Law School, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Pao Li Tsiang Professorship in Law was established in the Law School in August 2019 in memory of Pao Li Tsiang, to whom the university awarded a J.D. in 1923. The appointment periods may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Professor Howson has been a professor of law at the University of Michigan since 2009. He received his B.A. degree from Williams College in 1983, his M.A. and his J.D. degree from Columbia Law School in 1988. Before joining the faculty at Michigan Law, Professor Howson practiced law for Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP in New York, Paris, London, and Beijing from 1988-2003. In 2005, Professor Howson joined the University of Michigan Law School faculty as an assistant professor. Professor Howson has spent many years living in the People’s Republic of China, both as a scholar and as a practicing lawyer based in Beijing.

Professor Howson writes and lectures widely on Chinese law topics, focusing on Chinese corporate law and securities regulation, the Chinese capital markets, Chinese legal history, and the development of constitutionalism in greater China. Professor Howson has been a consultant to the Ford Foundation, the United Nations Development Programme, the Asian Development Bank, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, and the Chinese legislature and various People’s Republic of China government ministries and administrative departments in connection with the drafting of People’s Republic of China statutes and regulations.
We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Nicholas C. Howson as the Pao Li Tsiang Professor of Law, Law School, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

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Kyle D. Logue             Laurie K. McCauley
Interim Dean, Law School  Provost and Executive Vice
Douglas A. Kahn Collegiate Professor  President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
The Executive Committee of the School of Dentistry is pleased to recommend the reappointment of Darnell Kaigler as the Major M. Ash Collegiate Professor of Periodontics, School of Dentistry, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Major M. Ash Collegiate Professorship in Periodontics was established in January 2011. The professorship is named for Major M. Ash, a distinguished alumnus and former faculty member. In 1947, Professor Ash received a BS in chemistry from Michigan State University, a DDS in 1951 from Emory University, and in 1954, he received a MS in periodontics from the University of Michigan. During his distinguished career with the University of Michigan from 1953 to 1989, Professor Ash established a global reputation as a clinical researcher, prolific writer, mentor and professor. Appointments to this professorship is up to five years and may be removed.

Darnell Kaigler earned his DDS degree in 2002, his PhD in oral health sciences and a certificate in restorative dentistry in 2004, a certificate in periodontology in 2006, and a MS degree in clinical research design and statistical analysis in 2007, all from the University of Michigan. In 2007, he completed a fellowship in periodontology at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. Professor Kaigler was appointed as an assistant research scientist in 2007 at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. In 2008, he was appointed as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2016.

Professor Kaigler is an outstanding scholar, teacher, mentor and health care provider. He leads a highly collaborative NIH funded research program in the field of stem cell and craniofacial regeneration research. His research has broad-based applications and brings innovations to dental, craniofacial and orthopedic methods. He is funding at the national level and has 49 peer-
reviewed publications and 8 book chapters. Many of Professor Kaigler’s mentees are the recipients of prestigious awards for their research projects.

Professor Kaigler is an exceptional educator and a national and international leader in his field. It is with great pleasure that we recommend the appointment of Darnell Kaigler as the Major M. Ash Collegiate Professor of Periodontics, School of Dentistry, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

Recommended by:  

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Jacques Nör  
Dean, School of Dentistry

Recommendation endorsed by:  

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Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Ella A. Kazerooni, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Terry M. Silver, M.D. Collegiate Professor of Radiology, Professor of Radiology, with tenure, and Professor of Internal Medicine, without tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Terry M. Silver, M.D. Collegiate Professor of Radiology, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025

On the recommendation of Vikas Gulani, M.D., Ph.D., the Fred Jenner Hodges Professor and chair of the Department of Radiology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Ella A. Kazerooni, M.D. as the Terry M. Silver, M.D. Collegiate Professor of Radiology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

The Terry M. Silver, M.D. Collegiate Professorship in Radiology was established in September 2019 through gifts from Terry M. Silver, M.D., faculty, alumni, friends and departmental funds. It is intended to support the research and clinical efforts of a faculty member in the Department of Radiology. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Ella A. Kazerooni received her M.D. degree in 1988 from the University of Michigan. She completed residency training in diagnostic radiology also at the University of Michigan, and a fellowship in thoracic imaging at Harvard University. Dr. Kazerooni joined the faculty here in 1992 as a lecturer in the Department of Radiology. She rose through the ranks to professor in 2003. Dr. Kazerooni received an additional appointment as a professor in the Department of Internal Medicine in 2016. She was appointed as the Terry M. Silver M.D. Collegiate Professor of Radiology in 2019.

Dr. Kazerooni’s research focuses on the development and evaluation of advanced imaging technologies as applied to cardiothoracic diseases and screening, including lung cancer screening, interstitial lung disease, emphysema, lung transplantation, pulmonary vascular disease, and cardiovascular commuted tomography and magnetic resonance. She has held numerous administrative roles institutionally, including as associate chair for clinical affairs, service chief for adult radiology, director of cardiothoracic radiology, chair of the radiology service excellence program, and interim chair of the Department of Radiology. Dr. Kazerooni has published more than 360 peer-reviewed articles, and has received multiple awards for her research, including the Gold Medal of the American Roentgen Ray Society and the Association of University
Radiologists, the Madame Curie Award from the American Association of Women Radiologists, the Leadership Inspiration Award from the Society of Thoracic Radiology, and the Achievement Award from the Radiology Alliance of Health Services Research.

Dr. Kazerooni has made impactful and long-lasting contributions to the Department of Radiology and the university through her service, teaching, clinical service and research. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the reappointment of Ella A. Kazerooni, M.D. as the Terry M. Silver, M.D. Collegiate Professor of Radiology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

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

Recommendation endorsed by: Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Jason S. Knight, M.D., Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Marvin and Betty Danto Research Professor of Connective Tissue Research, and Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Marvin and Betty Danto Research Professor of Connective Tissue Research, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

On the recommendation of Timothy S. Blackwell, M.D., the John G. Searle Professor and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Jason S. Knight, M.D., Ph.D. as the Marvin and Betty Danto Research Professor of Connective Tissue Research, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Marvin and Betty Danto Research Professorship in Connective Tissue Research was established in April 2006 through a generous gift from the Marvin I. and Betty J. Danto Foundation. This professorship will support research efforts in scleroderma and related conditions. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Jason S. Knight received his B.S. degree in biochemistry from Indiana University in 1999. He completed his Ph.D. degree in cellular and molecular biology in 2005 and his M.D. degree in 2007 at the University of Michigan. Dr. Knight completed a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in rheumatology also at the University of Michigan and was subsequently appointed as a clinical lecturer in internal medicine in 2012. Dr. Knight rose through the ranks to an associate professor in 2019.

Dr. Knight’s research program remains centered on unraveling the complex interactions between neutrophils, platelets, and endothelial cells and their role in vascular complications within autoimmune and inflammatory diseases. Funded by esteemed entities including the NIH and the Department of Defense, their research has achieved broad recognition, as evidenced by their 130 peer-reviewed publications, a Google Scholar h-index of 51, and a Clarivate Highly Cited Researcher accolade. Dr. Knight’s international standing as an expert in antiphospholipid syndrome, COVID-19 pathogenesis, and the biology of neutrophil extracellular traps is backed by seminal work in identifying NETs as key factors in COVID-19 severity and a robust history of engagements at prestigious conferences and institutions worldwide. In addition to their research eminence, Dr. Knight has devoted significant energy to mentoring, including directing Michigan’s
Post-doctoral Program for Scientist Training in Rheumatology Research and earning the Thomas D. Palella Award for teaching excellence. Dr. Knight allocates 10% of his time to directing a well-regarded T32 training program that has successfully secured renewal funding. In terms of service, Dr. Knight currently serves as the associate chief for research in the Division of Rheumatology and has chaired a departmental committee overseeing a comprehensive review of the University of Michigan’s Division of Hematology and Oncology during their research sabbatical in 2022. His ability to influence both research breakthroughs and the next generation of medical researchers underscores Dr. Knight’s pivotal role at the intersection of scientific discovery and academic mentorship.

Dr. Knight is a distinguished faculty member who is a leader and expert in the field of antiphospholipid syndrome. He is an outstanding teacher, mentor, and clinician. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the reappointment of Jason S. Knight, M.D., Ph.D. as the Marvin and Betty Danto Research Professor of Connective Tissue Research, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

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

Recommendation endorsed by: Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Matthias Kretzler, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis Professor of Medicine, and Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis Professor of Medicine, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

On the recommendation of Timothy S. Blackwell, M.D., the John G. Searle Professor and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Matthias Kretzler, M.D. as the Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis Professor of Medicine, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis Professorship in Medicine was established in December 1993 through a generous gift from the Warner-Lambert Company. The gift is intended to support scientific activities of a senior level faculty member in the Medical School, specifically directed to research in the fields of basic chemistry, molecular biology, biotechnology, genetics, and/or human gene therapy. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Matthias Kretzler received his M.D. from the University of Heidelberg, Germany in 1992. Dr. Kretzler joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2005 as an assistant professor of internal medicine in the Division of Nephrology. He was appointed as a research associate professor in Department of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics in 2008. In 2009, he was promoted to professor and research professor.

Dr. Kretzler’s research focuses on the use of modern molecular biology tools to better understand disease mechanism activated in human renal biopsies. Over the past five years, Dr. Kretzler has spearheaded transformative research in nephrology, seeing remarkable progress and creating a significant impact on the global approach to kidney disease understanding and treatment. As a pioneering nephrologist with a deep expertise in systems biology, he has led the Michigan Kidney Translational Medicine Center (MiKTMC) in integrating genomic information with rich multi-dimensional data to unveil molecular pathways related to the genesis of kidney diseases. Dr. Kretzler’s leadership has resulted in the MiKTMC propelling forward through collaboration with global consortia, initiating multi-omics data integration, and leveraging machine learning to extract cell type-specific disease outcome predictors. These innovative approaches have brought forth novel therapeutic targets that have been validated and ushered into clinical trials. He has
established the preeminent research program for translational medicine and systems biology in the United States and research networks and partnerships with academia and industry that span the globe. Dr. Kretzler has developed a standardized clinical and sample procurement protocol for integrative-omic analysis in renal disease cohorts. His laboratory has also completed a 14-year study to identify comprehensively non-invasive biomarkers in chronic kidney disease and validate them in studies across three continents. Dr. Kretzler continues to be prolific in his research, with 395 peer-reviewed articles to his credit, and continuous funding from the NIH, industry, and private foundations. In 2014, he was appointed as a distinguished fellow of the European Renal Association. In 2019, he received the MICHRI Distinguished Clinical and Translational Research Mentor Award. In 2023, he received the Medical Professional of the Year award from NephCure Kidney International.

Dr. Kretzler continues to be a leader in translational research for chronic disease and developing therapeutic targets and diagnostic molecules. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the reappointment of Matthias Kretzler, M.D. as the Warner-Lambert/Parke-Davis Professor of Medicine, Medical School effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

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

Recommendation endorsed by:  
Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, we are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Ann Chih Lin as the Kenneth G. Lieberthal and Richard H. Rogel Professor of Chinese Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

The Kenneth G. Lieberthal and Richard H. Rogel Professorship of Chinese Studies was established in July 2016 as a result of a generous gift. Richard H. Rogel’s transforming pledge honors Professor Kenneth G. Lieberthal, whose research focused on China’s political economy and other areas involving China. The holder of the professorship is intended to be the director of the Kenneth G. Lieberthal and Richard H. Rogel Center for Chinese Studies. The appointment period can be for three to five years and may be renewed.

Ann Chih Lin received her Bachelor of Arts from Princeton University in 1987. She then attended the University of Chicago where she earned her Master of Arts in 1989 and her doctorate in 1994. Professor Lin began her instructional career at Michigan as an assistant professor of public policy in 1994. She was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2001.

Professor Lin’s research focuses on policy implementation with an emphasis on the context of racial and ethnic differences. She studies the provisions that make policy easy or difficult to implement, the beliefs and behavior of people who implement policies, and the reactions of those who are targeted by the policy. She began her career examining the implementation of social policies. Her first book, Reform in the Making: The Implementation of Social Policy in Prison (Princeton University Press, 2000), examined staff and prisoner participation in education, vocational training, and drug treatment programs in five medium-security male prisons in the United States. Professor Lin has also had a long-standing interest in the experiences of Arab immigrants to the United States. She has been interviewing Arab immigrants in the metro Detroit area since 2008 and was the co-principal investigator on the Detroit Arab American Study, a landmark public opinion survey of Arab Americans in Detroit. This study led to her co-authored book, Citizenship in Crisis: Arab Detroit after 9/11 (Russell Sage Foundation, 2009). She is exploring interventions to reduce bias against Muslims, writing a comparative study of bias against Germans, Japanese, and Muslim immigrants during World War I, World War II, and the “War on Terror,” and studying the development of conservative political beliefs among immigrants in the context of conservative opposition to immigration in the United States. Professor Lin is also examining whether respondents across eighteen countries blamed China or the United States for the COVID-19 pandemic;
racial and ethnic difference in the experience of the pandemic in the United States; bias reduction against Muslims; and national security scapegoating of immigrant groups.

At the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, Professor Lin leads the graduate global experience course on current Chinese policy and teaches both graduate and undergraduate policy seminars on immigration and on voting. While she serves as the director of the Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies, she will play a leadership role in Chinese studies at the university. This role will include her regular teaching duties at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, recruiting and advising students in the Chinese studies sub plan of the Masters in International and Regional Studies program, and leading the programming, outreach, and development efforts of the center.

Professor Lin’s service to the profession is extensive. She has served on multiple executive and advisory committees, sat on the Board of Directors of the Public Management Research Association from 2003 to 2007, and served as the president of the Women’s Caucus for the Midwest Political Science Association in 2000. Since 2002, Professor Lin has served on the Washtenaw County/City of Ann Arbor Community Corrections Advisory Board, a state-mandated board responsible for designing, implementing, monitoring, assessing, and evaluating state- and locally-funded community corrections programs in Washtenaw County. She is also an active participant in discussions in the Catholic academic community about the relationship between religious values and public policy.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Ann Chih Lin as the Kenneth G. Lieberthal and Richard H. Rogel Professor of Chinese Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2025 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

Celeste M. Watkins-Hayes
Joan and Sanford Weill Dean of Public Policy
University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor
Jean E. Fairfax Collegiate Professor of Public Policy
Professor of Sociology
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

July 2024

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment

NAME: Jody R. Lori

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Dean for Global Affairs and Community Engagement, Sara H. and Robert B. Rothschild Endowed Professor of Global Nursing, and Professor of Nursing, with tenure, School of Nursing

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Associate Dean for Global Affairs and Community Engagement, School of Nursing

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024

The dean of the School of Nursing is pleased to recommend the reappointment of Jody R. Lori as associate dean for global affairs and community engagement, School of Nursing, effective July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024.

Jody Lori earned her Bachelor of Nursing Science and her Master of Science in nursing degrees from the University of Michigan in 1980 and 1992, respectively. She received her Doctor of Philosophy in nursing from the University of Arizona in 2009. She is a certified nurse midwife. She was appointed as the associate dean for global affairs and community engagement in 2015. She has been the director of the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization Collaborating Center since 2015.

Professor Lori has developed two undergraduate elective courses, Perspectives in Global Health (N420) and Introduction to Global health: Issues and Challenges (N421) to introduce students to global health concepts. N421 provides students with an opportunity for a supervised international experience in a low or middle resource country focused on the global and public health concepts of health promotion and risk reduction. With a core group of faculty, Professor Lori developed the Global Health Minor for undergraduates and the Global Health Concentration for graduate students. Professor Lori is highly respected as a master teacher and has significant experience working with undergraduate and graduate students.

Professor Lori’s program of research contributes to the design and testing of innovative models of care to improve maternal and newborn health in areas of the world challenged by a lack of human resources, long distances to care, and cultural, gender, and socio-economic barriers. She has emerged as a key researcher on childbirth issues, midwifery programs, and reproductive health, as well as in training programs focusing on interdisciplinary research. She has authored numerous articles, a majority databased, published or in-press in peer-reviewed nursing and
interdisciplinary journals. Professor Lori has been the principal investigator (PI), co-PI, and co-investigator.

Professor Lori has been an invaluable asset to the School of Nursing with her efforts to reignite the global affairs agenda of the school by introducing innovative ideas. Professor Lori’s national and international reputation in improving maternal and child health is clearly recognized by her selection as a fellow by both the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN) in 2012 and the American College of Nurse-Midwives (FACNM) in 2010, and other awards, such as the Midwest Nursing Research Society, Harriet H. Werley New Investigator Award in 2012 and the Sigma Theta Tau Excellence in Nursing Research Award in 2011.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Jody R. Lori as associate dean for global affairs and community engagement, School of Nursing, effective July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY: Patricia D. Hurn
Dean and Professor
School of Nursing

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY: Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: W. Joseph McCune, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Michael H. and Marcia S. Klein Professor of Rheumatic Diseases, and Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Michael H. and Marcia S. Klein Professor of Rheumatic Diseases, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

On the recommendation of Timothy S. Blackwell, M.D., the John G. Searle Professor and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of W. Joseph McCune, M.D. as the Michael H. and Marcia S. Klein Professor of Rheumatic Diseases, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Michael H. and Marcia S. Klein Professorship in Rheumatic Diseases was established in January 2009 through funding from the Michael and Marcia Klein Research Fund and is intended to support research in rheumatoid arthritis and lupus. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

W. Joseph McCune received his M.D. in 1975 from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Dr. McCune joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as an assistant professor of internal medicine in 1981 and rose through the ranks to his current rank of professor, with tenure, in the Department of Internal Medicine in 1999. He serves as the director of the Lupus Program at the University of Michigan, and his research focuses on lupus, antiphospholipid syndromes and vasculitis. This professorship allows additional research for the Lupus Clinical Trials Unit which supports the Michigan Lupus Cohort and the Antiphospholipid Antibody Syndrome Cohort. Supported by the Klein Professorship funding, the Lupus Clinical Trials Unit has contributed significantly to rheumatic disease research, including notable clinical trials. The unit played a pivotal role in the FDA approval of anifrolumab, a groundbreaking treatment for systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) targeting the interferon pathway. Dr. McCune has published more than 180 peer-reviewed articles related to this research.
Dr. McCune is an outstanding physician scientist in the field of translational lupus research and continues to be a leader in this field. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the reappointment of W. Joseph McCune, M.D. as the Michael H. and Marcia S. Klein Professor of Rheumatic Diseases, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

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

Recommendation endorsed by: Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Vallerie V. McLaughlin, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Kim A. Eagle, M.D. Endowed Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, and Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Kim A. Eagle, M.D. Endowed Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

On the recommendation of Timothy S. Blackwell, M.D., the John G. Searle Professor and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Vallerie V. McLaughlin, M.D. as the Kim A. Eagle, M.D. Endowed Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Kim A. Eagle, M.D. Endowed Professorship in Cardiovascular Medicine was established in June 2014 through donor funds and departmental funds from the Department of Internal Medicine. It will support the research and clinical efforts of a faculty member in the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine who, similar to Dr. Eagle, values excellence in cardiovascular research, patient care and education. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Dr. McLaughlin joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2003 as an associate professor and rose through the ranks to professor in 2009. Her research is focused on pulmonary hypertension. She is the director of the Pulmonary Hypertension Program and has grown it into one of the largest programs in the country. Dr. McLaughlin is the founding member of the World Symposia on Pulmonary Hypertension and is the working group leader for the pulmonary hypertension pathway for the American College of Cardiology Annual Scientific Sessions. She was named section lead for a new initiative called the Collaborative Maintenance Pathway. In July 2019, Dr. McLaughlin was appointed as the inaugural associate chief clinical officer for cardiovascular services for the Ambulatory Care Segment at Michigan Medicine. Promoted to interim chief clinical officer for Ambulatory Care Services in December 2022, she now oversee more than 190 clinics and are responsible for improving patient access, experience, safety, and care quality, while also handling fiscal responsibilities.
Dr. McLaughlin has been continuously funded for her research through the NIH and industry. She has published more than 200 peer-reviewed articles and is a highly sought after speaker with over 518 invited presentations to her credit. She has played an integral role in the Chronic Thromboembolic Pulmonary Hypertension Program, which involves Cardiac Surgery, Interventional Radiology and Interventional Cardiology.

Dr. McLaughlin continues to be an effective leader and outstanding researcher in the field of pulmonary hypertension. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the reappointment of Vallerie V. McLaughlin, M.D. as the Kim A. Eagle, M.D. Endowed Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

Recommended by: 

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Suzanne M. Moenter, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Fred J. Karsch Collegiate Professor of Physiology, Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, with tenure, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, without tenure, and Professor of Internal Medicine, without tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Fred J. Karsch Collegiate Professor of Physiology, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

On the recommendation of Daniel E Michele, Ph.D., 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 Suzanne M. Moenter, Ph.D. as the Fred J. Karsch Collegiate Professor of Physiology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Fred J. Karsch Collegiate Professorship in Physiology was established in May 2015 through generous donations from faculty, former trainees, and gifts to the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology. It is intended to recognize the achievements of Fred J. Karsch, Ph.D., who served as a tireless and enthusiastic scholar in the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology and the Reproductive Sciences Program at the University of Michigan. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Dr. Moenter joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2010 as a professor in the Departments of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, Internal Medicine, and Obstetrics and Gynecology. She has dedicated her career to investigating the central neuronal processes underlying reproduction. Dr. Moenter is one of two world-leaders focusing on determining how gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) neurons produce the episodic release of GnRH required for fertility, as well as understanding the role of GnRH in presentation of various forms of hypothalamic infertility. She is an outstanding mentor with a tireless commitment to improvement of the training of the next generation of clinical, translational and basic science researchers. Dr. Moenter’s research has been funded through the NIH, and the National Science Foundation. She has published 114 peer-reviewed articles to her credit.
Dr. Moenter continues to be an outstanding researcher and educator. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the reappointment of Suzanne M. Moenter, Ph.D. as the Fred J. Karsch Collegiate Professor of Physiology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

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

Recommendation endorsed by: Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment

NAME: Jeffrey D. Morenoff

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Sociology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and Arts, and Professor of Public Policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Dean for Research and Policy Engagement, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

EFFECTIVE DATES: August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2026

The dean of the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy is pleased to recommend the reappointment of Jeffrey D. Morenoff as associate dean for research and policy engagement, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2026.

Jeffrey Morenoff received his B.A. in political science from the University of Pennsylvania in 1988 and his M.A. (1995) and Ph.D. (2000) in sociology from the University of Chicago. In 2000, he joined the Department of Sociology at the University of Michigan as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2005, and to professor in 2011. He was jointly appointed as a professor in the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy in 2015.

Professor Morenoff is a highly productive scholar who has made major contributions in his research area and focuses on neighborhood environments and their influence on health and well-being, the causes and consequences of crime, and the influence of the criminal justice system on population dynamics and the health and wellbeing of individuals with criminal records. In 2019, he co-authored On the Outside: Prisoner Reentry and Reintegration (University of Chicago Press) and continues to produce a high caliber of peer-reviewed publications. Additionally, his research efforts with the Detroit Metro Area Communities Study and Michigan Metro Area Communities Study have resulted in numerous collaborations and meetings with the Washtenaw County Board of Health and the Detroit Equity Council.

Professor Morenoff was appointed as Associate Dean for Research and Policy Engagement in the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy beginning in August 2023. He has held a variety of additional administrative roles across campus, including director of the Population Studies Center (2013-2020) and training director (2023-present) at the Institute of Social Research, co-director of the Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars Program (2009-2014) and associate chair for the Department of Sociology (2005-2011). He has served as a mentor to numerous students and junior faculty, along with serving on multiple service committees across
the university. He is widely regarded as an expert in his field and is well positioned to serve as the associate dean.

We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Jeffrey D. Morenoff as associate dean for research and policy engagement, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2026.

