ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

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

   (1) Harte, Steven E., Ph.D., associate professor of anesthesiology, with tenure, and associate professor of internal medicine, without tenure, Medical School, effective September 1, 2021.

2. New appointments and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks, without tenure.

   (1) Pitt, Susan C., M.D., associate professor of surgery, without tenure, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021.

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

   (1) Barber, James R., Jon R. and Beverly S. Holt Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026 (also Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and professor of mechanical engineering and applied mechanics, with tenure).

   (2) Barr, Michael S., Joan and Sanford Weill Dean of Public Policy, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2027 (also Frank Murphy Collegiate Professor of Public Policy, professor of public policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, Roy F. and Jean Humphrey Proffitt Professor, and professor of law, with tenure, Law School).

   (3) Ceccio, Steven L., Vincent T. and Gloria M. Gorguze Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2027 (also associate dean for academic affairs, professor of mechanical engineering, with tenure, and professor of naval architecture and marine engineering, without tenure).

   (4) Massey, Jonathan, dean, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027 (also professor of architecture, with tenure).

   (5) Moje, Elizabeth B., dean, School of Education, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027 (also Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, George Herbert Mead Collegiate Professor of Education, and professor of education, with tenure).
ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

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

(6) Overpeck, Jonathan T., Samuel A. Graham Dean, School for Environment and Sustainability, effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027 (also William B. Stapp Collegiate Professor of Environmental Education, and professor of environment and sustainability, with tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability, professor of climate and space sciences and engineering, without tenure, and professor of Earth and environmental sciences, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).

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

(1) Ahn, Jaimo, M.D., Ph.D., Harold W. and Helen L. Gehring Research Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Medical School, October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026 (also clinical professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery).

(2) Alva, Ajjai Shivaram, M.B.B.S., Maisel Research Professor of Translational/ Clinical Oncology, Medical School, October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026 (also clinical associate