Recommended by:  

Celeste M. Watkins-Hayes  
Joan and Sanford Weill Dean of Public Policy  
University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor  
Jean E. Fairfax Collegiate Professor of Public Policy  
Professor of Sociology  
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

Recommendation endorsed by:  

Laurie K. McCauley  
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

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Venkatesh L. Murthy, M.D., Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Melvyn Rubenfire Professor of Preventive Cardiology, Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Professor of Radiology, without tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Melvyn Rubenfire Professor of Preventive Cardiology, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

On the recommendation of Timothy S. Blackwell, M.D., the John G. Searle Professor and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Venkatesh L. Murthy, M.D., Ph.D. as the Melvyn Rubenfire Professor of Preventive Cardiology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Melvyn Rubenfire Professorship in Preventive Cardiology was established July 2015 through a generous gift from Harol Peplau, gifts to the Department of Internal Medicine and departmental funds. It is intended to provide support to the development of preventive cardiology programs, clinical care, research and education. The appointment period may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Venkatesh L. Murthy received his Ph.D. degree in biophysics and biophysical chemistry in 2001 and his M.D. degree in 2004 from Johns Hopkins University. He completed residency training in internal medicine from that institution, training in radiology at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and fellowship training in cardiology and cardiovascular imaging at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. Dr. Murthy joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2012 as a clinical assistant professor in the Departments of Internal Medicine and Radiology. He was promoted to a clinical associate professor in 2017, and to professor in 2023. Dr. Murthy also served as the director of Cardiac PET Research for the Frankel Cardiovascular Center. He currently serves as the director of the nuclear cardiology division, the associate program director for the T32 Fellowship Program in cardiovascular sciences, and associate chief of cardiology for translation research and innovation.

Dr. Murthy’s clinical expertise is in the area of cardiovascular imaging. His research focuses on the development and application of advanced imaging techniques to characterize and understand excess risk for cardiovascular and metabolic disease. Dr. Murthy has been leading multiple projects on cardiometabolic disease, supported by grants from the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Murthy’s role as the principal investigator (PI) in projects such as the CARDIA study involved...
identifying molecular markers and metabolic patterns associated with cardiovascular health, leveraging mass spectrometry-based metabolomics and machine learning techniques. Collaborations with experts, including Dr. Ravi Shah, have produced significant findings, challenging existing dogmas like the noncausality of branch chain amino acids for obesity, and paving the way for new insights in dietary patterns and environmental toxicant exposures. Concurrently, Dr. Murthy has conducted extensive work in cardiovascular imaging, contributing to the standardization of cardiac PET quantification techniques and developing artificial intelligence tools to enhance non-invasive diagnostics. On the clinical leadership front, Dr. Murthy’s directorship in nuclear cardiology has led to significant growth and enhanced quality in that domain at the University of Michigan. Service to the scientific community includes an associate editor role for *NEJM: Artificial Intelligence*, presidency of the Cardiovascular Council of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging, and contributions to numerous professional society directives. This cumulative body of work underscores their commitment to advancing cardiometabolic disease understanding, diagnostics, mentoring, and service to the broader scientific and clinical community. Dr. Murthy has been well funded through the NIH, industry, and foundations. He has published 185 peer-reviewed articles and has been invited to present his research on 63 occasions regionally and nationally. Dr. Murthy has received numerous awards for his research, including the Hermann Blumgart Award from the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging, the Cardiovascular Council Young Investigator Award from the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging, and the Zaret-Beller Award from the *Journal of Nuclear Cardiology* and the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology.

Dr. Murthy is a recognized expert in the field of cardiovascular imaging and cardiovascular disease prevention. His research is well aligned with the intent of this prestigious professorship. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the reappointment of Venkatesh L. Murthy, M.D., Ph.D. as the Melvyn Rubenfire Professor of Preventive Cardiology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

**Recommended by:**

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

**Recommendation endorsed by:**

Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President  
President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Lena M. Napolitano, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Joyce and Don Massey Family Foundation Professor, and Professor of Surgery, with tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Joyce and Don Massey Family Foundation Professor, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

On the recommendation of Justin B. Dimick, M.D., MPH., the Frederick A. Coller 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 reappointment of Lena M. Napolitano, M.D. as the Joyce and Don Massey Family Foundation Professor, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Joyce and Don Massey Family Foundation Professorship was established in February 2015 through a generous gift from the Joyce and Don Massey Family Foundation. This professorship is intended to support a tenured faculty member of the Department of Surgery, in the Section of General Surgery, whose research and clinical efforts are related to helping those who are brain injured and their families. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Dr. Napolitano joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2005 as a professor of surgery. She was appointed as the division chief of acute care surgery from 2006-2017, and as the director trauma from 2006-2018. She currently holds many titles including founding division chief, Division of Acute Care Surgery, director of Surgical Critical Care, and associate director of Weil Institute for Critical Care Research and Innovation. Just in the past month, the research team including Dr. Napolitano received NIH funding for $4.2 million over five years for the use of point-of-care micro-gas chromatography for diagnosis and monitoring of ARDS using exhaled breath. Dr. Napolitano has published 401 peer-reviewed publications and 136 Book Chapters, with 33,973 citations noted. Dr. Napolitano has achieved many mentorship activities during the term; mentor for Michigan Pediatric ECMO Clinical Scholars Program, mentor for all Surgical Critical Care fellows annually, mentor for Dr. Yamaan Saadeh (Neurosurgery Attending MSIA) and mentor to many surgical residents and medical students. She has achieved many honors including the American College of Critical Care Medicine Distinguished Investigator Award, induction into the American College of Surgeons Academy of Master Surgeon Educators, and the Michigan Medicine Department of Urology Award, and has support for nomination to the National Academy of Medicine this year.
Dr. Napolitano’s vision for the next five years is to have continuation of clinical studies in the surgical critical care and trauma as desired by the Massey Foundation Professorship. Dr. Napolitano will continue to have ongoing mentorship of fellows, residents and students in these and other studies. She also plans on continuing to serve as the associate director of the Weil Institute for Critical Care Research and Innovation. Dr. Napolitano is excited to work with the NIH funds mentioned above to gain even more experience, knowledge and diagnosis of ARDS which is very important to Brenda Massey who was one of her severe ARDS patients that was transferred from St. Joes AA to our SICU for successful treatment and recovery. Dr. Napolitano is working on submitting a grant for a U.S. multicenter trauma trial (EPO-Trauma) to reduce trauma mortality and would start serving as the principal investigator for the U.S. sites. She will also be applying for grant funding from PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) to support this comparative effectiveness clinical trial here in the U.S.

Dr. Napolitano continues to be an excellent educator, researcher and clinician. This prestigious professorship has facilitated time for her to make significant improvements in patient and family-centered care in the Surgical ICU. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the reappointment of Lena M. Napolitano, M.D. as the Joyce and Don Massey Family Foundation Professor, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

Recommended by: 

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

Recommendation endorsed by: 

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
On the recommendation of Charles A. Parkos, M.D., Ph.D., the Carl V. 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 reappointment of Asma Nusrat, M.D. as the F. Peyton Rous Professor of Experimental Pathology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The F. Peyton Rous Professor of Experimental Pathology was established in June 2019 through funds generated from the original Warthin-Weller Endowed Professorship. The holder will be a tenured member of the Department of Pathology and will support research and teaching within the department. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Dr. Nusrat joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2015 as a professor of pathology and was also appointed as the director of experimental pathology. In this role, she leads the research programs and provides mentorship to junior faculty and trainees in the Department of Pathology. Under Dr. Nusrat’s leadership, the department’s research ranking has improved to the top five in the nation in NIH R01 grant awards, and fifth in the nation in overall NIH funding for pathology departments.

Dr. Nusrat is a highly accomplished physician scientist. She is currently funded by 3 RO1 grants as a PI or dual PI and is a co-investigator on a fourth RO1. Additionally, she is named on two patent applications, one of which is pending. In addition to participating in clinical activities as a talented gastrointestinal surgical pathologist, she is an internationally recognized and highly productive investigator with a multiple R01 funded research program in mucosal inflammation and epithelial pathobiology focused on understanding fundamental mechanisms regulating barrier function and wound healing during health and disease. Similarly, Dr. Nusrat continues to publish her research in high-impact journals, with 45 peer reviewed manuscripts since 2019. Dr. Nusrat’s accomplishments as a physician scientist were recognized in 2020 by election to the Association of American Physicians and in 2023 when she was named a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In 2024 she received the Rous Whipple Award from the
American Society for Investigative Pathology, the society’s highest scientific honor. At the national/international level, she has taken on important roles in shaping research directions by serving in leadership positions at grant review study sections and editorial boards. Her expertise is frequently sought at scientific conferences, where she has chaired and organized numerous sessions.

Dr. Nusrat is an excellent leader and highly successful researcher. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the reappointment of Asma Nusrat, M.D. as the F. Peyton Rous Professor of Experimental Pathology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

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

Recommendation endorsed by:  
Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Charles A. Parkos, M.D., Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Carl Vernon Weller Professor of Pathology, Chair, Department of Pathology, and Professor of Pathology, with tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Carl Vernon Weller Professor of Pathology, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Charles A. Parkos, M.D., Ph.D. as the Carl Vernon Weller Professor of Pathology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

The Carl Vernon Weller Professorship in Pathology was established in April 2005 from funds generated from the Warthin-Weller endowment. The Weller Professorship is to be held by a senior member of the faculty in the Department of Pathology who exemplifies the Warthin-Weller academic traditions. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Charles Parkos received his M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from the Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation, University of California at San Diego in 1987. He completed a research fellowship at that institution, a residency in pathology, and a fellowship in gastrointestinal pathology at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and was appointed as an assistant professor in pathology at Harvard University in 1992. He was appointed as an associate professor in pathology at Emory University in 1997 and rose through the ranks to professor in 2003 with a joint title in pediatrics in 2013. Dr. Parkos joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2014 as a professor and chair of the Department of Pathology.

Dr. Parkos’ research program is centered on the pathobiology of mucosal inflammation with emphasis on the role of barrier and innate immune cell-epithelial interactions. He is well-funded through the National Institutes of Health, and the Department of Defense. Dr. Parkos has published 212 peer-reviewed articles to date and numerous invited presentations, nationally and internationally, including visiting professorships, seminars, and keynote addresses. Over his career, Dr. Parkos has received national research awards, including the Young Investigator Award from the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America, the Rous-Whipple Award from the American Society for Investigative Pathology. He was appointed as a board member for the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology in 2017.
Dr. Parkos has a strong commitment to educational activities, through his service on thesis committees, supervision of numerous post-doctoral students, and tutoring graduate students in experimental aspects of pathology. He is a highly respected physician and scientist who has demonstrated leadership at the national level and institutionally through his role as the chair of the Department of Pathology. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Charles A. Parkos, M.D., Ph.D. as the Carl Vernon Weller Professor of Pathology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 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: Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President
President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
The Law School is pleased to recommend the reappointment of James J. Prescott as the Henry King Ransom Professor of Law, Law School, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Henry King Ransom Professorship in Law was established in the Law School in January 1979 from Dr. Henry K. Ransom in honor of his relationship with the University of Michigan. The appointment periods may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Professor Prescott has been a professor of law at the University of Michigan since 2011. He received his B.A. degree from Stanford University in 1996, his J.D. degree from Harvard Law School in 2002, and his Ph.D. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2006. Before joining the faculty at Michigan Law, Professor Prescott clerked for the Honorable Merrick B. Garland in the U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit from 2002-2003. In 2006, he joined the University of Michigan Law School faculty as an assistant professor.

Professor Prescott’s research interests revolve around criminal law, sentencing law and reform, employment law, and the dynamics of civil litigation, particularly settlement. Much of his work is empirical in focus. Professor Prescott is the principal investigator of the UM Online Court Project, which uses technology to help people facing warrants, fines, and minor charges resolve their disputes with the government and courts online and without the need to hire an attorney.
We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of James J. Prescott as the Henry King Ransom Professor of Law, Law School, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Kyle D. Logue
Interim Dean, Law School
Douglas A. Kahn Collegiate Professor

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Laurie K. McCauley
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

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Eve B. Primus

CURRENT TITLES: Yale Kamisar Collegiate Professor of Law, and Professor of Law, with tenure, Law School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Yale Kamisar Collegiate Professor of Law, Law School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

The Law School is pleased to recommend the reappointment of Eve B. Primus as the Yale Kamisar Collegiate Professor of Law, Law School, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Yale Kamisar Collegiate Professorship in Law was established in the Law School in August 2006 in honor of Yale Kamisar, to whom was a professor at the law school from 1965-2004. The appointment periods may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Professor Primus has been a professor of law at the University of Michigan since 2011. She received her B.A. degree from Brown University in 1997 and her J.D. degree from University of Michigan in 2001. Before joining the faculty at Michigan Law, Professor Primus clerked for the Honorable Stephen Reinhardt in the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit from 2001-2002 and was an attorney in the Maryland Office of the Public Defender from 2002-2005. She joined the faculty of the

Professor Primus teaches criminal law, criminal procedure, evidence, and habeas corpus. She writes about structural reform in the criminal justice system. The U.S. Supreme Court as well as lower appellate courts have cited her scholarship. Professor Primus has won the Law School’s prestigious L. Hart Wright Award for Excellence in Teaching on more than one occasion. She is also the founder and director of the Law School’s MDefenders organization, a group designed to educate and support aspiring public defenders.
We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Eve B. Primus as the Yale Kamisar Collegiate Professor of Law, Law School, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Kyle D. Logue
Interim Dean, Law School
Douglas A. Kahn Collegiate Professor

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Lisa A. Prosser as associate vice president for research–health sciences, Office of the Vice President for Research, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

Lisa Prosser earned a B.A. from Cornell University, two M.S. degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a Ph.D. from Harvard University before serving as an assistant professor at the Harvard Medical School and Harvard School of Public Health. Professor Prosser joined the University of Michigan in 2008 as a research associate professor in the Department of Pediatrics and was appointed as a research associate professor in the Department of Health Management and Policy in 2010. She was appointed as an associate professor in the Department of Pediatrics in 2010 and in the Department of Health Management and Policy in 2013, and was promoted to professor in both departments in 2016. Professor Prosser is an internationally-recognized leader in child health policy research with a focus on vaccine economics and newborn screening policy. Current research topics include evaluating long-term health and economic outcomes for newborn screening programs using simulation modeling, measuring public values for screening programs, and developing new methods for valuing family spillover effects of childhood illness. Her applied research on the economic impact of influenza vaccination has been used in setting national vaccine policy, and her research using decision modeling to estimate outcomes for newborn screening programs has been used to inform national policy decisions on the recommended uniform screening panel.

Professor Prosser also has been active in administration, serving as the associate vice president for research–health sciences since 2021. She also served as the assistant dean for research faculty in the Medical School from 2019 through 2021 and as the director of the Susan B. Meister Child Health Evaluation and Research Center in the Department of Pediatrics at the Medical School from 2015 through 2023.
As a member of the leadership team in the Office of the Vice President for Research, Professor Prosser’s primary responsibilities have been to support the research efforts of faculty in the health sciences. She serves as a liaison to schools, colleges, institutes and centers involved in scholarly and creative activities in the health sciences, provides leadership on task forces, supports the development of new interdisciplinary initiatives, promotes and supports translational, basic science and health policy research across the disciplines, and advises the vice president for research and innovation and other members of the Office of the Vice President for Research in strategic planning and policy setting for the research enterprise. In addition, Professor Prosser provides support and oversight for several OVPR programs including the Institute for Research on Women and Gender, the Opioid Research Institute, Consulting for Statistics, Computing and Analytics Research, Research Cores, M-PACT, Research Faculty Affairs, the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, Research Data Services Initiative, and the Healthy Flint Research Coordinating Center.

With her strong commitment to research and creative practice along with her demonstrated administrative leadership, Professor Prosser has been an invaluable asset to the Office of the Vice President for Research in her role as the associate vice president for research–health sciences. I am pleased that she has agreed to continue to serve in this capacity and I strongly recommend her reappointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Lupia
Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation

July 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: James M. Rae, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Thomas H. Simpson Collegiate Professor of Cancer Research, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Pharmacology, without tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Thomas H. Simpson Collegiate Professor of Cancer Research, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

On the recommendation of Timothy S. Blackwell, M.D., the John G. Searle Professor and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of James M. Rae, Ph.D. as the Thomas H. Simpson Collegiate Professor of Cancer Research, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Thomas H. Simpson Collegiate Professorship in Cancer Research was established in October 2014 through funding derived from the Thomas H. Simpson Memorial endowment and from a gift from Christine MacDonald Simpson. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Dr. Rae joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2001 as a research investigator in the Department of Internal Medicine and rose through the ranks to an associate professor of internal medicine and pharmacology in 2013. His research focuses on drug metabolism, pharmacogenetics, pharmacogenomics and estrogen receptor signaling, particularly as these may apply to the prediction of breast cancer treatment. His laboratory focuses on understanding the mechanisms of resistance, how to predict and treat them. Dr. Rae has published 118 peer-reviewed articles and has served in numerous institutional committees, including the Institutional Review Board, and the Lab and Research Safety Committee.

Dr. Rae continues to be very productive in research, mentoring and through service. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the reappointment of James M. Rae, Ph.D. as the Thomas H. Simpson Collegiate Professor of Cancer Research, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

Recommended by: Recommendation endorsed by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D. Laurie K. McCauley
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs Provost and Executive Vice
Dean, Medical School President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Panduranga S. Rao, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Richard D. Swartz, M.D. Collegiate Professor of Nephrology, and Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Richard D. Swartz, M.D. Collegiate Professor of Nephrology, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

On the recommendation of Timothy S. Blackwell, M.D., the John G. Searle Professor and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Panduranga S. Rao, M.D. as the Richard D. Swartz, M.D. Collegiate Professor of Nephrology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Richard D. Swartz, M.D. Collegiate Professorship in Nephrology was established in June 2012 through gifts to the Department of Nephrology on behalf of Dr. Swartz, and through departmental funds. It is intended to support research and clinical efforts of a tenured faculty member who has dedicated substantial efforts to clinical teaching and works closely with nephrology fellows. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Panduranga S. Rao received his M.B.B.S. degree from the University of Madras in Madras India, in medicine, surgery, obstetrics and gynecology and pediatrics in 1986. He completed an internship and residency at that institution in 1989. Dr. Rao then completed a fellowship in nephrology at the Apollo Hospital in India, a fellowship at the Toronto Hospital in Canada and a residency in internal medicine at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. He was appointed as an assistant professor at the Medical College of Ohio in 2000 and joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2003 as an assistant professor of internal medicine. In 2009, Dr. Rao was promoted to associate professor, and to professor in 2017.

Dr. Rao’s research focus is on chronic kidney disease. Dr. Rao is the principal investigator for the Chronic Renal Insufficiency Cohort (CRIC) study, an NIH-sponsored initiative, he has demonstrated exemplary leadership by steering the cohort of roughly 350 subjects with chronic kidney disease through two successful renewals and excellent performance in enrollment and follow-up, even amid the challenges of the pandemic. He played a key role in the steering and ancillary studies committees, fostering interdisciplinary collaborations and facilitating funding opportunities. His research endeavors extend to securing additional funding for collaborative projects with the College of Engineering, and conducting clinical trials in Lupus Nephritis,
resulting in a robust publication record. Dr. Rao also has led clinical trials on the use of novel
drugs to improve outcomes in glomerular disease. He collaborates with biomedical engineering
to develop novel tools for evaluating fluid balance in patients on dialysis. Dr. Rao was an
investigator with the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients, a national registry in the United
States, which led to a highly cited publication on the Kidney Donor Risk Index. This index has
been adopted by the United Network for Organ Sharing and is currently used for allocation of
deceased donor kidneys nationally. Dr. Rao has published more than 90 articles and holds one
patent. He has been instrumental in the establishment of the nephrology training program at
St. Paul’s Millennial Hospital Medical College in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. In the community,
Dr. Rao has spearheaded kidney health and wellness education at Cody High School in Detroit
and is currently involved in development of a kidney health curriculum for the middle schools.
Additionally, he serves as a mentor to trainees abroad.

Dr. Rao is a successful scientific researcher, a dedicated mentor, and his focus closely aligns with
that of Dr. Swartz. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the reappointment of Panduranga S.
Rao, M.D. as the Richard D. Swartz, M.D. Collegiate Professor of Nephrology, Medical School,
effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

Recommended by: Recommendation endorsed by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D. Laurie K. McCauley
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs Provost and Executive Vice
Dean, Medical School President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Liangyou Rui, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Louis G. D’Alecy Collegiate Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, with tenure, and Professor of Internal Medicine, without tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Louis G. D’Alecy Collegiate Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

On the recommendation of Daniel E Michele, Ph.D., 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 Liangyou Rui, Ph.D. as the Louis G. D’Alecy Collegiate Professor of Molecular Physiology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Louis G. D’Alecy Collegiate Professorship in Molecular and Integrative Physiology was established in September 2019 through gifts from the family, friends, alumni, and colleagues of Dr. Louis D’Alecy, Dr. Jeffrey Kirsch and Robin Kirsch and the Medical School. It is intended to support the research efforts of a faculty member in the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Liangyou Rui received his Ph.D. degree in physiology in 1998 at the University of Michigan. He completed a fellowship in physiology here and a fellowship in glucose metabolism and Type 2 diabetes at Harvard University, Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Dr. Rui was appointed as a research investigator and instructor in physiology at Shanghai Medical University in 1990 and as an assistant professor in molecular and integrative physiology at the University of Michigan in 2002. He rose through the ranks to professor in 2013, with an additional appointment in internal medicine.

Dr. Rui is recognized as a leader in the fields of obesity and diabetes. He has combined his skills as an incredibly capable and creative whole animal and cellular physiologist to make outstanding contributions. Dr. Rui demonstrated for the first time that deletion of Sh2B1 causes spontaneous obesity, Type 2 diabetes, and fatty liver disease. His work on liver metabolism has caused a paradigm shift in our understanding of Type 2 diabetes. Dr. Rui’s research has been well-funded through the NIH, the American Diabetes Association, and institutionally. He has published 107 peer-reviewed articles and holds three patents.
Dr. Rui has received numerous awards for his research, including the Diabetes and Obesity Biologics Science Forum Award from Novo Nordisk and the Distinguished Reviewer Award from the American Diabetes Association. In 2020, Dr. Rui’s achievements were recognized with a Scientific Achievement Award from the Chinese American Diabetes Association (CADA), underscoring the impact of Dr. Rui’s research in the scientific community. He is a standing member of the Hepatobiliary Pathophysiology Study Section for the NIH and has served on the editorial board for the *Journal of Biological Chemistry* and *Endocrinology*.

Dr. Rui continues to be an exceptional researcher who has found novel ways to treat diabetes. His appointment to this prestigious professorship will honor the academic achievements of Dr. D’Alecy. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the reappointment of Liangyou Rui, Ph.D. as the Louis G. D’Alecy Collegiate Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

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

Recommendation endorsed by: Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Randy J. Seeley, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Henry King Ransom Professor of Surgery, Professor of Surgery, with tenure, Professor of Internal Medicine, without tenure, Medical School, and Professor of Nutritional Sciences, without tenure, School of Public Health

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Henry King Ransom Professor of Surgery, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

On the recommendation of Justin B. Dimick, M.D., MPH., the Frederick A. Coller 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 reappointment of Randy J. Seeley, Ph.D. as the Henry King Ransom Professor of Surgery, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Henry King Ransom Professorship in Surgery was established in 1979 to recognize the achievements of Dr. Ransom, who served on the Medical School faculty from 1929-1968. This professorship serves as a memorial to Dr. Ransom, and now recognizes a tenured member of the Department of Surgery with an outstanding record of accomplishment as a teacher and surgeon. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Dr. Seeley joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2014 as a professor of surgery and internal medicine. His research focuses on the actions of various peripheral hormones in the central nervous system that serve to regulate food intake, body weight, and the levels of circulating fuels. Dr. Seeley has received numerous awards for his research, including the Outstanding Scientific Achievement Award from the American Diabetes Association in 2009 and he was appointed to the Medical School League of Research Excellence in 2014.

Dr. Seeley serves as the director/PI of the NIH-funded Michigan Nutrition Obesity Research Center. He led this grant to a successful renewal in 2020 and is preparing the next competitive renewal to be submitted this fall. During the last five years, the number of updated publications has reached fifty-two peer-reviewed publications. This brings Dr. Seeley to 395 peer-reviewed publications with more than 42,000 citations and a Scopus h-index of 101. Also, within the five-year period, he gave thirty-six invited academic lectures. Dr. Seeley serves as the PI of a program project grant, a center grant and multiple R01’s. He serves as the co-PI of a training grant in the Department of Surgery and has funding from numerous industrial partners including research agreements with Eli Lilly, Astra Zeneca, Amgen, Fractyl, Bullfrog Al and Glycsend. Dr. Seeley
has been widely cited in the press for his expertise on pharmacological and surgical treatments for obesity. These include quotes from him in multiple *NY Times* articles, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Oprah magazine* and *Stat News*. Over the past period of this professorship, Dr. Seeley led an effort to get an NIH supplement to our Michigan Nutrition Obesity Research Center to support URM post-doctoral scholars and junior faculty with pilot and feasibility funds. Since then, MNORC has established a separate pilot and feasibility mechanism to continue supporting such individuals to help diversify the faculty at UM working on these critical issues which are subject to large health disparities.

Dr. Seeley has been extraordinarily effective at not only attracting funds from the NIH but multiple collaborations with industry partners. Dr. Seeley will continue to use the discretionary funds from this professorship to build unique research models that attract such industry partners. In particular, he will continue to focus on the mechanisms of action of both bariatric surgery and several different classes of pharmacological interventions for obesity. These funds make it possible to invest in these unique research models and technology that make rapid progress possible. The landscape for obesity therapy has changed dramatically over the past three years and Dr. Seeley is in a unique position to help both large pharma and small biotech companies bring innovation to this space.

Dr. Seeley’s success it in large part due to the flexibility in research that this prestigious professorship affords. Through that research, he is moving forward with important science that will impact patients now and in the future. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the reappointment of Randy J. Seeley, Ph.D. as the Henry King Ransom Professor of Surgery, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

**Recommended by:**

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

F. DeBois Bowman, Ph.D.  
Dean, School of Public Health

**Recommendation endorsed by:**

Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President  
for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: James A. Shayman, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Agnes C. and Frank D. McKay Professor, Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, and Professor of Pharmacology, without tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Agnes C. and Frank D. McKay Professor, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

On the recommendation of Timothy S. Blackwell, M.D., the John G. Searle Professor and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of James A. Shayman, M.D. as the Agnes C. and Frank D. McKay Professor, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Agnes C. and Frank D. McKay Professorship was established in May 2015 through funds from the Agnes C. and Frank D. McKay Medical Research Foundation Endowment. Mr. McKay rose from a foundry worker to become a major influence in politics and finance. He served three times as a state treasurer and was a friend of the late Albert C. Kerlikowski who was the director of University Hospital during the mid-1940s through the mid-1960s. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Dr. Shayman joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1986 as an assistant professor of internal medicine. He rose through the ranks to professor in 1997 and was jointly appointed as a professor of pharmacology in 1997. He has an international reputation for his research, which focuses on lysosomal storage disorders, in particular Gaucher disease type 1 and Fabry Disease. Dr. Shayman and his group have focused their efforts on the development of glycolipid synthesis inhibitors firmly establishing the principle of substrate reduction therapy. This work resulted in the identification of eliglustat tartrate, which was approved as the first stand-alone substrate reduction therapy for Gaucher disease type 1 and in world-wide use. This effort produced eliglustat tartrate (Cerdelga), the inaugural oral monotherapy approved by the FDA and EMA for Gaucher disease type 1, and recent advances in his work aim to design drugs that can treat central nervous system manifestations of related diseases. Additionally, he has identified and characterized a novel enzyme, group XV phospholipase A2, exploring its role in pulmonary surfactant catabolism, autoimmunity, and drug-induced disorders.
Dr. Shayman continues to be extremely productive in his research, with 160 peer-reviewed publications to his credit. He is on the editorial board for the *World Journal of Nephrology*, and the associate editor of the *Journal of the American Society of Nephrology*. Dr. Shayman is a reviewer for 18 journals, is a member of the editorial board for the *World Journal of Nephrology*, and the *Journal of Lipid Research*, and serves on the grants advisory panel for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. He is also a member of the American Society of Nephrology Innovation and Discovery Task Force and the Neptune Scientific Advisory Board, among many others.

Dr. Shayman’s research continues to progress significantly and has led to investigation of the mechanisms underlying the vasculopathy of Fabry disease. This professorship has enabled and advanced this important research. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the reappointment of James A. Shayman, M.D. as the Agnes C. and Frank D. McKay Professor, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Alan V. Smrcka, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Benedict R. Lucchesi Collegiate Professor of Cardiovascular Pharmacology, Professor of Pharmacology, with tenure, Medical School, and Professor of Biophysics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Benedict R. Lucchesi Collegiate Professor of Cardiovascular Pharmacology, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

On the recommendation of Lori L. Isom, Ph.D., the Maurice H. Seevers Professor and chair of the Department of Pharmacology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Alan V. Smrcka, Ph.D. as the Benedict R. Lucchesi Collegiate Professor of Cardiovascular Pharmacology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Benedict R. Lucchesi Collegiate Professorship in Cardiovascular Pharmacology was established in May 2019 through a generous gift from Dr. Paul Hoff, Pharmacology faculty and staff, former students and funds from the Medical School. It is intended to support the research of a tenured faculty member in the Department of Pharmacology whose research efforts focus on cardiovascular pharmacology. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Alan V. Smrcka received his Ph.D. degree in biochemistry in 1990 from the University of Arizona. He completed a fellowship in pharmacology at the University of Texas, Southwestern in 1994. Dr. Smrcka was appointed as an assistant professor of pharmacology in 1994 and was jointly appointed in oncology in 1996 at the University of Rochester. He was promoted to an associate professor in 2000, and to professor in pharmacology, physiology, biochemistry and biophysics in 2007. In 2011, he was appointed as the Louis C. Lasagna Professor of Experimental Therapeutics. Dr. Smrcka joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2016 as a professor of pharmacology.

Dr. Smrcka’s research focuses on G protein coupled receptors, a large family of cell surface receptors responsible for triggering cellular responses to a variety of extracellular stimuli, including drugs such as opiates, and hormones such as adrenaline, serotonin or acetylcholine. His major focus has been on elucidating novel signaling pathways and therapeutic targets downstream of GPCRs in cardiac biology. Dr. Smrcka has identified novel signaling pathways involved in cardiac contractility and hypertrophy and new pharmacological agents with demonstrated efficacy.
in mouse models of heart failure, inflammation, and opioid analgesia. He has published 136 peer-reviewed articles to his credit and has been continuously funded by the NIH.

Dr. Smrcka’s research closely aligns with the intent of this professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the reappointment of Alan V. Smrcka, Ph.D. as the Benedict R. Lucchesi Collegiate Professor of Cardiovascular Pharmacology, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

Recommended by:  

Lauri e K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

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

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

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Collegiate Research Professorship

NAME: Gabor Toth

CURRENT TITLES: Bram van Leer Collegiate Research Professor, Office of the Vice President for Research, and Research Professor, Department of Climate and Space Sciences and Engineering, College of Engineering

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Bram van Leer Collegiate Research Professor, Office of the Vice President for Research

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Gabor Toth as the Bram van Leer Collegiate Research Professor, Office of the Vice President for Research, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Bram van Leer Collegiate Research Professorship was established in May 2019 to recognize exceptional scholarly achievement and impact on advancing knowledge in science, engineering, health, education, the arts and humanities, or other academic fields of study. Professor Toth was first appointed to this professorship in 2019. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Over the course of his career, Professor Toth’s research has focused on algorithm and code development for space and plasma physics simulations. His productivity is quite impressive, as he has authored or co-authored more than 200 scholarly papers in refereed journals.

Professor Toth played a leading role in the development of Space Weather Modeling Framework, which can couple and execute about a dozen different space physics modeling domains from the surface of the Sun to the upper atmosphere of the Earth. He also served as the software architect at the Center for Radiative Shock Hydrodynamics, which aims to advance predictive science in the important area of radiation hydrodynamics.
Professor Toth’s exceptional scholarly achievements, the impact of his research and his commitment to inspiring new generations of researchers make him an outstanding candidate for this renewal recognition. I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Gabor Toth as the Bram van Leer Collegiate Research Professor, Office of the Vice President for Research, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Arthur Lupia
Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation

July 2024
On the recommendation of Charles A. Parkos, M.D., Ph.D., the Carl V. 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 reappointment of Riccardo Valdez, M.D. as the John G. Batsakis Professor, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Aldred Scott Warthin Professorship was established in April 1988 through departmental funds. It was renamed in June 2019 as the John G. Batsakis Professorship. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Riccardo Valdez received his B.S. degree in microbiology from the University of Arizona. He completed his M.D. degree in 1995 at the University of Michigan. Dr. Valdez completed a residency in anatomic and clinical pathology, and fellowships in surgical pathology and hematopathology also at the University of Michigan. He was appointed as an assistant professor of pathology here in 2001. Dr. Valdez was appointed as an assistant professor at the Mayo Clinic in Arizona in 2006. He was an associate medical director and vice president at Miraca Life Sciences in Phoenix and was subsequently appointed as an associate professor of pathology at the University of Arizona in 2016. Dr. Valdez returned to the University of Michigan in 2018 as an associate professor of pathology and rose to the rank of professor in 2023.

Dr. Valdez is the director of Clinical Pathology and Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments director of the Michigan Medicine Pathology laboratories. He has had a profound impact on the laboratory services through innovative restructuring that integrates laboratory services using shared technologies and platforms. Dr. Valdez is a talented hematopathologist and provides expert diagnostic services. His expertise is highly regarded, and he is often called upon to provide consultations on difficult cases from around the world. Dr. Valdez has participated in translating discoveries relevant to the molecular underpinnings of neoplastic and non-neoplastic diseases, serving as a co-investigator for a Mayo-funded project that applied comprehensive whole gene sequencing to classical HLA genes vital to the success of transplantation of whole organs as well as stem cells. Another notable highlight is Dr. Valdez’s
significant achievements in research on COVID immunity during the past several years of this professorship, which he was involved in the design and execution of a large cohort study to investigate the patterns of immunity associated with SARS-CoV-2 (IASO). He has published 40 peer-reviewed publications and has served on numerous committees institutionally and nationally.

Dr. Valdez is an outstanding clinician, educator and leader. He continues to be a strong team scientist and an excellent candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am very pleased, therefore, to recommend the reappointment of Riccardo Valdez, M.D. as the John G. Batsakis Professor, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

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

Recommendation endorsed by: Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Francis P. Worden, M.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Nancy Wigginton Oncology Research Professor of Thyroid Cancer, and Clinical Professor, Department of Internal Medicine, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Nancy Wigginton Oncology Research Professor of Thyroid Cancer, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

On the recommendation of Timothy S. Blackwell, M.D., the John G. Searle Professor and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Francis P. Worden, M.D. as the Nancy Wigginton Oncology Research Professor of Thyroid Cancer, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Nancy Wigginton Oncology Research Professorship in Thyroid Cancer was established July 2019 through a generous gift from James Wigginton to honor his wife, Nancy Wigginton. It is intended to support the research and clinical efforts of a faculty member in the area of thyroid cancer in the Department of Internal Medicine. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Francis P. Worden received his M.D. degree from Indiana University in 1993. He completed an internship and residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at Wayne State University. Dr. Worden completed a fellowship in hematology/medical oncology at the University of Michigan and was subsequently appointed as a lecturer in 2000. He was appointed as a clinical assistant professor in 2002 and rose through the ranks to clinical professor in 2014.

Dr. Worden’s research expertise is in the area of adrenal, thyroid and head and neck cancers. He has been continuously funded for his research through industry and the NIH. Dr. Worden has published 170 peer-reviewed articles, ten books, and has been invited to present on more than 90 occasions regionally, nationally and internationally. Dr. Worden has strong service and was a member of the board for the Journal of Clinical Oncology, a task force for the National Cancer Institute and Cancer.Net. He has received numerous awards for his research, including the Presidential Citation Award from the American Head and Neck Society.
Dr. Worden is a leader and expert in the area of adrenal, thyroid and head and neck cancers which aligns him perfectly with the intent of this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the reappointment of Francis P. Worden, M.D. as the Nancy Wigginton Oncology Research Professor of Thyroid Cancer, Medical School, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

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

Recommendation endorsed by: Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments
or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected
academic and administrative staff
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member and Transfer of Tenure

NAME: Rhima M. Coleman, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering, without tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2024

On the recommendation of the chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend a transfer of tenure and additional appointment for Rhima M. Coleman, Ph.D. from associate professor of biomedical engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School, and associate professor of mechanical engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, to associate professor of orthopaedic surgery, with tenure, Medical School, and associate professor of biomedical engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School, effective August 1, 2024.

Rhima M. Coleman received her B.S. from the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, in 1999, her M.S. from Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA in 2003, and her Ph.D. from the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA in 2007. Professor Coleman was appointed as an assistant professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering, at the University of Michigan in 2012, and additionally appointed in the Department of Mechanical Engineering in 2015. In 2020, she was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in the Department of Biomedical Engineering, and to associate professor, without tenure, in the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Dr. Coleman instructs learners both through didactic teaching as well as director mentorship. She has taught in several longitudinal courses at the University of Michigan including Tissue Engineering, Introduction to Biosolid Mechanics, and Modeling in Biosolid Mechanics. She has mentored post-doctoral, Ph.D. students, and master’s students. She serves or has served on many thesis committees.

Dr. Coleman’s research integrates engineering methodologies with cell and molecular biology principles. She is exploring synthetic genetic reprogramming systems for the creation of gene circuits to enhance cartilage tissue regeneration. In collaboration with the clinical orthopaedic surgery faculty, she has investigated the relationship between the biological and mechanical aspects of knee function and kinematics. She is currently supported by grants from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation (NSF). She has published 25 peer reviewed manuscripts in specialty journals such as the Journal of Biomechanical Engineering, Nanoscale, and the Journal of Functional Biomater. She has been invited to present her work nationally and internationally, including a keynote
address at the World Congress of Biomechanics, Taipei, Taiwan, in 2022. Her research has been recognized by “editor’s choice article awards” in the specialty journals, *Journal of Biomechanical Engineering* and *Journal of Fundamental Biomaterials*, in 2020 and 2023. Institutionally she was awarded the Elizabeth Caroline Crosby grant twice (2017, 2022) and an endowment basic sciences accelerator award in 2021.

Dr. Coleman has an excellent service record. Nationally, she has served on multiple grant review panels including the National Science Foundation, Department of Defense, and the National Institutes of Health. She has provided society and journal-review services for national engineering and orthopaedic societies and journals, respectively. She is currently an associate editor for *The Journal of Cartilage and Joint Preservation* and is an ad hoc peer reviewer for numerous journals. Institutionally, Dr. Coleman currently serves on the Dean’s Advisory Committee on Female Faculty, the Institutional Conflict of Interest Management Committee, and the Biomedical Sciences Initiative (BSI) Operating Committee. For the Department of Biomedical Engineering, Dr. Coleman has participated in the Faculty Search Committee, chairing the master’s program in Biomedical Engineering, and served on the Executive Committee and Graduation Education Committee.

Dr. Coleman is an esteemed musculoskeletal investigator with an exceptional record of scientific investigation and funding and even greater potential. The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery will benefit greatly from her contributions to innovative regenerative concepts and the spirit of collaboration, inclusion, and bridge-building as a member of their faculty. We are very pleased to recommend a transfer of tenure and additional appointment for Rhima M. Coleman, Ph.D. from associate professor of biomedical engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School, and associate professor of mechanical engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, to associate professor of orthopaedic surgery, with tenure, Medical School, and associate professor of biomedical engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School, effective August 1, 2024.

Recommended by:  

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

Recommendation endorsed by:  

Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Steven L. Ceccio, Ph.D.  
Interim Dean  
Vincent T. and Gloria M. Gorguze Professor of Engineering  
College of Engineering

July 2024
We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Roger Cone as the Tadataka Yamada Distinguished University Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, effective September 1, 2024.

The first Distinguished University Professorships were created in 1947 by the Board of Regents to recognize members of the faculty for exceptional achievement and reputation in their appointive fields of scholarly interest and for their superior teaching skills. Each professorship is named in honor of an eminent individual—preferably one associated with the university—in the scholar’s same general field of interest. An appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship continues to be one of the most prestigious honors conferred by the university upon a member of its faculty.
Roger Cone earned his B.A. (1980) in biochemistry from Princeton University, followed by his Ph.D. (1985) in biology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He held positions at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, the New England Medical Center, Oregon Health Sciences University, and the Vollum Institute before joining the faculty at Vanderbilt University in 2008 as a professor and chair of molecular physiology and biophysics. In 2016, he joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as the Mary Sue Coleman Director of the Life Sciences Institute (LSI), professor of molecular integrative physiology, and professor of molecular, cellular, and developmental biology. In 2017, he was appointed as the vice provost and director of the Biosciences Initiative (BSI).

Professor Cone is an international leader in the field of obesity and metabolic disease research. His work has shed light on the brain’s role in obesity, uncovering molecular agents involved in regulating energy balance. He and his collaborators have changed scientists’ understanding of the biology of appetite and weight regulation and directly informed the development of drugs targeting severe obesity. Professor Cone has secured 20 U.S. patents, has more than 200 publications in leading scientific journals, and has been supported throughout his career from the NIH, foundations, and pharmaceutical companies. As the director of the LSI and BSI at UM, he has been an outstanding leader for a large group of independent scientists who are addressing a broad array of challenges in biomedical research and stimulating widespread and effective cross-institutional collaborations on issues as diverse as natural product drug discovery to global change biology, infectious disease threats, brain cancer bio-innovations, and beyond.

Professor Cone is recognized by prestigious organizations across the world. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Medicine and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He was awarded the Berthold Memorial Award from the German Endocrine Society, the Ipsen Prize in Endocrinology, the Berson Award Lecture from the American Physiological Society, the Donald F. Steiner Award from the University of Chicago, and the International Medal of the British Endocrine Society. Most recently, Professor Cone was awarded the 2022 Rolf Luft Prize from the Karolinska Institutet, given at the Nobel Forum for outstanding research in diabetes, endocrinology, and metabolism.

Professor Cone’s expertise is sought by governmental, foundation, and pharmaceutical entities. He served on the Board of Scientific Counselors for the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (2006-11) and the board of the Hilda and Preston Davis Foundation (2009-14). He sat on many scientific review boards, including the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (since 2019) and the National Academy of Sciences Board on Life Sciences (2013-2019), and has been a member of the Scientific Advisory Board for the Keystone Symposia since 2016. Professor Cone serves on the editorial board of Cell Metabolism (since 2004) and as an ad hoc reviewer for top-tier journals, such as Science, Nature, and Cell. At UM, he served on the Provost’s Promotion and Tenure Committee for five years. Most recently, Professor Cone co-chaired the internal committee tasked with investigating trends and informing future strategies around UM’s research and creative practice enterprise.

Professor Cone’s dedication to cultivating the next generation can be seen throughout his career. He served as the faculty head of house on the Vanderbilt Freshman Commons, where he lived among freshman students and was recognized as Faculty Partner of the Year by the Vanderbilt
Department of Housing and Residential Education. At UM, he has championed integrating students into the LSI. He launched Michigan Life Sciences Fellows to attract top-quality post-doctoral research fellows and the Michigan Aspirnaut Summer Research Internship Program, a high-school summer research program at the LSI for students from under-resourced communities. Professor Cone has mentored 21 doctoral trainees and 38 postdocs, who now flourish in scientific and leadership positions around the world. He is a dedicated mentor for those pursuing academic or non-academic positions, encouraging students to pursue internships and familiarize themselves with the business side of science.

As he assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Cone wishes to be named the Tadataka Yamada Distinguished University Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology.

Dr. Tadataka Yamada’s (1945-2021) basic research discoveries early in his career characterized the post-translational processing and biological activation of peptide hormones, and the structure and function of receptors for hormones. After friendly competition between Dr. Yamada and Professor Cone on the cloning and characterization of the melanocortin receptors, the physiological function of these receptors became the focus of Professor Cone’s scientific career. Dr. Yamada served as a member of an external advisory panel assembled by Professor Cone to assist with the presidential Biosciences Initiative. After serving as GI division chief and chair of Medicine at UM, Dr. Yamada served in many scientific leadership roles, including chair of Research and Development at GlaxoSmithKline, president of the Global Health Program at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and executive vice president of Takeda Pharmaceuticals.

The appointment of Roger Cone as the Tadataka Yamada Distinguished University Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, effective September 1, 2024, recognizes his extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, his commitment to excellence in education for his students, and his extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY: RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Michael J. Solomon  Laurie K. McCauley
Dean, Horace H. Rackham Graduate School, Provost and Executive Vice
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs  President for Academic Affairs
and Chair, Advisory Committee on
Distinguished University Professorships

July 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship

NAME: Deborah Dash Moore

CURRENT TITLES: Frederick G.L. Huetwell Professor, Professor of History, with tenure, and Professor of Judaic Studies, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Jonathan Freedman Distinguished University Professor of History and Judaic Studies

TERM: Period of Active Service

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2024

We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Deborah Dash Moore as the Jonathan Freedman Distinguished University Professor of History and Judaic Studies, effective September 1, 2024.

The first Distinguished University Professorships were created in 1947 by the Board of Regents to recognize members of the faculty for exceptional achievement and reputation in their appointive fields of scholarly interest and for their superior teaching skills. Each professorship is named in honor of an eminent individual—preferably one associated with the university—in the scholar’s same general field of interest. An appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship continues to be one of the most prestigious honors conferred by the university upon a member of its faculty.

Deborah Dash Moore earned her B.A. (1967) in history from Brandeis University, followed by her M.A. (1968) and Ph.D. (1975) in history from Columbia University. She held positions at Montclair State College and the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research before joining the faculty in 1976 at Vassar College as an assistant professor of religion. At Vassar, she was the director of the Jewish Studies Program and the American Culture Program and was appointed as a professor of religion and the William R. Kenan, Jr. chair in 2005. She also served as the dean of the Max Weinreich Center for Advanced Jewish Studies at YIVO and held positions at Bard College, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and Florida International University before joining the University of Michigan in 2005 as the Frederick G.L. Huetwell Professor of History and Judaic Studies. She served as the director of the Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies from 2005-2015.
Professor Dash Moore is a world-renowned scholar of American Jewish history and Jewish women’s history. Her scholarship and leadership have shaped the field of urban studies and have had an impact in a breathtaking range of fields including history, sociology, American studies, religious studies, urban studies, and anthropology, along with photography and visual arts. Her scholarship broke new ground: she wrote about America when modern Jewish historical scholarship was chiefly concerned with Europe; about women when scholars were focusing primarily on men; and about immersion in Jewish identity when her peers were focused on assimilation. Focusing on second-generation immigrants to the United States in both New York City and the sunbelt, she pushed against narratives of arrival in America as the decline of a supposedly cohesive and united European Jewish culture and recognized the diversity and vibrancy of Jewish life in America. Integrating the study of gender into the study of Jewish life, she has probed how Jewish identity is shaped in domestic spaces and how military service in World War II redefined the Jewish identities of soldiers and reshaped, in turn, American conceptions of the Judeo-Christian tradition. Looking at Jewish street photographers, she uncovered how Jews conceptualized and transformed urban space in America through material objects and architecture. Her work opened the door for further explorations of religious practices, racial conflict, and Jewish political radicalism in the United States.

Professor Dash Moore’s scholarship has received numerous accolades across the academic and Jewish communities. She was awarded the 2012 Lee Max Friedman Medal in recognition of her service to the field of American Jewish history and the Jewish Cultural Achievement Award from the Foundation for Jewish Culture. She is also the recipient of two National Jewish Book Awards, a Fulbright Fellowship, a Pew Fellowship, and National Endowment for the Humanities fellowships. Her co-authored the multi-volume City of Promises: The History of the Jews in New York, received the Everett Family Foundation Award for Best Book in 2012. The journal American Jewish History dedicated a 2016 issue to the 35th anniversary of her first, field-defining book, At Home in America: Second Generation New York Jews. Her book GI Jews: How World War II Changed a Generation was made into a documentary film for PBS in 2018. Most recently, Dash Moore’s 2023 book, Walkers in the City: Jewish Street Photographers of Midcentury New York, received the prestigious National Jewish Book Award in the category of American Jewish Studies.

Professor Dash Moore has been a consummate editor, convener, and leader of innovative projects that have shaped the field of Jewish Studies. She serves on the boards of several prominent journals in her field, including Contemporary Jewry and American Jewish History. In 1982, she helped establish the Indiana University Press series “The Modern Jewish Experience,” and in 2004, she launched a new book series with Rutgers University Press on “Key Words in Jewish Studies.” Since 2016, Professor Dash Moore has served as an editor-in-chief of the Posen Library of Jewish Culture and Civilization that, when completed, will encompass ten volumes of collected and translated primary source documents of Jewish civilization from biblical times to the present. At UM in 2007, Professor Dash Moore established the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies, a premier research institute that promotes collaborative thinking and cutting-edge scholarship.

Professor Dash Moore is a beloved and innovative teacher and mentor. When teaching, she uses a variety of sources—first-person accounts and documents, narrative and analytical histories, as
well as music, film, and photography—to engage multiple dimensions of the history of Jews as a minority group. In 2013, she received a Third Century Initiative grant for her course “The Liberating Lens: Jewish Photographers Picture the Modern World,” which introduces students to transmedia storytelling—telling a single story across multiple platforms to create synchronized content. Additional innovative offerings include experiential learning in “Jewish Foodways,” co-taught with a local chef, and “From Ghetto to Suburb,” an upper-level seminar that contrasts Jewish communities in famous European and American ghettos and cities, comparing the Jewish urban life to “ghettos” outside the Jewish sphere. She was awarded the Association for Jewish Studies Women’s Caucus Award for Mentorship in 2021.

As she assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Dash Moore wishes to be named the Jonathan Freedman Distinguished University Professor of History and Judaic Studies.

Jonathan Freedman expanded and transformed the purview of Jewish Studies through his innovative scholarship that theorized how Jewish writers and intellectuals transformed 20th century Anglo-American culture. He argued persuasively for a reimagined modern American culture produced by the interaction of key Jewish modalities epitomized in klezmer musical invention. When Professor Dash Moore came to Michigan in 2005, Freedman welcomed her and supported her desire to expand to Jewish studies into a field that encompassed scholars looking at the intersections of Jews with cultural areas writ large. Professor Dash Moore was about to begin a project examining Jewish photographers who took pictures of New York City: not a standard type of research project, in part because these Jewish photographers rarely took photographs of Jews. Freedman’s work on writers and intellectuals theorized how these women and men figured as Jews in cultural terms and provided a kind of model for her.

The appointment of Deborah Dash Moore as the Jonathan Freedman Distinguished University Professor of History and Judaic Studies, effective September 1, 2024, recognizes her extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, her commitment to excellence in education for her students, and her extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Michael J. Solomon
Dean, Horace H. Rackham Graduate School, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Chair, Advisory Committee on Distinguished University Professorships

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
The University of Michigan
Regents Communication

Action Request: Additional Appointment to a Legacy Professorship

Name: Robert Dickson, M.D.

Current Titles: Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, without tenure, Medical School

Additional Title: Galen B. Toews, M.D. Legacy Professor of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, Medical School

Effective Dates: July 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028

On the recommendation of Timothy S. Blackwell, M.D., the John G. Searle Professor and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Robert Dickson, M.D. as the Galen B. Toews, M.D. Legacy Professor of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

The Galen B. Toews, M.D. Legacy Professorship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine was established in March 2024 through gifts from friends and colleagues of Dr. Toews. It is intended to support the research efforts of a faculty member within the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Robert Dickson received his M.D. from the Duke University School of Medicine in 2007 where he developed an interest in respiratory disease and critical illness. After residency training at the University of Washington, he served as the chief medical resident at Harborview Medical Center. He then pursued fellowship training in pulmonary and critical care medicine at the University of Michigan and joined the faculty as an assistant professor in 2015 and was promoted to associate professor in 2020. During his fellowship, Dr. Dickson trained with Professor Huffnagle and made significant contributions to the study of the lung microbiome, challenging the longstanding belief that lungs are sterile in health.

Dr. Dickson’s research established the lung microbiome as an important factor in respiratory health and disease, earning recognition by the NIH. Dr. Dickson’s research on the microbiome in critical illness identified it as “the forgotten organ” and a potential therapeutic target, leading to high-impact publications and an NIH-funded award. At the University of Michigan, he serves as the associate division chief for research, deputy director of the Weil Institute, and medical director of the Washtenaw County Tuberculosis Clinic, where he identified a tuberculosis outbreak leading to congressional action. Nationally and internationally, he contributes to guideline committees.
and editorial boards. A dedicated mentor and teacher, Dr. Dickson directs post-doctoral programs and mentor’s students, receiving accolades for his efforts.

Dr. Dickson embodies the core values of Michigan Medicine, including care, innovation, inclusion, integrity, and teamwork. He serves as a dedicated mentor to aspiring physicians and physician scientists, earning multiple awards and recognition for his mentorship and teaching. Under his guidance, his mentees have achieved NIH funding and research independence. Additionally, he frequently presents on research mentorship at international venues. Dr. Dickson’s dedication to promoting diversity, respect, and inclusivity is evident in his efforts to foster a safe and inclusive work environment for all members of the Michigan Medicine community. Since 2015, he has made significant contributions to both Michigan Medicine and the University of Michigan as a valued faculty member.

Dr. Dickson is a worthy recipient of this professorship, and outstanding, highly productive faculty member. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Robert P. Dickson, M.D. as the Galen B. Toews, M.D. Legacy Professor of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

Recommended by: Recommendation endorsed by:

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

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Unendowed Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Ivaylo D. Dinov

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Nursing, with tenure, School of Nursing, and Professor of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics, without tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Henry P. Tappan Collegiate Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029

With the endorsement of the Executive Committee of the School of Nursing, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Ivaylo D. Dinov as the Henry P. Tappan Collegiate Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

This professorship was established in the Provost office and was named the Henry P. Tappan Collegiate Professorship in Nursing in May 2024. In 1850, the State of Michigan adopted a new state constitution that created the Office of the President of the University of Michigan and directed the newly elected Board of Regents to select Henry P. Tappan as its first president from 1852-1863. A stipend funded from the School of Nursing resources accompanies this professorship. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Ivaylo Dinov received his Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and computer science from the University of Sofia in Bulgaria in 1991. He received his Master of Science degree in mathematics from the Michigan Technological University in 1993. He received both a Master of Science in statistics and a Doctor of Philosophy in mathematics from Florida State University in 1998. He was appointed as an associate professor, with tenure, in the School of Nursing in 2013. He was appointed as an associate professor, without tenure, in the Department of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics in the Medical School in 2016. He was promoted in both units to professor in 2017. He has held the title of department chair in the Department of Systems, Populations and Leadership in the School of Nursing since 2023.

Professor Dinov is an expert in mathematical modeling, statistical analysis, computational processing, and scientific visualization of large datasets (Big Data). His applied research is focused on neuroscience, nursing informatics, multimodal biomedical image analysis, distributed
biomedical computing, and genomics computing. He also studies the intricate relations between
genetic traits, clinical phenotypes, and subject demographics in a variety of brain and heart-
related disorders. Professor Dinov is developing, validating, and disseminating novel
technology-enhanced pedagogical approaches for science education and active learning.

Professor Dinov is having a broad and positive impact on the School of Nursing and his work on
the MIDAS Data Science Certificate Program has been a positive benefit to students and trainees
in the bioinformatics graduate program and in several related educational and training venues.
He has taught many core and multidisciplinary classes in statistics, mathematics, neuroscience
and psychology and he is developing active learning materials, web-based computational
resources, dynamic databases, blended learning materials and electronic instructional resources.
The foci of his ongoing educational research are on increasing learners’ motivation, enhancing
the learning experiences and improving knowledge retention. As the director of the Statistics
Online Computational Resource (SOCR), Professor Dinov designs, implements and validates
novel virtual experiments, and web apps for probability, statistics and informatics education, and
introduces new multilingual science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)
resources.

Professor Dinov is an outstanding citizen in his field and has made impressive contributions to
this institution and the broader scientific community. We are very pleased to recommend the
appointment of Ivaylo D. Dinov as the Henry P. Tappan Collegiate Professor of Nursing,
School of Nursing, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2024 through
August 31, 2029.

RECOMMENDED BY:
Pati D. Hur
Dean and Professor
School of Nursing

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:
Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice
President for Academic Affairs

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

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: David Dunning

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Psychology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Mary Ann and Charles R. Walgreen, Jr. Professor of the Study of Human Understanding, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: August 26, 2024 through August 31, 2029

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Psychology and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of David Dunning as the Mary Ann and Charles R. Walgreen, Jr. Professor of the Study of Human Understanding, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Mary Ann and Charles R. Walgreen, Jr. Professorship for the Study of Human Understanding was established in 1968 as a result of a generous gift from Charles R. Walgreen, Jr. A second professorship incumbent was established in December 2023. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

David Dunning earned his B.A. from Michigan State University in 1982 and his Ph.D. from Stanford University in 1986. Professor Dunning began his career at Cornell University as an assistant professor in 1986, was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 1992, and to professor in 1999. He joined our faculty as a professor in 2015.

Professor Dunning is a world-renowned social psychologist whose research is known primarily for its contributions to clarifying mysteries of basic psychological processes underlying judgment and decision-making. His work has offered significant implications in applied domains including education, public policy, law, and business. His most acclaimed and groundbreaking contribution to the psychological literature is what has become known as the “Dunning–Kruger Effect,” a cognitive bias in which people with limited competence in a particular domain overestimate their abilities. His TED-Ed lesson on the effect has had over ten million views. Professor Dunning’s substantial impact on the scientific community is reflected by his Google citation count of more than 37,000 and an H-index of 74. He has been recognized with multiple awards, including the 2016 Distinguished Lifetime Career Award from the Society for Self and Identity, the 2020 UM Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award, and the 2023 Scientific Impact award from the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. Even more
impressively, he (with Justin Kruger) received the 2023 Grawemeyer Award, one of the most distinguished awards in the field of psychology.

Professor Dunning is a highly sought after teacher and mentor. He has taught psychology and law and the graduate course Advanced Social Psychology. He regularly co-authors scholarly publications with students, has supervised seventeen dissertations, and has a strong record of placing graduate students on the faculty at top universities. Professor Dunning’s mentoring was recognized with the Society for Personality and Social Psychology’s prestigious Ambady Award for Mentoring Excellence in 2023.

Professor Dunning has an impressive service record to the department, the university, and the field. He has served on the department’s executive committee, several search committees, and as the social area chair from 2019-2023. He was a convener for ADVANCE Launch committees and served on important committees for the Research Center for Group Dynamics and the Institute for Social Research. Professor Dunning has influenced the field as an associate editor for the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: Attitudes and Social Cognition and Behavioral Science and Policy*. He has also been on numerous editorial boards including the most prestigious journals in the field, including *Psychological Science, Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, Social Psychology and Personality Science*, and *Journal of Behavioral Decision Making*.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of David Dunning as the Mary Ann and Charles R. Walgreen, Jr. Professor of the Study of Human Understanding, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

**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:**

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
The University Diversity and Social Transformation Professorships recognize and reward faculty for outstanding contributions to excellence through their commitments to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). Based on his extraordinary contributions to DEI through his scholarship, teaching, and service, I am delighted to recommend that Ron Eglash be designated a University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor.

Professor Eglash has generated a distinguished career as a scholar at the intersection of design, decolonization, and technology. His book, *African Fractals: Modern Computing and Indigenous Design* (1999), has been highly influential and has had multiple printings. Through this work, Professor Eglash created a new portrait of African cultures – specifically, that they are not later than other cultures in incorporating STEM understandings, but rather that they are among the first to create a shared design theme of fractal geometry, thus opposing racist portraits and “primitive” stereotypes. This work challenges deficit-thinking discourses generated by forms of intellectual knowledge/power that situate western culture in a hierarchical relationship to other/diverse cultures, geographies, and contexts. One reviewer called it “one of the greatest books on African studies produced in this century” and the African arts journal, *Critical Interventions*, published a special issue devoted to the book. Apart from the academic sphere, Professor Eglash’s work has had a transformative national and international impact. Institutions of higher education from across the world have drawn upon his work to guide social justice-oriented practices. As an historian, Professor Eglash is also known for his DEI-related work, especially in the areas of anti-racist technoscience. His highest impact historical work has been his history of the use of the “master-slave” metaphor in the engineering field (“Broken Metaphor: The Master-Slave Analogy in Technical Literature”) which led professional industry groups to eliminate the use of the term “master-slave” in technical literature.

Professor Eglash has devoted much of his career to K-12 DEI-related outreach. With support from the National Science Foundation (NSF), his team developed a suite of award-winning web applets called “Culturally Situated Design Tools.” In controlled studies, use of these applets has
led to statistically significant improvement in STEM scores for African American, Latino/a, and Native American students, as well as students in Africa.

In the area of teaching, Professor Eglash’s network of undergraduates, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows and senior scholars has resulted in DEI-related impacts. He has been successful in recruiting Black and Latino/a students in STEM fields, and his doctoral students have engaged in significant diversity scholarship on important social justice issues. His classroom teaching is characterized by his leadership and sustained efforts around DEI, as he has created classes that seek to bridge the gap between complexity theory and social justice, and support community engagement efforts.

For his exceptional contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion through his research, teaching and service, I recommend Ron Eglash for a University Diversity and Social Transformation Professorship.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice
President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Eva L. Feldman, M.D., Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: James W. Albers Distinguished University Professor of Neurology, Russell N. DeJong Professor of Neurology, and Professor of Neurology, with tenure, Medical School

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

On the recommendation of Aditya Pandey, M.D., Julian T. Hoff Professor and chair of the Department of Neurosurgery, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Eva L. Feldman, M.D., Ph.D. as professor of neurosurgery, without tenure, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024.

Eva Feldman earned her Ph.D. in neuroscience in 1979, and her M.D. in 1983 both from the University of Michigan. She then completed an internship from 1983-1984 at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, MI, a neurology residency from 1984-1987 at Johns Hopkins Hospital, serving as the chief resident in her final year, and a neuromuscular disorders fellowship from 1987-1988 at the University of Michigan, where she was also appointed as an instructor. In 1988, she was appointed as assistant professor of neurology, was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 1994, and to professor in 2000. In 2022, she was appointed the James W. Albers Distinguished University Professor.

Dr. Feldman is a physician-scientist with expertise in neurodegenerative diseases. She is the director of the NeuroNetwork for Emerging Therapies and the director of the ALS Center of Excellence at Michigan Medicine. She has international standing having received multiple awards and having served as the president of the American Neurological Association and the Peripheral Nerve Society. She is a member of the National Academy of Medicine and the American Academy of Physicians and is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). She has had continuous funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for more than three decades, including multiple active R01 grants and other federal funding. She has mentored numerous trainees and early career faculty.
With this additional appointment, Dr. Feldman will continue her collaborations with neurosurgery faculty members and trainees in research and clinical care. The additional appointment will allow her to fully participate in departmental activities. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the additional appointment of Eva L. Feldman, M.D., Ph.D. as professor of neurosurgery, without tenure, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024.

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

Recommendation endorsed by: Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Jeffrey A. Fessler as the William L. Root Distinguished University Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, effective September 1, 2024.

The first Distinguished University Professorships were created in 1947 by the Board of Regents to recognize members of the faculty for exceptional achievement and reputation in their appointive fields of scholarly interest and for their superior teaching skills. Each professorship is named in honor of an eminent individual—preferably one associated with the university—in the scholar’s same general field of interest. An appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship continues to be one of the most prestigious honors conferred by the university upon a member of its faculty.

Jeffrey Fessler earned his B.S. (1985) with highest distinction in electrical engineering from Purdue University, followed by his M.S. (1986) in electrical engineering and M.S. (1989) in statistics, and his Ph.D. (1990) in electrical engineering, all from Stanford University. He began his career at the University of Michigan as a post-doctoral fellow in the Division of Nuclear Medicine in 1990. In 1993, he became an assistant professor and an assistant research scientist in the Division of Nuclear Medicine, as well as an assistant professor of biomedical engineering. In 1995, he became an
assistant professor of electrical engineering and computer science. In 1998, he was promoted to associate professor of electrical engineering and computer science, biomedical engineering, and radiology. In 2004, he was promoted to professor of electrical engineering and computer science, biomedical engineering, and radiology. In 2016, he was appointed as the William L. Root Collegiate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

Professor Fessler’s work in the field of image reconstruction for medical imaging impacts millions of patients each year. His research lies hidden in medical devices: the complex mathematics and algorithms that convert data gathered by medical imaging machines into the visual records that physicians, clinicians, and researchers can use and interpret. Over the course of his career, he has improved the accuracy of cardiac stress tests, reduced the “noise” in images from PET scanners to MRI machines, and developed several accelerated statistical image reconstruction algorithms for CT imaging that allowed a reduced radiation dose for patients without sacrificing the quality of the image. His work has informed technological improvements in the medical imaging industry and inspired the wider imaging community. GE, Philips and other manufacturers regularly incorporate his algorithms into their imaging machines; his code repository, the Michigan Image Reconstruction Toolbox, has been downloaded thousands of times by researchers in medical imaging. Intent on sharing his learning with the community, Professor Fessler has also contributed by co-authoring a new textbook, Linear Algebra for Data Science, Machine Learning, and Signal Processing, published by Cambridge University Press.

Professor Fessler has been recognized for his contribution across research communities in engineering, medicine, and biology. Perhaps the most prestigious of Professor Fessler’s external awards is the 2013 Edward J. Hoffman Medical Imaging Scientist Award from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), awarded at the annual IEEE Medical Imaging Conference. Professor Fessler also received the 2016 IEEE EMBS (Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society) Technical Achievement Award — “for outstanding achievements in some area of biomedical engineering.” At UM, Professor Fessler received the College of Engineering’s highest faculty honor, the Stephen S. Attwood Award. He has been invited to give scores of external seminars across the U.S. and Europe and holds 13 patents.

Professor Fessler has served as associate editor of several top-tier imaging journals, including *SIAM (Society for Industrial Applied Mathematics) Journal on Imaging Sciences*, *IEEE Transactions Medical Imaging*, *IEEE Transactions on Computational Imaging*, and others. He has also served as the chair of a major medical imaging conference — the IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI). At UM, Professor Fessler has enthusiastically taken on service at the highest levels, including serving as the associate chair of electrical engineering and computer science from 1996-1998 and the signal processing area chair from 2013-2016. He has chaired the Advisory Search Committee for the Dean of Engineering, a role where being both proactive and diplomatic are key. He has served as an elected member of the Rackham Executive Board and the College of Engineering executive committee and chaired the Engineering Curriculum Committee. At the university level, he has served on the Provost’s Faculty Advisory Committee and as a member of the Office of the Vice President of Research faculty advisory group on research data.

Alongside his groundbreaking research and dedicated service, Professor Fessler’s teaching and mentoring marks him as a consummate collaborative scientist. He has served as mentor or co-mentor to 70 completed Ph.D. students and numerous post-doctoral researchers, M.S., and undergraduate trainees, and as a member or convener of more than half a dozen “launch” committees for incoming faculty. Notably, his lab has always made space for a significant number of female students, which
was particularly unusual early in his career. He has taught 12 courses at UM, ranging from a freshman introductory engineering course to advanced graduate topics courses and all levels in between. He has thrice been recognized as the student-selected Eta Kappa Nu Electrical and Computer Engineering Professor of the Year award for his teaching (2000, 2016, 2022). He also received the College of Engineering Education Excellence Award in 2005, a Rackham Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award in 2012, and a Henry Russel Award in 2000.

As he assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Fessler wishes to be named the William L. Root Distinguished University Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

William L. Root (1919-2007) was a pioneer in statistical communication and information theory who transformed the landscape of the discipline, including establishing a sound mathematical basis with his 1985 textbook. Many of his classroom students at the University of Michigan volunteered that he was the “best teacher they ever had.” He was the 1986 Shannon Lecturer, the highest honor of the IEEE Information Theory Society, for “consistent and profound contributions to information theory.”

The appointment of Jeffrey A. Fessler as the William L. Root Distinguished University Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, effective September 1, 2024, recognizes his extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, his commitment to excellence in education for his students, and his extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:  
Michael J. Solomon  
Dean, Horace H. Rackham Graduate School,  
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs  
and Chair, Advisory Committee on  
Distinguished University Professorships

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:  
Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Sergey Fomin as the Richard P. Stanley Distinguished University Professor of Mathematics, effective September 1, 2024.

Sergey Fomin earned his M.S. (1979) and Ph.D. (1982) from St. Petersburg State University in what was then the USSR. He began his career as an assistant professor at the St. Petersburg Electrotechnical University in 1982 and was also a senior research fellow at the St. Petersburg Institute for Informatics and Automation. In 1992, he moved to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he held positions as a visiting assistant professor, assistant professor and associate professor in the Department of Mathematics. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1999 as an associate professor of mathematics. He was promoted to professor of mathematics in 2001 and in 2007, was appointed as the Robert M. Thrall Collegiate Professor of Mathematics.

Professor Fomin is known for introducing the field of cluster algebras, a novel way to postulate nonlinear relationships between sets of numbers in geometric space, with implications to many structures throughout mathematics and science. This pioneering concept, which he introduced in
a series of four deep papers with Andrei Zelevinsky in 2000-2006, has transformed several fields of mathematics and is now being applied in physics. For example, this theory is now being applied to the amplituhedron, a geometric structure that enables simplified calculation of particle interactions in some quantum field theories. Cluster algebras provide a new method to calculate scattering amplitudes in quantum field theories in physics without referring to particles and explains some of the cancellations that occur in Feynman diagrams in particular theories. He maintains a website, the Cluster Algebras Portal, for organizing the many research papers and developments around Cluster Algebras. The impact of Professor Fomin’s work is global. There were over 140 international research conferences devoted to Cluster Algebras in the period 2001-2020, and 70 since 2021, including 18 scheduled for 2024 alone all over the world, including Shanghai, Glasgow, Los Angeles, Cambridge, MA, Mexico City, Luminy, France, and Oberwolfach, Germany.

Professor Fomin has been honored for his field-shaping research at the highest levels. He gave an invited address in 2010 at the International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM) in Hyderabad. Being an invited speaker at the ICM, held every four years since 1897, where the Fields Medals are awarded, is one of the highest international recognitions for mathematicians. He also received a prestigious Simons Foundation fellowship from the Simons Foundation and gave a public Hirzebruch lecture at the Max Planck Institute in Germany. He is a fellow of the American Mathematical Society (2012) and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2023). Professor Fomin and Andrei Zelevinsky (posthumously) received in 2018 the prestigious American Mathematical Society Leroy P. Steele Prize for Seminal Contributions in Research for their joint paper. Professor Fomin has given a remarkable number of invited lectures all over the world, including the prestigious Current Developments in Mathematics (Harvard, 2003), which reports on the most exciting recent developments in mathematics worldwide.

Professor Fomin has served the field of mathematics at university, national, and international levels. He served on the Council of the American Mathematical Society in 2013–2021, and on the Scientific Advisory Committee for Mathematical Sciences Research Institute in Berkeley in 2010-2014. He served on the Speaker Selection Panels for the International Congress of Mathematicians in 2018 and 2022. Professor Fomin served, and continues to serve, on external advisory boards of several leading mathematical centers, including Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (Berkeley), Higher School of Economics (Moscow), and the Euler Institute (St. Petersburg). He twice served on the external committees evaluating the Division of Mathematical Sciences of the NSF. He has also served on many editorial boards, including the demanding position of Managing Editor of the Journal of the American Mathematical Society (2013-2021) and currently serves on editorial board positions on five major mathematical journals. At UM, Professor Fomin, has played a significant role in leadership, governance, and service. He has served on the Graduate Admissions and Fellowships Committee, chairing it for three years, and on the Doctoral Committee. He currently serves as the associate chair for graduate studies, where he has overseen the implementation of the “bridge to PhD” master’s program which has successfully increased the diversity of PhD students in mathematics.

Professor Fomin’s creativity and the warmth and respect he exhibits to colleagues is also evident in his teaching and mentorship. He designed the very popular undergraduate course Math 465
“Introduction to Combinatorics,” taken by mathematics and computer science students. He has mentored eight Ph.D. students, and 14 post-doctoral researchers, many of whom have found prestigious positions of their own and continued to contribute to the field of cluster algebras. Along with other faculty, he helps advise students in the Marjorie Lee Brown Scholars bridge program.

As he assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Fomin wishes to be named the Richard P. Stanley Distinguished University Professor of Mathematics.

Richard P. Stanley is the world's preeminent expert in Algebraic Combinatorics, a field of mathematics largely shaped by his pioneering work. Now an emeritus professor of applied mathematics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he recruited Professor Fomin to M.I.T. in 1992 and was his mentor there until Professor Fomin’s move to UM in 1999. Stanley is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and a recipient of two Steele Prizes from the American Mathematical Society (for Lifetime Achievement and for Mathematical Exposition), the Rolf Schock Prize, and the George Pólya Prize. Over several decades, he has maintained close connections to UM, making multiple visits and collaborating with Michigan faculty. No less than 11 of his former Ph.D. students held professorial or postdoctoral appointments at Michigan.

The appointment of Sergey Fomin as the Richard P. Stanley Distinguished University Professor of Mathematics, effective September 1, 2024, recognizes his extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, his commitment to excellence in education for his students, and his extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY: RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Michael J. Solomon Laurie K. McCauley
Dean, Horace H. Rackham Graduate School, Provost and Executive Vice
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs President for Academic Affairs
and Chair, Advisory Committee on Distinguished University Professorships

July 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Kurt D. Hankenson, D.V.M., M.S., Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Henry Ruppenthal Family Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Bioengineering, and Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, with tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, without tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2024

On the recommendation of Daniel E. Michele, Ph.D., John A Jaquez Collegiate Professor of Physiology and chair of the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Kurt D. Hankenson, D.V.M., M.S., Ph.D. as professor of molecular and integrative physiology, without tenure, Medical School, effective August 1, 2024.

Kurt Hankenson earned his D.V.M. from the University of Illinois in 1992, his M.S. from Purdue University in 1997, and his Ph.D. from the University of Washington, School of Medicine in 2001. He was a veterinary intern at Lake County Equine Center in Oconomowoc, WI from 1992-1993 and then an associate veterinarian from 1993-1994. He was a graduate instructor at Purdue University from 1994-1997, and a senior fellow at the University of Washington from 1997-2002. In 2002, he joined the University of Michigan where he was appointed as an assistant research scientist in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and the Unit for Laboratory Animal Medicine, then in 2003, he was appointed as an assistant professor in both appointments, in 2004, he was jointly appointed in the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology, and in 2005, he was jointly appointed in the Department of Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering. In 2006, he was appointed as an assistant professor at the University of Pennsylvania in the Department of Animal Biology, and was appointed in 2011 in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and was promoted to associate professor in 2012. In 2014, he was appointed as an associate professor at Michigan State University and was promoted to professor in 2016. In 2017, he returned to the University of Michigan and was appointed as a professor, with tenure, in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Hankenson has been engaged as an instructor and mentor. He has given multiple lectures to medical students, residents, and Ph.D. students in the Biomedical Engineering, Cell and Developmental Biology, and Molecular and Integrative Physiology (MIP) graduate programs. He has mentored many post-doctoral researchers, M.D., D.V.M., Ph.D., and M.S. students, and undergraduates. He currently serves on three dissertation committees, with service on numerous committees over the past >20 years. In 2021, he received an Outstanding Mentor award from the UROP program.
Dr. Hankenson’s research program is focused on defining the molecular and cellular mechanisms underlying mesenchymal stem cell differentiation into bone forming osteoblasts with the long-term translational goal of developing therapies to enhance bone regeneration. His work is interdisciplinary, and he has established productive collaborations with clinicians and basic science faculty, including researchers in the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology. He has published more than 140 peer-reviewed manuscripts. His work has appeared in high impact journals, including Nature Communications, JCI Insight, and Genome Biology. He also published six book chapters, and his work was highlighted in the scientific press. His research is currently funded by three multi-principal investigator and four co-investigator NIH R01 grants, is a co-investigator on an NIH R21, and a principal investigator on a Department of Defense grant. He has been invited to give numerous external presentations, including the keynote address at the European Cell Materials Conference in Switzerland, and as a speaker at the Wilson Hayes Distinguished Lecture Series at BIDMC, Harvard University.

Dr. Hankenson has an excellent record of service. He currently serves on eight committees for Michigan Medicine and holds two significant leadership positions, including co-founder of a Biosciences Initiative Program and chair of the Research Advisory Committee for the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. Dr. Hankenson is a member of nine national organizations and has held major leadership positions in most, including as president of Advances in Mineral Metabolism and the Orthopaedic Research Society and chair of the North American Veterinary Regenerative Medicine Association. He has served as a permanent member of several NIH study sections and has been invited as a member of external program reviews. He is currently on the editorial board of three journals, having served on multiple other editorial boards in the past, and provides ad hoc reviews for journals including high impact publications, e.g., Nature Communications.

With this additional appointment, Dr. Hankenson’s extensive work as the associate chair for research in Orthopaedic Surgery with the Molecular and Integrative Physiology chair, Dr. Dan Michele, will be utilized to establish and support the Michigan Musculoskeletal Health Center (MiMHC) at Michigan Medicine. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the additional appointment of Kurt D. Hankenson, D.V.M., M.S., Ph.D. as professor of molecular and integrative physiology, without tenure, Medical School, effective August 1, 2024.

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

Recommendation endorsed by: Laurie K. McCauley Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Career Development Professorship

NAME: Hun Seok Kim

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with tenure, College of Engineering

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Samuel H. Fuller Early Career Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2030

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering are pleased to recommend the appointment of Hun Seok Kim as the Samuel H. Fuller Early Career Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, College of Engineering, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2030.

The Samuel H. Fuller Early Career Professorship in Electrical and Computer Engineering was established in June 2024 by a gift from Samuel H. Fuller (BSEE ’68). Appointments to this professorship may be up to six years and are non-renewable.

Hun Seok Kim received his B.S. (2001) in electrical engineering from the Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea. He received his M.S. (2006) and his Ph.D. (2010) in electrical engineering from the University of California, Los Angeles. Following graduation, Professor Kim was with Texas Instruments as a system architect. In 2014, he joined the University of Michigan as an assistant research scientist. Remaining at Michigan, Professor Kim was appointed as an assistant professor in 2016 and he was promoted to associate professor in 2022. He has served as an associate editor of IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing, IEEE Transactions on Green Communications & Networking, and IEEE Solid-State Circuits Letters. He is a technical program committee member of the ACM Annual International Conference on Mobile Computing and Networking (MobiCom) and the IEEE International Symposium on Low Power Electronics and Design (ISLPED).

Professor Kim is committed to interdisciplinary research that spans a wide range of topics, including digital very-large-scale integration (VLSI) circuits, wireless communications, machine learning, and signal processing systems. Professor Kim’s research focuses on system-level approaches that extend across multiple sub-disciplines to tackle challenges in various digital communication and signal processing systems via efficient VLSI integrated circuits (IC). The primary goal of his research is to realize ultra-low power (ULP) systems with an emphasis on energy-efficient wireless communication connectivity, hardware-friendly signal processing algorithms, and cross-layer optimized system architecture. Professor Kim’s recent research
investigates deep learning-driven, vertically integrated energy-efficient systems to jointly optimize adaptive sensors, analog front-ends, digital signal processing, and wireless communication networks for newly emerging applications in the era of Artificial Intelligence of Things (AIoT). He envisions deep learning as the main driving force to re-architect the AIoT platform from a clean slate with tight vertical integration across all layers to deliver truly energy-efficient and cross-layer optimized solutions that dynamically adapt to the deployed environment.

Toward his vision of emerging AIoT systems, Professor Kim pursues a holistic solution based on rigorous theoretical analyses to address practical issues such as non-idealities in circuits and energy constraints in signal processing systems. Professor Kim has published 140 peer-reviewed international journal and conference papers, securing best paper awards on six occasions. His research excellence earned him the esteemed 2018 Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Young Faculty Award (YFA) and the 2019 National Science Foundation (NSF) Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Award.

Professor Kim’s academic achievements fully merit his appointment to this professorship. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Hun Seok Kim as the Samuel H. Fuller Early Career Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, College of Engineering, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2030.

RECOMMENDED BY: Steven L. Ceccio, Ph.D.
Interim Dean
Vincent T. and Gloria M. Gorguze Professor of Engineering
College of Engineering

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY: Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Directorship

NAME: Joseph C. Kolars, M.D., M.A.C.P.

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Professor of Learning Health Sciences, without tenure, Medical School, and Professor of Health Management and Policy, without tenure, School of Public Health

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Leslie D. Yamada and Tachi Yamada, M.D. Director, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Joseph C. Kolars, M.D., M.A.C.P. as the Leslie D. Yamada and Tachi Yamada, M.D. Director, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

The Leslie D. Yamada and Tachi Yamada, M.D. Directorship was established in June 2024 through a generous gift from the Leslie and Tachi Yamada Strategic Fund for Health Equity. This directorship honors the legacy of Tachi Yamada and recognizes the generosity of the Yamada family in honoring Tachi’s commitment to improving health in low resourced countries. This directorship is intended to be used to further the center’s activities and strategic priorities. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Dr. Kolars has had a long and distinguished career as a medical educator and has received numerous awards for his teaching and mentorship including the Mayo Clinic Department of Medicine Distinguished Contribution to Medical Education Award, induction in the League of Excellence in Medical Education in the Medical School at the University of Michigan, the Abraham Flexner Award for Distinguished Service to Medical Education by the American Association of American Colleges and the National American College of Physicians Laureate Award. He is a board member for the Consortium of Universities for Global Health, is an advisor on education for Peking Union Medical College, on the Fogarty International Center Advisory Board, is the executive director of the University of Michigan Center for Global Health Equity and has served as the senior associate dean for education and global initiatives and the director for Global REACH from 2009-2023. Dr. Kolars travels to sub-Saharan Africa several times each year as a site visitor to determine how the schools are advancing their efforts to increase their healthcare workforce. He serves on the African Association for Health Professions Education and Research committee, as well as the Peking University Health Science Center Medical Graduate Education Committee.
Dr. Kolars’ leadership and involvement in medical education spans far beyond the University of Michigan and the nation. He is truly a global educator and is very deserving of appointment to this prestigious directorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Joseph C. Kolars, M.D., M.A.C.P. as the Leslie D. Yamada and Tachi Yamada, M.D. Director, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice
President for Academic Affairs

F. DuBois Bowman, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Public Health

July 2024
On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of History and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Matthew D. Lassiter as the Louis Evans Professor of History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Louis Evans Professorship in History was established in November 2008 as a result of a generous gift from David S. Evans and Joan E. Evans. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Matthew Lassiter received his B.A. from Furman University in 1992 before attending the University of Virginia where he earned his M.A. in 1994 and his Ph.D. in 1999. Following an appointment as a visiting instructor and assistant professor of history at Bowdoin College (1998-2000), Professor Lassiter joined our faculty as an assistant professor in 2002. He was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2006 and to professor in 2017.

Professor Lassiter is a scholar of the twentieth-century United States with a research and teaching focus on political history, urban and suburban studies, racial and social inequality, and the history of policing and the carceral state. His most recent book, The Suburban Crisis: Crime, Drugs, and White Middle-Class America (Princeton University Press, 2023), has been described as “masterpiece-political history at its best” and “a riveting, counterintuitive analysis of the impact of the war on drugs on the course of U.S. history in the second half of the twentieth century.” His publication record includes single-authored monographs, collaborative edited editions, and ambitious digital humanities projects and publicly-engaged scholarship that are often produced within intergenerational research teams.

Professor Lassiter is recognized as an exemplary educator and has held the Arthur F. Thurnau professorship since 2015. Over the last two decades, he has taught twelve different undergraduate courses and five different graduate courses and received excellent evaluations for all of them. He regularly advises ten to twenty undergraduate students for honors theses, research projects, and internships programs. Since 2019, Professor Lassiter has chaired or co-chaired nine Ph.D.
dissertation committees and served as a member of four others and as a cognate member of another. He is also currently a faculty mentor and preliminary committee member for three other graduate students and in 2023, he took on two additional graduate students for reading and practicum courses.

Professor Lassiter is an exceptional colleague with a significant service record. He has served as the director of the Policing and Social Justice HistoryLab since 2018 and as the co-director of the Carceral State Project since 2019, and was the director of the Environmental Justice HistoryLab from 2018-2021. Professor Lassiter is elected to the department’s executive committee by his colleagues whenever he is eligible, and over the years, has served on the Institute for the Humanities executive committee, the Provost’s Council on Student Honors, and the Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies steering committee. He served as the department’s director of graduate studies from 2006-2008 and as the director undergraduate studies from 2012-2014, where he helped organize and implement a major overhaul of the undergraduate curriculum. Professor Lassiter also maintains an active service and leadership profile within the profession. He is a series editor of “Politics and Culture in Modern American,” published by the University of Pennsylvania Press, and has served on the boards of the Urban History Association, Urban History, and the Journal of Policy History.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Matthew D. Lassiter as the Louis Evans Professor of History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

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: Laurie K. McCauley Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Jeremy R. Levine

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Organizational Studies, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Sociology, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Professor of Public Policy, without tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 26, 2024

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee and governing faculty of the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and with the endorsement of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Jeremy R. Levine as associate professor of public policy, without tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective August 26, 2024.

Jeremy Levine received his B.A. in history and sociology from University of Michigan (2008), his A.M. (2011) and Ph.D. (2016) from Harvard University. He started his career at the University of Michigan as an assistant professor of organizational studies and assistant professor of sociology in 2016 and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2023.

Professor Levine is a political and urban sociologist interested in questions related to inequality, especially in cities and criminal legal systems. His current research explores inequality and public policy, with a particular focus on urban and criminal justice policy. Professor Levine has worked with legislators and advocates in New York on ongoing legislative campaigns related to crime victims and the criminal legal system, and at Harvard he helped design the Boston-Area Research Initiative (BARI), a collaboration between social scientists and city government officials. He has taught meet-together courses between the Ford School and Organizational Studies. We anticipate this appointment will offer additional opportunities for Professor Levine to mentor Ford School students interested in urban policy and inequality.
We are very pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Jeremy R. Levine as associate professor of public policy, without tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective August 26, 2024.

Recommended by:

Celeste M. Watkins-Hayes
Joan and Sanford Weill Dean of Public Policy
University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor
Jean E. Fairfax Collegiate Professor of Public Policy
Professor of Sociology
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

Recommendation endorsed by:

Laurie K. McCauley
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

July 2024
We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Deborah Loewenberg Ball as the Jessie Jean Storey-Fry Distinguished University Professor of Education, effective September 1, 2024.

The first Distinguished University Professorships were created in 1947 by the Board of Regents to recognize members of the faculty for exceptional achievement and reputation in their appointive fields of scholarly interest and for their superior teaching skills. Each professorship is named in honor of an eminent individual—preferably one associated with the university—in the scholar's same general field of interest. An appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship continues to be one of the most prestigious honors conferred by the university upon a member of its faculty.

Deborah Loewenberg Ball earned her B.A. (1976) in French and elementary education, her M.A. (1982) in teacher education, and her Ph.D. (1988) in curriculum, teaching, and educational policy and teacher preparation and staff development all from Michigan State University. She taught at Spartan Village Elementary School in East Lansing before joining the faculty at Michigan State University in 1988 as an assistant professor in teacher education and was promoted to associate professor in 1991. In 1996, she joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as professor in educational studies. In 2000, she was appointed as an Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and in 2005, she was appointed as William H. Payne Collegiate Professor of Education.

Professor Loewenberg Ball is a pathbreaking researcher in the field of education, whose work is grounded in the study of practice. Her pioneering concept of “public teaching” created a method to expose the practice of teaching to rigorous empirical and conceptual study in pursuit of “practice-based theory.” Her Elementary Mathematics Laboratory is the site of a summer math
class for children that for more than 20 years has been a context for educators, mathematicians, policymakers, and the public to observe and discuss the complexity of teaching and learning. Grounding her research in the practice of teaching, she has worked with mathematicians, teachers, and mathematics educators to identify the specialized mathematical knowledge needed for teaching and showed its relationship to and difference from disciplinary mathematical knowledge. The resulting theory of “mathematical knowledge for teaching” is now foundational knowledge in the field of mathematics education. Her research has also provided important insights into the ways that inequity and oppression regularly pervade normative teaching practice, and how teacher education and development could help disrupt this. She is currently researching the relationships among broader sociopolitical environments and the micro-dynamics of classrooms, revealing what she has termed “discretionary spaces:” how teachers’ everyday practices are permeated with habits of action and inaction, judgments, and decisions that shape classroom activity.

Professor Loewenberg Ball has gained scholarly and professional respect across many fields. She is an elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the National Academy of Education and is a fellow and past president of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) and a fellow of the American Mathematical Society. She received the Felix Klein Medal for Lifetime Achievement in Mathematics Education Research from the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction—the highest honor worldwide in mathematics education; the Louise Hay Award for Outstanding Contributions to Mathematics Education from the Association of Women in Mathematics; the Edward Pomeroy Award for Outstanding Contributions to Teacher Education from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education; the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Michigan State University College of Education; and two outstanding article awards, including the Palmer O. Johnson Award from AERA. She is the most highly cited author worldwide in mathematics education research and is an author of the two most cited articles in mathematics education (Google Scholar).

Professor Loewenberg Ball’s service is recognized by her Medal for Distinguished Service, awarded by Teachers College, Columbia University. She served as the president of the American Education Research Association (AERA); chair of the Spencer Foundation Board of Trustees; and member of the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute Board of Trustees, and chair of its Education Advisory Committee. She was twice appointed (by Presidents Obama and Biden) a member of the National Science Board; was appointed as the chair of the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness by Governor Snyder; and was appointed a member of the Presidential National Mathematics Advisory Panel by the Secretary of Education. At UM, she served as the dean of the School of Education from 2005–2016.

Professor Loewenberg Ball’s commitment to “practice-based theory” means that she is quintessentially a teacher in all her work. She regularly teaches teacher education courses, education foundations and policy courses, and courses for students across the university with interests in education. Her courses draw many students and earn high ratings for her teaching and student support. The quality of her teaching has been recognized by a Thurnau Professorship and an Excellence in Teaching Award from the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators. She co-leads the Educational Equity Justice and Social Justice
Transformation master’s concentration in Educational Studies. Professor Loewenberg Ball is also a dedicated mentor and advisor, advising more than 50 Ph.D. students over her career.

As she assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Loewenberg Ball wishes to be named the Jessie Jean Storey-Fry Distinguished University Professor of Education.

Dr. Jessie Jean Storey-Fry served as Professor Loewenberg Ball’s school principal at Spartan Village Elementary School for more than a decade when Professor Loewenberg Ball first became an elementary teacher. Dr. Storey-Fry was the first Black woman to serve as principal at Spartan Village and went on to become the first Black woman to hold a central administrator role in East Lansing Public Schools. She had more than 40 years of teaching and administration experience in public schools, including as a principal, director of elementary education, central office administrator, and adjunct professor at Michigan State University. Dr. Storey-Fry remains active in community service to youth, education, and missionary work in her church.

As a teacher, Professor Loewenberg Ball benefited greatly from Dr. Storey-Fry’s kind but firm leadership. The things she taught Professor Loewenberg Ball about teaching—about its power, it is imperative to leverage the assets of students and their families, and its capacity to create strong academic identities in young children—were crucial to Professor Loewenberg Ball not only as an elementary teacher but also as a scholar, researcher, and teacher educator. The mentorship Dr. Storey-Fry provided as well as the leadership she exemplified have been foundational to all Professor Loewenberg Ball has done.

The appointment of Deborah Loewenberg Ball as the Jessie Jean Storey-Fry Distinguished University Professor of Education, effective September 1, 2024, recognizes her extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, her commitment to excellence in education for her students, and her extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Michael J. Solomon
Dean, Horace H. Rackham Graduate School, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Chair, Advisory Committee on Distinguished University Professorships

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment and Additional Appointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Prashant Mahajan, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A.

CURRENT TITLES: Interim Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, Professor of Emergency Medicine, with tenure, and Professor of Pediatrics, without tenure, Medical School

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, William G. Barson Collegiate Professor, Professor of Emergency Medicine, with tenure, and Professor of Pediatrics, without tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Prashant Mahajan, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A. as chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, effective July 1, 2024, and as the William G. Barson Collegiate Professor, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029.

Prashant Mahajan attended the University of Bombay in Bombay, India to obtain an undergraduate degree in medicine and surgery. This was followed by internship and residency training at the University Bombay, King Edward Memorial Hospitals in pediatrics. In 1994, he attended residency at the Children’s Hospital of Michigan in Detroit and in his third year of training was appointed as the chief resident. Dr. Mahajan completed a fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine at the same institution from 2000-2002. From 2002-2005, he was appointed as an assistant professor in the Departments of Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics at Wayne State University. In 2005, he was promoted to associate professor, and to professor in 2011. Dr. Mahajan joined the University of Michigan 2016.

Dr Mahajan has been involved extensively in committee, educational, administrative activities. He has served as the vice chair of Emergency Medicine and the section chief of the Children’s Emergency Services. Additionally, he is the chair of Emergency Medicine Education and Research by Global Experts.
Dr. Mahajan has made significant contributions to the Medical School through his administrative, clinical, and education contributions. He has demonstrated his leadership capabilities and is an appropriate candidate to serve in this administrative capacity. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Prashant Mahajan, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A. as chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, effective July 1, 2024, and as the William G. Barson Collegiate Professor, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029.

Recommended by:  

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

Recommendation endorsed by:  

Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
With the endorsement of the Executive Committee of the School of Nursing, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Sean E. McCabe as the Carol J. Boyd Collegiate Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2024 through May 31, 2029.

This professorship was established in the Provost office and was named the Carol J. Boyd Collegiate Professorship in Nursing in May 2024. Carol J. Boyd was a professor of nursing and women’s studies at the University of Michigan School of Nursing and College of Literature, Science, and the Arts from 1987 to 2019. A stipend funded from the School of Nursing resources accompanies this professorship. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Sean McCabe received his Bachelor of Arts in psychology and Spanish area studies from Kenyon College in Gamb, Ohio in 1992. He received his Master of Social Work, his Master of Arts in education, and his Doctorate of Philosophy in education from the University of Michigan (UM), Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1995, 1998 and 2000, respectively. His post-doctoral fellowship in epidemiology from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and Substance Abuse Research Center was completed at the UM from 2000-2002. In 2006, Professor McCabe was appointed as a research associate professor at the UM Substance Abuse Research Center and Institute for Research on Women and Gender, until 2015 when he was promoted to research professor. He was appointed as a professor, with tenure, at the UM School of Nursing in 2018. He is currently the director of the Center for the Study of Drugs, Alcohol, Smoking and Health (DASH).

Professor McCabe’s research in addiction, diversion, and non-medical use of prescription drugs is cutting edge. He is often at the forefront of research in these areas as well as in substance use related to sexual orientation. His consistent funding and dissemination are well documented. His dissemination record is also impressive. Professor McCabe’s national and international
reputation has been established, not only through his grant work and publications but also through his extramural work. He has led several multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary teams and has published widely in the leading addiction, pain, public health, and research methodology journals. Professor McCabe has a solid record of teaching and mentoring of students. He has conducted classroom seminars for pre- and post-doctoral trainees at NIH and at the UM and has given invited lectures in several departments across the university. He has formally mentored undergraduate, high school, and Honor’s students. He has also worked extensively with graduate students.

Professor McCabe is an outstanding citizen in his field and has made impressive contributions to this institution, the field of prescription medication use and misuse, substance abuse and sexual orientation, and the broader scientific community. He reviews for a wide range of journals including high-impact journals. We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Sean E. McCabe as the Carol J. Boyd Collegiate Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2024 through May 31, 2029.

RECOMMENDED BY:  
Patricia D. Hurn  
Dean and Professor  
School of Nursing

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:  
Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Anne J. McNeil

CURRENT TITLES: Carol A. Fierke Collegiate Professor of Chemistry, Arthur F Thurnau Professor, Professor of Chemistry, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Macromolecular Science and Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Environment, without tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability and College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 26, 2024

With the approval of the Executive Committees of the Program in the Environment, the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the School for Environment and Sustainability, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Anne J. McNeil as professor of environment, without tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability and College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024.

Anne McNeil received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from College of William and Mary (Williamsburg, VA) in 1999, and a Ph.D. in chemistry in 2005 from Cornell University (Ithaca, NY). She was a L’Oreal Post-doctoral Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology before joining the University of Michigan in 2007 as an assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry. Professor McNeil was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2013, and to professor in 2016. Professor McNeil is an Arthur F. Thurnau Professor (2014) and was appointed the Carol A. Fierke Collegiate Professor of Chemistry in 2020. Professor McNeil also holds a joint appointment in Macromolecular Science and Engineering in the College of Engineering. Her awards are numerous and include the Harold R. Johnson Diversity Award (2020), Guggenheim Fellowship (2019), Claudia Joan Alexander Trailblazer Award (2019), and AAAS Fellow (2017).

Professor McNeil developed a new course, Science and Sustainable Development, during her three-year appointment with LSA Honors that is cross-listed in the Program in the Environment (PitE), Chemistry, and Earth. This course is closely aligned with PitE’s goals to offer more foundational courses – 100 or 200 level courses that introduce students across UM to environment and sustainability in an interdisciplinary way. A joint appointment with PitE will allow Professor McNeil to continue to regularly offer this course. She regularly advises PitE students for internships and research. She has been a leader in LSA’s Year of Sustainability efforts, considering how we may further embed environment and sustainability across UM. As a Thurnau Professor, Professor McNeil exemplifies commitment to undergraduate education and the PitE faculty community would both benefit from her contributions and provide support to her in teaching and service, while connecting her research across these spaces.
There is growing interest in bridging natural sciences and sustainable development goals within our curriculum and Dr. McNeil’s teaching, service, and research contribute to this focal area. As a chemist who studies circular economy and green chemistry, Professor McNeil would be an asset to the PitE program. In return, she is able to interact with the broader interdisciplinary intellectual community of PitE. We are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Anne J. McNeil as a professor of environment, without tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability and College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

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:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice
President for Academic Affairs

Steven L. Ceccio, Ph.D.
Interim Dean
Vincent T. and Gloria M. Gorguze Professor
of Engineering
College of Engineering

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Rohit Mehra, M.B.B.S.

CURRENT TITLE: Clinical Professor, Department of Pathology, Medical School

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

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028

On the recommendation of Charles A. Parkos, M.D., Ph.D., the Carl V. 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 Rohit Mehra, M.B.B.S. as the Godfrey Dorr Stobbe Research Professor of Translational Pathology, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

The Godfrey Dorr Stobbe Research Professorship in Translational Pathology was established February 2024 which stems from a split of funds from the Stobbe endowed professorship account. The holder of this professorship will be a senior faculty member in the Department of Pathology and will make significant contributions to the clinical service, research, and teaching programs within the department. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Rohit Mehra received his MBBS from Dayanand Medical College and Hospital in Ludhiana, Punjab, India in 1997. Dr. Mehra completed his residency training in anatomic pathology at the University of Michigan in 2011, and fellowship training in genitourinary pathology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York in 2012. Upon completion of residency and fellowship training in 2012, Dr. Mehra joined the faculty at the University of Michigan Medical School as a clinical assistant professor in pathology. He then rose through the ranks to become a clinical professor in 2020 and serves in several leadership roles including director of the Michigan Center for Translational Pathology (MCTP) Esoteric Clinical Laboratory Services and director of the Michigan Legacy Tissue Program (MLTP), and as the Michigan Medicine Genitourinary Service Line Director.

Dr. Mehra is a national and international leader in genitourinary pathology and his research focuses on translational pathology through the development of new diagnostic, prognostic, and therapeutic biomarkers for genitourinary malignancies. He has received many honors including: The American Association for Cancer Research GlaxoSmithKline Outstanding Clinical Scholar Award in 2009; Prostate Cancer Foundation Janssen Challenge Award in 2015; Genitourinary Pathology Society Award for Excellence in Uropathology Research in 2022; and in 2023, he received the Cancer Research Award from the Society of American Asian Scientists in Cancer Research. He
is a superb educator and has mentored many students over his career. Dr. Mehra has 228 peer-reviewed publications, five book chapters, and a robust research program funded by the NIH and the DOD. Dr. Mehra is board certified in anatomic pathology.

Dr. Mehra is a worthy recipient of this professorship, and outstanding, generative, and highly productive faculty member. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Rohit Mehra, M.B.B.S. as the Godfrey Dorr Stobbe Research Professor of Translational Pathology, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

Recommended by: Recommended by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D. Laurie K. McCauley
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs Provost and Executive Vice
Dean, Medical School President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Shelie Miller

CURRENT TITLES: Jonathan W. Bulkley Collegiate Professor of Sustainable Systems, Professor of Environment and Sustainability, School for Environment and Sustainability, and Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Environment, without tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability and College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 26, 2024

With the approval of the Executive Committees of the Program in the Environment, the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the School for Environment and Sustainability, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Shelie Miller as professor of environment, without tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability and College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024.

Shelie Miller received a Bachelor of Science degree from Denison University in 2000, a Master 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, and to professor in 2021. Professor Miller was appointed to the Jonathan W. Bulkley Collegiate Professor of Sustainable Systems in 2016. Professor Miller served as the director of the Program in the Environment (PitE) from 2018-2023, and successfully led the transition to a co-managed model between SEAS and LSA. Professor Miller also holds a joint appointment in Civil and Environmental Engineering in the College of Engineering.

There is growing interest in circular economy, energy, and sustainable systems within its curriculum and Professor Miller’s teaching, service, and research contribute to this focal area. As an engineer who uses robust life cycle assessment approaches to study waste, energy, and behavior, Professor Miller would be an asset to the PitE program. In return, she is able to interact with and contribute to the broader interdisciplinary intellectual community of PitE.
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, including a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (2009), and 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 has delivered invited lectures and presentations at national and international conferences, including presentations to the National Academy of Sciences, Kavli Frontiers of Science Symposium; National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Jefferson Science Fellows Distinguished Lecture Series; USAID, Global Development Lab; Industrial Ecology Gordon Research Conference; and Argonne National Laboratory, Systems Science Center. She has been an invited speaker at many leading universities.

Professor Miller’s various government appointments reflect her exceptional reputation. These include serving on the Federal Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee (appointed by the U.S. Secretaries of Energy and Agriculture) and participating in a number of high-level programmatic reviews for the DOE Bioenergy Technologies Office and Advanced Manufacturing Office. She has served on review panels for NSF, DOE, USDA, EPA, G8 Research Councils, SunGrant, and Ellen MacArthur Foundation New Plastics Economy Initiative. Her work has gained significant media attention, thereby indicating its broader societal relevance and impact.

Professor Miller is a dedicated educator who emphasizes innovative teaching methods to create an active learning environment in her classes. She 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, and includes numerous significant appointments in professional societies, federal committees, university and SEAS committees and administrative posts. She served on the Federal Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee, and on grant review panels for NSF, DOE, USDA, and EPA. At the university, Professor Miller chaired the President’s Public Engagement Award Selection Committee, co-chaired the Program in the Environment faculty transition committee, and served as the director of the Graduate Certificate Program in Sustainability. She was elected by her peers to serve three two-year terms on the SEAS Executive Committee and is slated to rejoin it in the coming academic year.

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 joint appointment of Shelie Miller a professor of environment, without tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability and College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Laurie K. McCauley
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

Steven L. Ceccio, Ph.D.
Interim Dean
Vincent T. and Gloria M. Gorguze Professor of Engineering
College of Engineering

July 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Reappointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Jeffrey D. Morenoff

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Sociology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and Arts, and Professor of Public Policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Dean for Research and Policy Engagement, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

EFFECTIVE DATES: August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2026

The dean of the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy is pleased to recommend the reappointment of Jeffrey D. Morenoff as associate dean for research and policy engagement, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2026.

Jeffrey Morenoff received his B.A. in political science from the University of Pennsylvania in 1988 and his M.A. (1995) and Ph.D. (2000) in sociology from the University of Chicago. In 2000, he joined the Department of Sociology at the University of Michigan as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2005, and to professor in 2011. He was jointly appointed as a professor in the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy in 2015.

Professor Morenoff is a highly productive scholar who has made major contributions in his research area and focuses on neighborhood environments and their influence on health and well-being, the causes and consequences of crime, and the influence of the criminal justice system on population dynamics and the health and wellbeing of individuals with criminal records. In 2019, he co-authored On the Outside: Prisoner Reentry and Reintegration (University of Chicago Press) and continues to produce a high caliber of peer-reviewed publications. Additionally, his research efforts with the Detroit Metro Area Communities Study and Michigan Metro Area Communities Study have resulted in numerous collaborations and meetings with the Washtenaw County Board of Health and the Detroit Equity Council.

Professor Morenoff was appointed as Associate Dean for Research and Policy Engagement in the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy beginning in August 2023. He has held a variety of additional administrative roles across campus, including director of the Population Studies Center (2013-2020) and training director (2023-present) at the Institute of Social Research, co-director of the Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars Program (2009-2014) and associate chair for the Department of Sociology (2005-2011). He has served as a mentor to numerous students and junior faculty, along with serving on multiple service committees across
the university. He is widely regarded as an expert in his field and is well positioned to serve as the associate dean.

We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Jeffrey D. Morenoff as associate dean for research and policy engagement, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2026.

Recommended by:

Celeste M. Watkins-Hayes
Joan and Sanford Weill Dean of Public Policy
University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor
Jean E. Fairfax Collegiate Professor of Public Policy
Professor of Sociology
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

Recommendation endorsed by:

Laurie K. McCauley
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

July 2024
I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Jean V. Morrison as the John G. Searle Assistant Professor of Biostatistics, School of Public Health, for a three-year non-renewable term, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027.

Five John G. Searle Assistant Professorships in Public Health were established in 2008 to recognize promising scholars at the junior level in each of the departments within the School of Public Health at that time: Biostatistics, Environmental Health Sciences, Epidemiology, Health Behavior and Health Education, and Health Management and Policy. John G. Searle graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science in pharmacy, and was the chairman of the Board of G.D. Searle & Co. A stipend funded from college resources accompanies this professorship. Appointment periods may be up to three years and may not be renewed.

Jean Morrison obtained their Ph.D. in 2016 from the University of Washington. They then completed a post-doctoral research fellowship at the University of Chicago between 2016 and 2020. Professor Morrison joined our faculty as an assistant professor in August 2020.

Professor Morrison’s research is primarily motivated by problems in statistical genetics and genomics, with current focuses on analysis of high dimensional or structured phenotypes and causal inference. They also have interests in empirical and variational Bayes and genomic applications of deep learning.

Professor Morrison has published or has in press 26 papers, including seven in the last year and seven since they were appointed at the University of Michigan. Professor Morrison has also had an impressive record of obtaining external research support. They currently have an NIH R01 PI grant.

Professor Morrison’s classroom teaching over the past three years has also been impressive. They have taught Biostatistics 881 three times over the past three years and has received outstanding
reviews. In addition, Professor Morrison continues to update and modify the course based on new developments in the field.

Professor Morrison’s service record has also been excellent. They have served as a faculty mentor for the Statistics in Community (STATCOM) student group. They have also served as a reviewer of nine journal articles, an abstract reviewer for the American Society of Human Genetics and taught a short course on Mendelian randomization for the Statistical Genetics Section of the ASA. Professor Morrison has been an active member of the Department’s Search Committee, Seminars/Brown Bag Committee, and the Department’s 70th Celebration Committee.

Given their remarkable contributions in research, education, and service, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Jean V. Morrison as the John G. Searle Assistant Professor of Biostatistics, School of Public Health, for a three-year non-renewable term, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027.

Recommended by: 
F. DuBois Bowman, Ph.D. 
Dean, School of Public Health

Recommendation endorsed by: 
Laurie K. McCauley 
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Robert W. Neumar, M.D., Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, and Professor of Emergency Medicine, with tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, without tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2024

On the recommendation of Daniel E. Michele, Ph.D., John A Jaquez Collegiate Professor and chair of the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Robert W. Neumar, M.D., Ph.D. as professor of molecular and integrative physiology, without tenure, Medical School, effective August 1, 2024.

Robert Neumar earned his M.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in 1990, and his Ph.D. from Wayne State University in 1996. From 1988-1995, he completed residency and several fellowships in emergency medicine. In 1995, he was appointed as an assistant professor at Wayne State University. In 1997, he was appointed as an assistant professor at the University of Pennsylvania and was promoted to associate professor in 2005. In 2012, he was appointed as a professor, with tenure, and chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Neumar’s teaching activity is as a faculty physician in the University Hospital emergency department, where he teaches and supervises medical students and house officers.

Dr. Neumar’s research in resuscitation science is currently funded by four grant awards from organizations including the American Heart Association, Department of Defense, and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). He currently has five grant proposals under review and has served in different roles on forty prior grant awards in his career. He has published more than 210 peer-reviewed manuscripts and book chapters and previously served on many study sections at the NIH. He previously served on editorial boards in his area of specialization and currently serves as an ad hoc reviewer for many peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Neumar has delivered numerous extramural presentations nationally and internationally throughout his career.

Dr. Neumar recently completed a 12-year tenure as the chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine. He currently serves on important committees within Michigan Medicine including as a member of the UMMG Board of Directors. He is a member of several professional societies.
including the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, and the American College of Emergency Physicians, and was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2015.

Dr. Neumar is an established and prolific researcher in resuscitation science whose research and innovative work will intercalate with ongoing research work within the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology. With this additional appointment, ongoing collaboration will lead to innovative research and provide a great opportunity to create a fertile training ground for future scientists in the Molecular and Integrative Physiology graduate programs. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the additional appointment of Robert W. Neumar, M.D., Ph.D. as professor of molecular and integrative physiology, without tenure, Medical School, effective August 1, 2024.

Recommended by: 

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

Recommendation endorsed by: 

Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Nathan A. Niemi

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Henry Pollack Professor, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: August 26, 2024 through August 31, 2029

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Nathan A. Niemi as the Henry Pollack Professor, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

The Henry Pollack Endowed Professorship in Geological Sciences was established in August 2005 as a result of a generous gift from William T. Smith. A second professorship was established in May 2023. Incumbents at the assistant professor rank are appointed to the Henry Pollack Early Career Professorship until tenure, and incumbents at the associate professor or professor rank will hold the Henry Pollack Professorship. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Nathan Niemi received his A.B. from Cornell University in 1994. He then attended the California Institute of Technology where he earned his M.S. in 1996 and his Ph.D. in 2002. He held appointments as a post-doctoral fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2001-2003) and an assistant research scientist at the University of California, Santa Barbara (2003-2004), and was a member of the professional staff at the California Institute of Technology (2004-2006) before joining our faculty as an assistant professor in 2006. Professor Niemi was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2013, and to professor in 2019.

Professor Niemi’s research is focused on the study of plate tectonics, specifically the deformation along tectonic plate boundaries. His early contributions were in studying deformation across broad, continental deformation zones on short geologic time scales (less than one million years) with the goal of understanding the behavior of faults and faults systems, and the natural hazards inherent in wide plate boundaries. More recently, his research interests have expanded to encompass the longer-term evolution of these broad zones of continental deformation. Professor Niemi has contributed to understanding what properties control the width of plate boundaries, how this deformation is distributed in time and space, and changes to the plates as they shorten or extend. He received a CAREER grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and he,
Professor Niemi’s research involves a wide range of tools and techniques, including field observations, geologic mapping, thermochronology, geochronology, structural analysis, and stratigraphic studies. He has established a low-temperature thermochronology laboratory that can be used to understand rates of exhumation, erosion, and tectonic deformation over million-year timescales across deforming continental regions. With the incorporation of these techniques into his research program and teaching efforts, he has also spent substantial time and effort on technique development, particularly in low-temperature thermochronology as well as in statistical methods for data analysis.

Professor Niemi is an outstanding teacher who has positively impacted many students in the classroom and in the field. His course offerings are vital to the department’s undergraduate curriculum, including Earth 440: Field Geology in the Rocky Mountains, a four-week field-based course that is held at the Camp Davis field station in Wyoming. One of his major innovations in this course has been the introduction of modern technological tools that can be utilized in field sites. His partnership with the non-profit organization UNAVCO to embed the use of high-end tools in the course has made the field course more inclusive for students with physical limitations and provided students with critical training in these new technologies, greatly increasing student opportunities for employment. Last spring, Professor Niemi organized a two-day campus workshop with an emphasis on teaching safety in the field, and he worked with the Provost’s Office to review international field safety plans and develop field safety resources for the entire UM community. He has given considerable time to leading extracurricular domestic and international field trips for students. Professor Niemi has also recently received NSF funding to develop a graduate student seminar on indigenous perspectives on Earth science, which will instill vital awareness in our graduate students of the fundamentally important contributions and experiences of indigenous communities in their respective research areas.

Professor Niemi's service has been substantial, both to the department and the greater professional community. His most significant service to the department has been in his role as the director of the Camp Davis field station since 2013. In this role, he oversees the curriculum, trains teaching personnel, and coordinates the day-to-day operations during the spring-summer session, and has been deeply involved in the extensive renovation of the facilities. Outside the university, Professor Niemi has served on multiple proposal review panels, including those for the Earth Sciences Division of the NSF. He served as the editor of Tectonics from 2014-2018, where under his leadership, it became the first American Geophysical Union (AGU) journal with an even gender distribution among associate editors and the first AGU journal with associate editors from every continent. He has been particularly focused on DEI activities through his long-standing leadership roles in the Geological Society of America (GSA), as an elected councilor (2018-2022), member of the Executive Committee (2020-2021), and now president-elect (2024-2027). In these roles, he has worked to revise nomination and award processes to increase representation across all GSA nominees and awardees. He also helped organize a retreat on Advancing GSA’s Mission Toward Greater Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, to evaluate DEI objectives in the strategic plan and amplify DEI efforts with fresh perspectives to reinforce commitment to positive change.
We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Nathan A. Niemi as the Henry Pollack Professor, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024 through August 31, 2029.

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: Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
On the recommendation of Vikas Gulani, M.D., Ph.D., the Fred Jenner Hodges Professor and chair of the Department of Radiology, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Joel F. Platt, M.D. as the Melvyn T. Korobkin, M.D. Collegiate Professor of Radiology, Medical School, September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

The Melvyn T. Korobkin, M.D. Collegiate Professorship in Radiology was established in September 2013 through donations and gift funds to the Department of Radiology. Dr. Korobkin was the director of the Abdominal Division of the Department of Radiology from 1991-2002. He became a professor emeritus in 2012. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Joel A. Platt received his M.D. degree in 1982 from Boston University. He completed a diagnostic radiology residency at William Beaumont Hospital and a fellowship in cross sectional imaging and interventional genitourinary radiology at the University of Michigan. Dr. Platt was appointed as an assistant professor of radiology at the University of Michigan in 1987 and rose through the ranks to professor in 1999. He was appointed as the Melvyn T. Korobkin, M.D. Collegiate Professor of Radiology in 2019.

Dr. Platt’s research focuses on abdominal imaging and includes advanced technical application development and mastery into clinical practice in areas that include bringing Doppler renal ultrasound, CT angiography, CT urography, dual energy and low dose CT. Nationally, he serves as the president of the Society of Body Computed Tomography and Magnetic Resonance. Dr. Platt is the director of Abdomen Division and Body CT in the Department of Radiology. His research has been funded through the NIH and private industry. He has published 85 peer reviewed articles and has been invited to present his research on 358 occasions regionally, nationally and internationally.
Dr. Platt continues to be an engaged and excellent mentor and teacher with strong service. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the reappointment of Joel F. Platt, M.D. as the Melvyn T. Korobkin, M.D. Collegiate Professor of Radiology, Medical School, September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025

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

Recommendation endorsed by: Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs  

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Legacy Professorship

NAME: Hallie C. Prescott, M.D., M.Sc.

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Toews Family Legacy Professor of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028

On the recommendation of Timothy S. Blackwell, M.D., the John G. Searle Professor and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Hallie C. Prescott, M.D., M.Sc. as the Toews Family Legacy Professor of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

The Toews Family Legacy Professor in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine was established in June 2024 and stems from a split in the Galen B. Toews, M.D. Legacy Professorship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and will honor the legacy of Dr. Galen B. Toews, who led the division of pulmonary and critical care medicine for more than 25 years with deep dedication, professionalism, and respect, and who was a pioneer in the field of lung immunology. The purpose of this professorship is to support a faculty member with a primary appointment in the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Hallie C. Prescott received her M.D. from The Ohio State University in 2007 and completed her internal medicine residency and served as a chief medical resident at Ohio State. In 2011, she moved to Ann Arbor for her pulmonary/critical care medicine fellowship at the University of Michigan. She joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2014 and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2020. Dr. Prescott has a joint appointment with the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System and is a core investigator in the VA Center for Clinical Management Research. Dr. Prescott is a renowned researcher in the field of sepsis, leading a team at the VA Center for Clinical Management Research. Her team pulls VA electronic health record data, surveys, and qualitative methods to study sepsis and has made significant discoveries regarding sepsis and COVID outcomes, mortality rates, and antimicrobial prescribing trends. With over 120 research papers published in prestigious journals, Dr. Prescott is internationally recognized for her expertise in sepsis care. She holds leadership positions in organizations dedicated to sepsis and is currently heading a sepsis initiative as part of a large-scale quality improvement project. In collaboration with the CDC, she is developing a “manager's guide” to enhance hospital programs
monitoring and enhancing sepsis care. The impact of this project will be assessed through the CDC’s annual hospital survey.

Dr. Prescott is a worthy recipient of this professorship, and outstanding, generative, and highly productive faculty member. She is internationally recognized as an expert and leader in the field of sepsis, and she is a champion for diversity, respect, and inclusivity. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Hallie C. Prescott, M.D., M.Sc. as the Toews Family Legacy Professor of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024 through August 31, 2028.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
The first Distinguished University Professorships were created in 1947 by the Board of Regents to recognize members of the faculty for exceptional achievement and reputation in their appointive fields of scholarly interest and for their superior teaching skills. Each professorship is named in honor of an eminent individual—preferably one associated with the university—in the scholar’s same general field of interest. An appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship continues to be one of the most prestigious honors conferred by the university upon a member of its faculty.

Robert Sellers earned his B.S. (1985) in psychology from Howard University, followed by his Ph.D. (1990) in personality psychology from the University of Michigan. He began his career as an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Virginia in 1990 and joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as an associate professor of psychology in 1997. In 2002, he was promoted to professor of psychology, and in 2011, was appointed as the Charles D. Moody Collegiate Professor of psychology.

Professor Sellers’ work on racial identity development has transformed the field of psychology, giving us new tools to understand the experience of race, identity, and inequality. His development of a four-point framework to model African American racial identity (MMRI), challenged prior conceptualizations of racial identity as a singular concept and enabled research
that captures the complexity and diversity of the experience of Black people in the United States. Professor Sellers then developed the Multidimensional Inventory of Black Identity (MIBI), which he uses to study how racial identity influences other aspects of African American life, from academic achievement to mental well-being, physical health, and even mortality. Professor Sellers’s work has spawned other lines of inquiry, including work on the biological mechanisms through which identity can affect health outcomes (e.g., cytokine levels) and studies of racial and ethnic identity in non-Black populations. His research has been translated into vital social programs to improve the well-being of African American adolescents, college students, and adults of all ages. He cofounded the Center for the Study of Black Youth in Social Contexts for scholars from multiple disciplines to integrate scholarly research and social action. Professor Sellers’s work has been supported by the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation, and he has a prolific publication record in top journals, including the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, Child Development, and Developmental Psychology.

Professor Sellers has been awarded many honors for his pathbreaking scholarship. In addition to his recent election to the National Academy of Sciences, he received the James S. Jackson Lifetime Achievement Award for Transformative Scholarship from the Association for Psychological Science (2023), the Gold Medal Award for Impact in Psychology from the American Psychological Foundation (2022), the Distinguished Scholar Award from the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (2021), and the James S. Jackson Distinguished Career Award for Diversity Scholarship from UM (2023). Based on his scholarly prominence, he was appointed to President Biden’s Committee on the National Medal of Science in 2022. In 2023, American Psychologist, the premier journal of the American Psychological Association (APA) published a paper called “Standing on the shoulders of a giant: The legacy of Robert M. Sellers.”

Professor Sellers’s service at the university and national levels has shaped the field of psychology and changed the institution for the better. He served as the president of APA’s Division 45, the Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues in 2009-2010. He founded the biennial conference of Division 45 in 2010 at UM and has since hosted the conference at UM three different times. He served as the vice provost for equity and inclusion from 2014-2022 and became the university’s first chief diversity officer in 2016. In that role, Professor Sellers guided the university through its first five-year DEI strategic plan. In one his most significant UM initiatives, Professor Sellers crafted Wolverine Pathways to recruit underrepresented minorities to UM’s undergraduate student body. As of 2022, 20% of in-state African American students are at UM through Wolverine Pathways. Currently, he co-leads the Michigan Program for Advancing Cultural Transformation (M-PACT) in the Biomedical and Health Sciences. With a grant from UM and the National Institutes of Health Faculty Institutional Recruitment for Sustainable Transformation (NIH FIRST) initiative, M-PACT’s mission is to recruit and retain 30 new tenure-track assistant professors with a demonstrated commitment and expertise in promoting DEI in their research, teaching, and/or service activities.

Professor Sellers’ legacy of transformative change is evident in his teaching and mentoring as well. He regularly travels to colleges to talk to students of color about graduate school and gives seminars to socialize underrepresented students into the field. He cofounded the Black Graduate Conference in Psychology, bringing together faculty and graduate students for a conference specifically designed to create lifelong mentoring relationships. The national conference has
produced more than 200 African American psychology professors and 1,000 participants since its founding in 1995. Professor Sellers’s own graduate students identify him as a selfless and committed mentor, who mentors his students in leadership, organizational change, and professional development skills. Many of his mentees are now chairs, deans, and provosts, adding to his legacy of transformational change. In 2023, he received the Association for Psychological Science Mentoring Award.

As he assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Sellers wishes to be named the James S. Jackson Distinguished University Professor of Psychology.

As an African American psychologist, James S. Jackson, the Daniel Katz Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Psychology and research professor emeritus in ISR’s Research Center for Group Dynamics was not only a role model for Professor Sellers; he was also his hero. Professor Jackson was a world-renowned scholar whose research on the life experiences of African Americans made significant contributions to the fields of psychology, sociology, political science, gerontology, and public health. He was an inspiring mentor to many hundreds of scholars of color throughout the world and led the Program for Research on Black Americans for more than 30 years. He helped make the University of Michigan a more diverse, equitable, inclusive, and thus better, university.

The appointment of Robert Sellers as the James S. Jackson Distinguished University Professor of Psychology, effective September 1, 2024, recognizes his extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, his commitment to excellence in education for his students, and his extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:  
Michael J. Solomon  
Dean, Horace H. Rackham Graduate School,  
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs  
and Chair, Advisory Committee on  
Distinguished University Professorships

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:  
Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
The University Diversity and Social Transformation Professorships recognize and reward faculty for outstanding contributions to excellence through their commitments to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). Based on her extraordinary contributions to DEI through her scholarship, teaching, and service, I am delighted to recommend that Isis H. Settles be designated a University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor.

Professor Settles is a distinguished psychologist whose research addresses topics central to diversity, equity, and inclusion in academia, including workplace climate, discrimination, well-being, and the challenges faced by members of underrepresented groups, especially in science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) fields. She has been at the forefront of examining the intersection of race and gender, particularly for Black women. Her research also explores the dynamics of gender in male-dominated environments, with a focus on women in STEM. Professor Settles brings psychological science to bear on pressing gendered and racialized problems, aiming to influence real-world change. Her work has been well-funded by external grant agencies such as the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health. To recognize her efforts for making a significant contribution to the understanding of gender in the lives of Black women, the American Psychological Association (APA) awarded Professor Settles the Carolyn Payton Award. She has also been elected a fellow of APA (Divisions 9 and 35), in recognition of unusual and outstanding contributions to the field.

Professor Settles is an effective, active, committed and generous mentor who actively participates in the academic and professional development of undergraduate, graduate students and faculty, within and outside of the psychology department at the University of Michigan, and at other universities. Her mentoring activities have been essential for increasing the number of underrepresented students matriculating into and completing graduate programs and joining the ranks of tenured faculty. A recognized university leader, Professor Settles currently serves as the
associate dean for diversity, equity, and inclusion in the College of Literature, Sciences, and the Arts and recently served as the associate director of UM’s ADVANCE Program. Her leadership in spaces across campus have been recognized by major awards such as the Sarah Goddard Power Award (2021), the Distinguished Leadership Award by Committee on Women in Psychology (2020), and the Faculty Diversity Research Award by Department of Psychology (2020). Indeed, Professor Settles has dedicated her entire career to promoting diversity, equity, and multiculturalism both within and outside of academia. Her work has directly impacted both access and working conditions for women and people of color in academia and beyond, and she has been instrumental in catalyzing transformational change, which is evident across her scholarship, teaching, mentoring, and service to the university and the profession.

For her exceptional contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion through her research, teaching and service, I recommend Isis Settles for a University Diversity and Social Transformation Professorship.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Allison L. Steiner

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Climate and Space Sciences and Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 26, 2024

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the College of Engineering, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Allison L. Steiner as professor of Earth and environmental sciences, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024.

Allison Steiner earned her B.S. from Johns Hopkins University in 1994 and her Ph.D. from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 2003. Following an appointment as a post-doctoral research fellow at the University of California, Berkeley (2003-2006), Professor Steiner joined the UM College of Engineering faculty as an assistant professor. She was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2012, and to professor in 2018. She has been affiliated with the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences since 2011.

Professor Steiner’s internationally recognized research group studies the interactions between the biosphere and the atmosphere to understand how vegetation affects atmospheric chemistry and climate. Her research focuses on understanding how emission from the biosphere can affect atmospheric chemistry and air quality, as well as understanding how changes at the land surface can affect regional climate. Her expertise in climate system modeling complements scholarly work across the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences. Professor Steiner has published extensively on research that current faculty pursue, including regional (Great Lakes) climate, large-lake water balance, and biosphere-atmosphere interactions. For her significant research contributions, Professor Steiner was recognized by the American Meteorological Society as the Walter Orr Roberts Lecturer in 2022. Because both departments have substantial joint interests regarding climate change and sustainability, this additional appointment will foster and enhance collaboration among faculty and graduate students.

Professor Steiner’s teaching accomplishments in the College of Engineering demonstrate a solid performance with traditional classroom courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels. She serves as a mentor and undergraduate research advisor to numerous undergraduate students.
working in the fields of climate science and related applications and has published peer-reviewed journal articles with undergraduate students as co-authors. Professor Steiner has been co-teaching courses with faculty in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences and has served on several student dissertation committees.

Professor Steiner is a highly regarded colleague and university citizen. Within the College of Engineering, she served as an interim department chair in 2023 and regularly serves in department leadership roles and as a member of search and advisory committees. Professor Steiner’s roles as president of the Atmospheric Sciences Section of the American Geophysical Union and as a recent member of two National Research Council committees demonstrate her community’s respect for her science and leadership. She is also dedicated to improving the climate for women in the Earth sciences through her leadership of the Earth Science Women’s Network. In 2018, she was honored with the Harold R. Johnson Diversity Service Award, and in 2020 she received the Sarah Goddard Power Award.

We are very pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Allison L. Steiner as professor of Earth and environmental sciences, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:

[Signature]
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:

[Signature]
Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

[Signature]
Steven L. Ceccio, Ph.D.
Interim Dean
Vincent T. and Gloria M. Gorguze Professor of Engineering
College of Engineering

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship and Transfer of Tenure

NAME: Christina Weiland

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Education, with tenure, Marsal Family School of Education, and Professor of Public Policy, without tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Karl and Martha Kohn Professor of Social Policy, Professor of Public Policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and Professor of Education, with tenure, Marsal Family School of Education

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 26, 2024

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee and governing faculty of the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and with the endorsement of the Marsal Family School of Education, we are pleased to recommend the transfer of tenure for Christina Weiland from professor of education, with tenure, Marsal Family School of Education, and professor of public policy, without tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, to professor of education, with tenure, Marsal Family School of Education, and professor of public policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective August 26, 2024, and as the Karl and Martha Kohn Professor of Social Policy, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective August 26, 2024 through August 25, 2029.

Christina Weiland received her B.A in history, with high honors, from Dartmouth College (2002), and her M.Ed. (2008) and Ed.D. (2011) in quantitative policy analysis in education from Harvard University. She was a post-doctoral fellow at the Center for Secondary Analysis of Variation in Impact in Head Start from 2011-2014 and a visiting fellow at the Strategic Education Partnership for Education Research at Harvard University from 2014-2015. She joined the University of Michigan as an assistant professor in the School of Education in 2013, was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2020, and to professor effective September 2024. She became an associate professor of public policy in 2020. She is currently the co-director of the University of Michigan’s Education Policy Initiative and Institute of Education Sciences Predoctoral Training Program.

Professor Weiland is a distinguished education policy researcher who specializes in early childhood development. She is interested in quantitative research methods, educational measurement, and developmental processes research. Her work is characterized by strong, long-standing research collaborations with practitioners, particularly the Boston Public Schools Department of Early Childhood.

She co-leads the Training Program in Casual Inference in Education Policy, and the Education Policy Initiative, which is housed at the Ford School, and helps to build capacity within the education research community by developing junior scholars. This appointment will allow the Ford School to expand our relationship with a productive, policy-oriented early childhood education specialist, complementing our existing education policy strengths.
We are very pleased to recommend the transfer of tenure for Christina Weiland from professor of education, Marsal Family School of Education, and professor of public policy, without tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, to professor of education, with tenure, Marsal Family School of Education, and professor of public policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective August 26, 2024, and as the Karl and Martha Kohn Professor of Social Policy, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective August 26, 2024 through August 25, 2029.

Recommended by:  

Celeste Watkins-Hayes  
Joan and Sanford Weill Dean of Public Policy  
University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor  
Jean E. Fairfax Collegiate Professor of Public Policy  
Professor of Sociology  
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

Recommendation endorsed by:  

Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

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

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Yang Zhang

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, with tenure, and Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, without tenure, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 26, 2024

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering, I am pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Yang Zhang as professor of electrical engineering and computer science, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective August 26, 2024.

Yang Zhang received his B.S. (2004) in electrical science and technology from the University of Science and Technology of China. He received his Ph.D. (2010) in nuclear science and engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Following graduation, he was with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory as a Clifford G. Shull Fellow. He was appointed as an assistant professor at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 2012. He was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2018. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as a professor, with tenure, in 2022.

Professor Zhang’s research can be summarized into two words: matter and machine. In the realm of matter, his group synergistically integrates statistical mechanics and molecular fluid mechanics theories, accelerated molecular simulations, understandable AI methods, and neutron scattering experiments to extend our understanding of rare events and long timescale phenomena in complex material systems. Particular emphasis is placed on the physics and chemistry of liquids, glasses, and complex fluids, especially at interfaces, under extreme conditions, or when driven away from equilibrium. Concurrently, on the machine front, leveraging their expertise in materials and modeling, his group advances the development of soft robots and human-compatible machines, swarm robots and collective intelligence, and robots in extreme environments. These two research areas, spanning from fundamental to applied, serve as integral pillars in their overarching mission to foster a sustainable, resilient, and secure energy infrastructure. He has been recognized with several awards, including the American Nuclear Society Landis Award.
With this additional appointment, Professor Zhang is ideally suited to assist the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science with research and students. We are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Yang Zhang as professor of electrical engineering and computer science, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective August 26, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Steven L. Ceccio, Ph.D.
Interim Dean
Vincent T. and Gloria M. Gorguze Professor of Engineering
College of Engineering

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
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 for a Faculty Member

NAME: Thomas C. Buchmueller

CURRENT TITLES: Waldo O. Hildebrand Professor of Risk Management and Insurance, Professor of Business Economics and Public Policy, with tenure, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, and Professor of Health Management and Policy, without tenure, School of Public Health

TYPE OF LEAVE: Outside U.S. Assignment

DATES OF CURRENT LEAVE: September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024

TIME EXTENSION REQUESTED: September 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

It is recommended that Thomas C. Buchmueller be granted an extension of an outside U.S. assignment leave of absence, effective September 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

Professor Buchmueller is a distinguished health economist at our university. Professor Buchmueller’s research primarily focuses on the economics of health insurance and related public policy issues, making significant contributions to understanding the intersection between health insurance, the labor market, and health care reform in the U.S. and internationally.

During his current leave, Professor Buchmueller has been serving as the deputy assistant secretary for health policy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). In this role, he collaborates with senior HHS and White House officials to develop and implement critical health policies, overseeing a team of approximately 40 career research staff. This assignment is directly aligned with his extensive research on health insurance and public policy.

Extending Professor Buchmueller’s leave will enable him to continue his influential work at HHS under our current political administration, thereby enriching his research and providing invaluable insights that will benefit our academic community. His ongoing contribution to health policy development is of national importance and directly related to his scholarly pursuits.
We request approval of this extension of an outside the U.S. assignment leave of absence for Thomas C. Buchmueller.

Recommended by:  

Sharon F. Matusik  
Edward J. Frey Dean of Business  
Stephen M. Ross School of Business

Recommendation endorsed by:  

Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

F. DuBois Bowman, Ph.D.  
Dean, School of Public Health

July 2024
Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic and administrative positions.
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Research Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Agree Family Research Professorship in Image Guided Intervention, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

On the recommendation of Vikas Gulani, M.D., the Fred Jenner Hodges Professor and chair of the Department of Radiology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the Agree Family Research Professorship in Image Guided Intervention, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024.

The Agree Family Research Professorship in Image Guided Intervention stems from a gift from donors Richard A. Agree and Joel N. Agree. The purpose of this professorship will be to support a faculty member with a primary appointment in the Department of Radiology. The holder of this professorship will be a faculty member in the Department of Radiology. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the Agree Family Research Professorship in Image Guided Intervention, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024.

Recommended by: Recommendation endorsed by:

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

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President
President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Research Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Andrews Family Research Professorship in Hepatology, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

On the recommendation of Timothy Blackwell, M.D., the John G. Searle Professor and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the Andrews Family Research Professorship in Hepatology, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024.

The Andrews Family Research Professorship in Hepatology stems from a split from excess funds from the Alice Lohrman Andrews Research Professorship in Hepatology. The purpose of this professorship will be to support a faculty’s research with a preferred focus on research and education of liver disease. The holder of this professorship will be a faculty member in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology Division within the Department of Internal Medicine. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the Andrews Family Research Professorship in Hepatology, Medical School, effective July 1, 2024.

Recommended by: Recommendation endorsed by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D. Laurie K. McCauley
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs Provost and Executive Vice Dean, Medical School
President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship from the Rudolf Arnheim Collegiate Professorship in Film Studies, to the Rudolf Arnheim Collegiate Professorship in German Studies and Film, Television, and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024.

This professorship was established in the Provost Office and was named the Rudolf Arnheim Collegiate Professorship in Film Studies in July 2000. Rudolf Arnheim was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1974 until 1984. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Berlin in 1928 and worked as a film critic for the influential Berlin magazine, Die Weltbuhne, until his satirical article on Adolf Hitler, published in 1932, caught the attention of the Nazi party and he was forced to flee to Rome. He later moved to London and spent time as a wartime translator for the British Broadcasting Corporation before settling in New York in 1940. Professor Arnheim joined the faculty at Sarah Lawrence University as a professor in 1943 and was a visiting lecturer at the New School for Social Research during the same time. He was appointed as a professor at Harvard University in 1968 where he stayed until his retirement in 1974. He joined our faculty as a visiting professor in 1974 and later passed away in June 2007.

Professor Arnheim was a prolific and powerful theorist of art and visual perception and a pioneer in the psychology of art. He was one of the first scholars to recognize film as a major art form and helped shape the discourse of the visual arts. He was considered one of the leading scholars of Gestalt theory in the United States and he applied Gestalt theories and methods to the visual arts and film. The first of his fourteen books, Film as Art (Berlin, 1932; reprinted by University of California Press, 1957), is still taught in university courses throughout the world. His most influential work, Art and Visual Perception: A Psychology of the Creative Eye (University of California Press, 1954), has been translated into fourteen languages and is acknowledged to be one of the most influential art books of the last century. Over his career, he was awarded numerous professional honors, including two fellowships from the Rockefeller Foundation and a
Guggenheim Fellowship, and he was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1976.

Professor Arnheim’s influence carried over to his teaching and leadership roles. His lectures at the University of Michigan were extremely popular and regularly overcrowded with students. He was active in the American Society for Aesthetics and served as their president for two terms. He also served three terms as the president for the American Psychological Association’s Division on Psychology and the Arts.

We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship from the Rudolf Arnheim Collegiate Professorship in Film Studies, to the Rudolf Arnheim Collegiate Professorship in German Studies and Film, Television, and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 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:  
Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship from the Alfred G. Meyer Collegiate Professorship in History, to the Judith T. Irvine Collegiate Professorship in Linguistics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024.

This professorship was established in the Provost Office and was named the Alfred G. Meyer Collegiate Professorship in History in July 1998. Judith T. Irvine was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1999 until her retirement in 2019. She received her B.A. from Harvard University in 1966 and her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1973. Professor Irvine served on the faculty of Brandeis University from 1972-1999 before joining our faculty as a professor, with tenure, in 1999. She was appointed as the Edward Sapir Distinguished University Professor of Linguistic Anthropology in 2019.

Professor Irvine is one of the most influential scholars in her field and a major figure in anthropological theory and analysis. Her research topics included the role of language in the social life of speakers, ideologies and politics of language, and language’s engagement in social history. She conducted ethnographic and sociolinguistic research among the Wolof people of Senegal, Wolof-speakers in the United States, and isiZulu-speakers in Soweto, South Africa. She has also done documentary research, focusing on early twentieth-century American anthropology and linguistics, and on colonial-era studies of African languages. She published many articles and chapters in linguistic anthropology, co-edited a volume on Responsibility and Evidence in Oral Discourse (Cambridge University Press, 1993) and two volumes of The Collected Works of Edward Sapir (Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter, 1994 and 1999), and reconstructed Sapir’s book, The Psychology of Culture (Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter 1994, 2nd edition 2002). She also coauthored Signs of Difference: Language and Ideology in Social Life (Cambridge University Press, 2019), which examines how difference, in language and in the structuring of social life, is both made and unmade.
Professor Irvine taught undergraduate and graduate courses in linguistic anthropology and directed or served on the committees for numerous dissertations and honors theses in anthropology, linguistics, and history. Her doctoral students have gone on to win National Science Foundation dissertation grants and be awarded prestigious fellowships. She chaired the Department of Anthropology (2006-2009), served on many departmental committees, as well as the LSA executive committee. Involved with the African Studies Center since its inception, she served as its associate director from 2016-2017. Professor Irvine was the recipient of several grants and awards and was elected a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences as well as the National Academy of Sciences. She also served as editor of the *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* and associate editor of *Language in Society*.

We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship from the Alfred G. Meyer Collegiate Professorship in History, to the Judith T. Irvine Collegiate Professorship in Linguistics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 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:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Change in Name of an Existing Unendowed Collegiate Professorship

CURRENT TITLE: Allan Seager Collegiate Professorship in English Language and Literature, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Donald R. Kinder Collegiate Professorship in Political Science, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship from the Allan Seager Collegiate Professorship in English Language and Literature, to the Donald R. Kinder Collegiate Professorship in Political Science, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024.

This professorship was established in the Provost Office and was named the Allan Seager Collegiate Professorship in English Language and Literature in September 2012. Donald R. Kinder was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1981 until his retirement in 2022. He earned his B.A. in psychology at Stanford University in 1969 and his Ph.D. in social psychology at the University of California, Los Angeles in 1975. Professor Kinder began his teaching career as an assistant professor at Yale University in 1975 and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 1979. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 1981 and was promoted to professor in 1986. He was appointed as the Philip E. Converse Collegiate Professor of Political Science in 1996 and the Philip E. Converse Distinguished University Professor of Political Science in 2014.

Professor Kinder is the most distinguished public opinion scholar of his generation. He places his arguments on firm psychological foundations and tethers his studies to the rich contours of political discourse as encountered by citizens in the “real world.” His work established that the way that politicians and journalists frame an issue can shape how people organize an understanding of an event in memory. Professor Kinder galvanized the rapid growth of the use of experimental methods in political science. He also advanced a new theory of contemporary prejudice that explained how a fusion of anti-black sentiment and conservative values forge what has come to be known as “racial resentment” and is understood to be one of the strongest and most consistent forces shaping American public opinion. He also reshaped understandings of how voters evaluate political candidates and was the first scholar to demonstrate the importance of emotions in understanding political attitudes and voter decision-making. Professor Kinder’s achievements have been recognized by many awards and honors, including being named...
Distinguished Mentor by the Women's Caucus of the American Political Science Association, a Guggenheim Fellowship, and named a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the National Academy of Sciences. He delivered the Russel Lecture at the University of Michigan in 2022.

Professor Kinder was known for his high caliber of teaching and mentoring. He provided exceptional training by routinely co-authoring books and articles with his graduate students and regularly taught undergraduate and graduate courses on public opinion, American government, research methods, and political psychology. Professor Kinder was similarly engaged in service to the university and professional organizations. He served on the college’s divisional committee and was the chair of the Department of Political Science twice. He served as a co-principal investigator for the National Election Studies from 1989-1996 and 1999-2005, was on the editorial board for the American Political Science Review, and on the Board of Overseers for American National Election Studies.

We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship from the Allan Seager Collegiate Professorship in English Language and Literature, to the Donald R. Kinder Collegiate Professorship in Political Science, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 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:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Change in Name of an Existing Unendowed Collegiate Professorship

CURRENT TITLE: Agnes Inglis Collegiate Professorship in Psychology and Women’s Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Janine Maddock Collegiate Professorship in Chemistry and in Biophysics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship from the Agnes Inglis Collegiate Professorship in Psychology and Women’s Studies, to the Janine Maddock Collegiate Professorship in Chemistry and in Biophysics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024.

This professorship was established in the Provost Office and was named the Agnes Inglis Collegiate Professorship in Psychology and Women’s Studies in July 2000. Janine Maddock was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1995 until her retirement in 2020. She received her B.S. from the University of California, Davis in 1980, her M.S. from San Diego State University in 1983, and her Ph.D. from Carnegie Mellon University in 1990. She was a post-doctoral fellow at Stanford University in the Department of Developmental Biology from 1990-1994 before joining our faculty as an assistant professor of molecular, cellular, and developmental biology in 1995. Professor Maddock was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2001, and to professor in 2009.

Professor Maddock’s well known and ground-breaking research program focused on delineating how the macromolecular machines that make proteins—known as ribosomes—assemble. A second line of research focused on how proteins are positioned within cells. She published over fifty scientific papers and reviews, and directly trained eighteen graduate students and dozens of undergraduate students. She has presented her research at dozens of national and international forums. Her research was consistently funded, primarily from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.

Professor Maddock was a highly respected educator and mentor who made significant contributions to the curriculum in the Department of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology and more broadly in the university. During her academic career, she designed and taught numerous courses for graduate students and undergraduates, especially in the fields of molecular biology and microbiology. She also participated in a number of cross-disciplinary...
courses with faculty across several UM schools and colleges. She was involved in graduate recruitment and training throughout much of her career, including chairing the graduate admissions committee (2009-2010) and the graduate studies committee (2005-2007). Professor Maddock was the recipient of the university’s Imes and Moore Faculty Award in 2006 in recognition of her commitment to mentoring underrepresented students, as well as three LSA Excellence in Education Awards (1996, 1997, and 1999).

In addition to her service to graduate studies, Professor Maddock served as the associate chair in the department in 2004 and 2008 and was a member of the college executive committee from 2015-2018. At the university level, she served as a member of the Academic Affairs Advisory Committee, the LSA Nominating Committee, and the Senate Assembly. She also served on numerous scientific review panels, was chair for Division J of the American Society for Microbiology, and was on key editorial boards in the field of microbiology.

We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship from the Agnes Inglis Collegiate Professorship in Psychology and Women’s Studies, to the Janine Maddock Collegiate Professorship in Chemistry and in Biophysics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 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:

Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship from the Alfred S. Sussman Collegiate Professorship in Biology, to the Gopal Prasad Collegiate Professorship in Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024.

This professorship was established in the Provost Office and was named the Alfred S. Sussman Collegiate Professorship in Biology in February 1998. Gopal Prasad was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1992 until his retirement in 2017. He received his B.Sc. from Magadh University in 1963, his M.Sc. from Patna University in 1965, and his Ph.D. from the University of Bombay in 1976. He served on the faculty of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research from 1975-92. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a professor, with tenure, in 1992 and was appointed as the Raoul Bott Collegiate Professor of Mathematics in 2008.

Professor Prasad is a leading expert on Lie groups and algebraic groups. In his early work, he proved the strong rigidity of lattices in real semi-simple groups of rank 1 and of lattices in p-adic groups. He later studied the topological central extensions of these groups and computed the metaplectic kernel for isotropic groups. Professor Prasad and Andrei S. Rapinchuk gave a precise computation of the metaplectic kernel for all simply connected semi-simple groups. He proved a useful volume formula for semi-simple groups. His work, with Allen Moy, on the representation theory of reductive p-adic groups led to the development of the Moy-Prasad filtration of parahoric subgroups. Professor Prasad gave a classification of and structure theory for non-abelian pseudoreductive groups over all imperfect fields. This work settled an outstanding problem in the area and had several important arithmetic applications.

A remarkable and inspiring teacher, Professor Prasad generously shared his time and expertise with a generation of undergraduate students, graduate students, and colleagues. From 1998-2011, he served as the managing editor of the *Michigan Mathematical Journal* and played an
instrumental role in broadening the editorial board to include mathematicians from around the world and enhancing the journal’s academic stature. He was also the editor of the *Asian Journal of Mathematics* and the associate editor of the *Annals of Mathematics*. Professor Prasad was awarded the Mathematical Sciences Prize from the Government of India’s Council on Scientific and Industrial Research (1989), a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship (1998), and the Humboldt Senior Research Award from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (2006).

We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship from the Alfred S. Sussman Collegiate Professorship in Biology, to the Gopal Prasad Collegiate Professorship in Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 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:**

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship from the Domna C. Stanton Collegiate Professorship in French, Women’s Studies, and Comparative Literature, to the Louise Tilly Collegiate Professorship in European History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024.

This professorship was established in the Provost Office and was named the Domna C. Stanton Collegiate Professorship in French, Women’s Studies, and Comparative Literature in June 2014. Louise Tilly was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1977 until her resignation in 1984. She received her B.S. from Rutgers University in 1952, her M.A. from Boston University in 1955, and her Ph.D. from the University of Toronto in 1974. Professor Tilly joined our faculty as a lecturer and instructor in 1969, was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 1977, and to professor in 1982. She held faculty appointments at Michigan State University and the Graduate Faculty of the New School for Social Research. She passed away in 2018.

Professor Tilly was a pioneer in the study of women, work, and family life in nineteenth-century Europe. Her dedication to social history and women's studies opened the study of history to the lives of “ordinary people” and how they effect holistic social change, paving a pathway for women in the profession. Her research examined the duality of the working class and the rise of the socialist movement in Milan, Italy. Additionally, she looked to find how industrialization, the formation of class, and welfare states effected gender and family structures throughout the world. She was the recipient of several prestigious fellowships and grants, including from the Rockefeller Foundation Population Policy, and regularly evaluated grants and fellowships for the National Science Foundation. As an author, editor, and co-author, she published fifty scholarly articles and nine books, including her notable work, Women, Work, and Family (with Joan W. Scott; New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1978).
Professor Tilly held many offices at universities, journals, and professional organizations. She served as the director of the then-Department of Women’s Studies at UM, director of the Committee on Historical Studies at the New School, and president of the American Historical Association. She and her husband, Charles Tilly, were among the co-founders of the Social Science History Association (SSHA), and Professor Tilly was one of the SSHA’s first presidents. She was a well-loved colleague and treasured adviser and mentor to her many graduate students.

We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship from the Domna C. Stanton Collegiate Professorship in French, Women’s Studies, and Comparative Literature, to the Louise Tilly Collegiate Professorship in European History, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 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:  
Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

Recommendations for approval of other personnel transactions

for regular instructional staff and selected

academic and administrative staff
ACTION REQUEST: Recess appointment approval for the period between regularly scheduled meetings

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorization for approving necessary appointments

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 19, 2024 through September 19, 2024

During the period between this board meeting and the next regularly scheduled board meeting, it is requested that the Regents authorize the president or the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs to make such recess appointments and/or changes as may become necessary. All such appointments will be reported to the Regents at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
I am pleased to recommend the change in title for Thomas A. Finholt to senior vice provost for academic and budgetary affairs, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective July 1, 2024.

Thomas Finholt received a B.A. degree with high honors in history from Swarthmore College in 1983 and a Ph.D. degree in social and decision sciences from Carnegie Mellon University in 1993. Prior to completing the Ph.D. degree, he held a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship from 1985-1989. He joined the University of Michigan in 1991 as an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology and held that appointment until 1997. From 1997-2009, his appointments from assistant research scientist to research professor resided in the School of Information. In 2009, he was appointed as a professor in the School of Information. Professor Finholt was a co-founder and then director of the Collaboratory for Research on Electronic Work from 1997-2010. His service to the School of Information is reflected in his multiple administrative appointments in the school: associate dean for research and innovation (2006-2010), senior associate dean for faculty (2010-2012), senior associate dean for academic affairs (2012-2015), acting dean (2013), interim dean (2015-2016), and dean (2016-2022). Professor Finholt was appointed as the vice provost for academic and budgetary affairs in the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs in August 2022.

Professor Finholt’s research areas include collective intelligence and organizational technology; data science, analytics, and visualization; human computer interaction; and science, technology, and society. He helped develop several key systems for scientific discovery over the Internet, including the Space Physics and Aeronomy Research Collaboratory (SPARC) and the George E. Brown, Jr. Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation (NEES). He has examined the energy signature of maintaining social networks, how ultra-resolution collaboration technology has accelerated research on “next generation civil infrastructure,” and how federal data policies create friction that impedes data sharing. His current research contributions include the organization of a network of faculty across thirteen units on campus to develop an augmented/virtual/mixed reality strategy for the
university. He is also active in the sports analytics initiative, where students from various disciplines work with trainers and coaches in UM Athletics to analyze athletes’ health, safety and performance using data gathered from wearable devices. Since 1992, he has been the principal investigator on grants totaling over $8 million, and a co-principal investigator on grants totaling over $9 million, predominantly from the NSF. He has co-authored over 50 refereed articles, chapters, and conference proceedings.

In his current role, Professor Finholt supervises annual preparation of the nearly $3 billion general fund budget. He manages the provost’s capital renewal process, involving annual allocations of $45 million for academic buildings. Professor Finholt oversees submissions for new academic programs made to the Michigan Association of State Universities - and is the academic affairs representative for UM to MASU. The Center for Academic Innovation reports to him and leads UM’s development and production of online degrees and courses. Finally, Professor Finholt has responsibility for institutional research, including meeting UM’s federal and state data reporting requirements.

Since joining the Provost Office, Professor Finholt has introduced a number of innovations. First, he increased transparency about the budget process through the creation of new standing outreach committees for faculty, staff and students. Second, he introduced a modernized capital renewal submission process that is more efficient and complete, and in better compliance with campus best practices. Third, Professor Finholt worked with the Office of the Chief Financial Officer to implement the first ever investment fund for small to medium academic capital projects, allowing many long-deferred building plans to get underway. Finally, since assuming oversight of the Center for Academic Innovation, Professor Finholt has supported the rollout of thirty or more open course offerings on generative AI, taught by UM experts and solicited via a campus-wide competition.

Professor Finholt has assumed an increasingly broad portfolio and set of responsibilities. It is therefore a pleasure to recommend the change in title for Thomas A. Finholt to senior vice provost for academic and budgetary affairs, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective July 1, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie K. McCauley  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
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 Channing G. Joseph as the Howard R. Marsh Visiting Professor of Journalism, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024 through April 30, 2025.

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. 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.

Channing Joseph earned his B.A. in philosophy and theater from Oberlin College in 2003 and his M.Sc. in journalism from Columbia University in 2005. He has held several academic appointments at other institutions, including associate professor of race and identity at Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism – CUNY, Berlin Prize Fellow at the American Academy in Berlin, and lecturer at the University of Southern California – Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism. He is currently a visiting Ferris Professor of Journalism at Princeton University.

Mr. Joseph is an award-winning writer of creative nonfiction and journalism and is recognized as a global authority on African American queer history and culture. His writing has appeared in The New York Times, The Nation, The International Herald Tribune, the Associated Press, Entertainment Weekly, and U.S. News & World Report, to name a few. His innovative work has been recognized by the U.S. National Archives and the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture, and he has been a featured guest on BBC World News, CBS News, and other international media outlets. Mr. Joseph is a sought-after speaker and frequently lectures across the U.S. and around the globe. His official Ted Talk, “How Black Queer Culture Shaped History,” has received more than 1.4 million views.
Mr. Joseph will teach two courses each semester for the department. The first, “Black Queer Storytelling: Creative Nonfiction and Journalism through an African American LGBTQIA+ Lens,” will immerse students in creative nonfiction and journalism. Students will examine what it means to recover and unearth Black Queer stories and histories that have been suppressed or erased and will pursue their own journalistic or creative nonfiction writing projects. The second, “Reporting on Racial Injustice: Towards a Reparative Journalism,” will examine some of the ways that journalists have succeeded and failed in covering marginalized racial communities in the U.S., both in the distant and the more recent past. Both courses meet a range of needs in the department, most specifically DEI-related coursework for both the majors and students outside the major.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Channing G. Joseph as the Howard R. Marsh Visiting Professor of Journalism, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024 through April 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: Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Appointment to an Endowed Visiting Professorship

NAME: Kemp Powers

RECOMMENDED TITLE: John H. Mitchell Visiting Professor of Media Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: August 26, 2024 through December 31, 2024

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Film, Television, and Media and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Kemp Powers as the John H. Mitchell Visiting Professor of Media Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

The John H. Mitchell Visiting Professorship in Media Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media was established in October 2021 as the result of a generous gift from the Patricia W. Mitchell Trust. Visiting scholars are highly experienced in the media industry and teach an undergraduate course in the Department of Film, Television, and Media. Appointment periods are for the fall term only and may not be renewed.

Kemp Powers graduated from Howard University in 1995 and was the Knight-Wallace Journalism Fellow at the University of Michigan from 2002-2003. Prior to his work in stage, television, and film, Mr. Powers was a journalist for The Hilltop.

Mr. Powers is a Golden Globe Award-winning and Academy Award-nominated screenwriter, playwright, producer, and director. He is best known for his play, One Night in Miami (2020), and the 2020 film adaptation of the same name. He also co-wrote and co-directed the Oscar and Golden Globe winning animated film Soul (2020) and Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (2023). His work on Soul made him the first African American to co-direct a Disney animated feature. Mr. Powers is currently working on two separate features for Netflix: Irredeemable which is based on the comic series Irredeemable and Incorruptible by Mark Waid and illustrated by Peter Krause; and Eloquent which is based on David W. Blight’s Pulitzer Prize-winning biography Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom. He will teach “Screenwriting III,” an advanced screenwriting seminar where students will work closely with Mr. Powers to develop and edit their own screenplay.
We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Kemp Powers as the John H. Mitchell Visiting Professor of Media Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 26, 2024 through December 31, 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:

Laurie K. McCauley
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2024
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - DEARBORN

Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments
or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected
academic and administrative staff
On the recommendation of the dean of the College of Education, Health, and Human Services, and with the endorsement of the provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Danielle L. DeFauw as chair, Department of Education, College of Education, Health, and Human Services, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

Danielle DeFauw obtained her Bachelor of Science in elementary education in 2001, with majors in English language arts and early childhood, and her Master of Education in literacy in 2003, with a K-12 specialization, both from the University of Michigan-Flint. She received her Ph.D. in reading education from Oakland University in 2010.

Her book, *Engaging Teachers, Students, and Families in K-6 Writing Instruction: Developing Effective Flipped Writing Pedagogies*, published by Routledge in 2020, details her K-6 writing methods course designed to support preservice teachers’ development of their teacher-writer voices and use of authentic writing instruction to support students’ writing development. Currently, she is co-researching the Etisalat Award for Arabic Children’s Literature to explore the award’s impact on the quality of children’s literature since 2009. She is also co-researching how the National Writing Project’s National Scoring Conference supports the development of in-service teachers’ pedagogical content knowledge of writing and how that learning transfers into classroom practice.

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Danielle L. DeFauw as chair, Department of Education, College of Education, Health, and Human Services, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

Recommended by:

Domenico Grasso, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Jie Shen

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Computer and Information Science, with tenure, College of Engineering and Computer Science

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Interim Chair, Department of Computer and Information Science, College of Engineering and Computer Science

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

On the recommendation of the dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering and Computer Science, and with the endorsement of the provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Jie Shen as interim chair, Department of Computer and Information Science, College of Engineering and Computer Science, effective September 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. A search for a permanent chair will commence in summer 2024.

Jie Shen received a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in vehicle engineering from Jiangsu Science Tech University in 1982 and 1985, respectively. He earned a Master of Science and Ph.D. in computer science from the University of Saskatchewan in 1997 and 2000, respectively.

Professor Shen joined the faculty of the Department of Computer and Information Science at the University of Michigan-Dearborn as an assistant professor in 2000, was promoted to associate professor in 2008, and to professor in 2015. Professor Shen has published 170 technical papers and is a recipient of both the Silver and Bronze Level President’s Award of the American Society for Nondestructive Testing. He is the editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Modelling and Simulation, an American Society of Mechanical Engineers and Institution of Engineering and Technology fellow, and currently serves on the college’s Executive Committee. Professor Shen epitomizes our campus values and will bring strong leadership to the department during this interim period.

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Jie Shen as interim chair, Department of Computer and Information Science, College of Engineering and Computer Science, effective September 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Recommended by:

Domenico Grasso, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

July 2024
Recommendations for approval of new appointments
and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks, with tenure
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Syed Ali Arefifar

TITLE: Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering, College of Innovation and Technology

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 26, 2024

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

The dean, along with the hire and search advisory committees of the College of Innovation and Technology at the University of Michigan-Flint, are pleased to recommend the appointment of Syed Ali Arefifar as associate professor of electrical engineering, with tenure, College of Innovation and Technology, effective August 26, 2024.

ACADEMIC DEGREES
Syed Ali Arefifar earned his Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of Alberta in 2010.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION
Teaching: Professor Arefifar has shown success teaching across a range of electrical engineering and energy technology courses. He accomplishes this by leading students to thoroughly understand the concepts of a course by their relation to basic facts and everyday life rules and situations. His teaching philosophy emphasizes student motivation, diverse assessments, consistent feedback, and constantly evolving teaching practices based on student comments. During his tenure at Oakland University, he consistently received positive student evaluations and his classroom performance was recognized by the Excellence in Teaching Award in May 2023. During class sessions, he uses videos, slides, simple experiments, and gamification to engage students and this approach also allows for a variety of non-traditional assessments. Overall, Professor Arefifar is an excellent teacher.

Research: Professor Arefifar’s research interests are on optimal planning and operation of sustainable energy systems including renewable energies and electric vehicles. His primary research focus is to use his experience in energy systems, power electronics, and electric machines to address energy generation/consumption planning, implementation, and operational issues associated with modern distribution systems that are fully sustainable and decarbonized. His work has made an international impact in his field as evidenced by over 2300 citations from 29 journal articles and more than 30 conference articles. It is noteworthy that he has nine publications with over 100 citations and has been averaging over 200 citations per year for the past seven years.
Clearly a respected scholar, Professor Arefifar has also secured grant funding from the National Science Foundation in excess of $600k. His publication quality, funding success, and the engagement of students in the scholarship process demonstrates his excellence as a researcher.

Recent and Significant Publications:


EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL LETTERS
Reviewer (A): “Considering his body of work, Dr. Arefifar’s impactful contributions focus on energy management and reliability within several domains, notably electric vehicles, battery management, microgrids, and wind farms.”

Reviewer (B): “I feel that for an academic with eight years of faculty experience, he has been successful in producing strong research output in the form of journal and conference publications. His grantsmanship and student advising are in the right direction.”

Reviewer (C): “His research is: (i) consistent and (ii) relevant in that he focuses on various technical aspects of power systems using state-of-the-art, standard (as opposed to fringe) methodologies and incorporates renewable energy sources and points of concern regarding their integration into the grid.”

Reviewer (D): “Dr. Arefifar’s technical work has gained the respect of his peers which is demonstrated by the number of papers that he has published in flagship journals of his field and the external grants he has attracted to his lab.”

Reviewer (E): “Journal Publications - There are 29 published journal papers, several of them are in highly reputable journals. Since taking an independent academic position in 2016, publication list is steadily increasing. Grant Proposals Funded – Sizeable NSF grant is reported as secured that further establishes the strength of Prof. Ali Arefifar.”

Reviewer (F): “He has established himself as an expert in his field. It is a strong record that he has published more than ten papers in the top journals in the field, including IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid, IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, IEEE Transactions on Power Delivery, and IEEE Transactions on Industrial Electronics.”
Reviewer (G): “Dr. Arefifar is an accomplished and active researcher. … His research work and publications have been centered on the modern tools of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Graphics Processing Units (GPUs), which are essential for analyzing, planning and managing electrical power systems.”

SUMMARY
Professor Arefifar is an excellent teacher and scholar. His scholarship has made an international impact in his field, and he has secured over $600k in grant funding to support his research. He has met and exceeded the requisite excellence in teaching, research, and service, and in concurrence with his tenure upon hire committee. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Syed Ali Arefifar as associate professor of electrical engineering, with tenure, College of Innovation and Technology, effective August 26, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Christopher Pearson, Dean
College of Innovation and Technology

Recommendation endorsed by:

[Signature]
Yener Kandogan, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
[Signature]
Donna Kay Fry, Interim Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

July 2024
ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Mohamed Wiem Mkaouer

TITLE: Associate Professor of Computer Science, College of Innovation and Technology

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 26, 2024

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

The dean, along with the hire and search advisory committees of the College of Innovation and Technology at the University of Michigan-Flint, are pleased to recommend the appointment of Mohamed Wiem Mkaouer as associate professor of computer science, with tenure, College of Innovation and Technology, effective August 26, 2024.

ACADEMIC DEGREES
Mohamed Wiem Mkaouer earned his Ph.D. in computer and information science from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 2016.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Teaching: Professor Makaouer’s approach to teaching is both comprehensive and adaptable, covering the spectrum of courses from undergraduate to graduate levels. During his tenure at Rochester Institute of Technology, he taught numerous courses at both levels, underlining his ability to navigate the complexities of software engineering education. His clear teaching philosophy is intrinsically linked to his research agenda. His dedication to teaching extends to fostering inclusive learning environments with the objective to reach diverse audiences. To this end, he has adopted the Universal Design for Learning model for his courses which exemplifies his commitment to considering the varied needs of his students. In addition, he has integrated modern technologies such as Trello and Slack channels to enhance student support in his courses. His dedication and commitment to teaching can be seen through the astonishing number of students he has mentored in his career - over 80 total including eight Ph.D., 60 Master’s, and 17 Bachelor’s. Overall, Professor Mkaouer is a highly skilled and committed educator.

Research: Professor Mkaouer’s scholarship focus is on Software Engineering, specifically Software Reuse and Refactoring. His scholarly record stands as a testament to excellence in academic research, reflecting an outstanding blend of prolific output, high-quality work, strategic focus, and collaborative engagement. To-date, in his academic career, he has produced 48 journal publications, three book chapters, and 71 conference publications, with a significant number of the
journal publications classified as Q1, Rank A. This tremendous volume and diversity of work not only highlights his unwavering dedication to advancing knowledge but also underscores his versatility and broad engagement across various platforms. He has received multiple awards for best paper and presentation, and such accolades point to the relevance, rigor, and significant impact of his research contributions, situating him as a notable figure within his scholarly community. Clearly, he is an accomplished researcher and well respected by the community. Along with his scholarly record, Professor Mkaouer has secured grant funding from the National Science Foundation totaling nearly $600k. His extensive, high-quality output and strategic approach to collaboration and innovation not only showcase his current achievements but also promises a route of continued significant contributions to the academic community.

Recent and Significant Publications:


EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL LETTERS
Reviewer (A): “Prof. Mkaouer’s research output is exemplary – he has 48 journal publications and 71 referred conference papers. … It is worth noting that Prof. Mkaouer has published in all the top-tier Software Engineering conferences and journals…”

Reviewer (B): “Regarding quality, quantity, focus and scholarly impact of the applicant’s technical papers, the applicant’s track record is very good.”

Reviewer (C): “Mohamed has produced an outstanding scholarly output/productivity, demonstrating his hard working and commitment to research and collaboration. … I would estimate him to be among the top 10% software engineering [junior] researchers!”

Reviewer (D): “Dr. Mkaouer’s publication record is quite strong and varied. … The vast majority of his publications are in high quality venues, including several in the journals IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering, ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology, Empirical Software Engineering, and Automated Software Engineering.”

Reviewer (E): “In summary, Dr. Mohamed Wiem Mkaouer’s scholarly output is impressive both in terms of quantity and quality. His work has been recognized through awards and publications in top-tier venues, indicating its impact on his field.”
Reviewer (F): “Currently, I would rank Mohamed among the top-3 Refactoring researchers of his generation worldwide, and among the top-10 Refactoring researchers regardless of seniority level worldwide. This is a remarkably high ranking given that Refactoring is a rather mature SE research area with a lifespan of 30 years and hundreds of active researchers.”

SUMMARY
Professor Mkaouer is a highly skilled educator and talented scholar. He has mentored numerous undergraduate and graduate students through his research and has secured nearly $600k in grant funding to support his research. He has met and exceeded the requisite excellence in teaching, research, and service, and in concurrence with his tenure upon hire committee. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Mohamed Wiem Mkaouer as associate professor of computer science, with tenure, College of Innovation and Technology, effective August 26, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Pearson, Dean
College of Innovation and Technology

Recommendation endorsed by:

Yener Kandogan, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Donna Kay Fry, Interim Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

July 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - FLINT

Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff
ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Shelby Newport

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Theatre, with tenure, College of Arts, Sciences and Education

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Chair, Department of Fine and Performing Arts, College of Arts, Sciences and Education

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027

The interim dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Arts, Sciences and Education at the University of Michigan-Flint, with the endorsement of the Department of Fine and Performing Arts, are pleased to recommend the appointment of Shelby Newport as chair, Department of Fine and Performing Arts, College of Arts, Sciences and Education, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

Shelby Newport received her M.F.A. from Purdue University in 2009. As a costume and makeup designer, she has worked at a number of regional theaters including Colorado Shakespeare Festival, Great River Shakespeare Festival and Glimmerglass Opera. Additionally, Professor Newport has an excellent record of service leadership. She has previously served as the chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance, as a member of the College of Arts and Sciences Executive Committee, and as the associate provost for the University of Michigan-Flint.

We believe that Professor Newport will continue to be an effective leader. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Shelby Newport as chair, Department of Fine and Performing Arts, College of Arts, Sciences and Education, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027.

Recommended by:

Jeannette Stein, Interim Dean
College of Arts, Sciences and Education

Recommendation endorsed by:

Yefer Kandogan, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Donna Kay Fry, Interim Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

July 2024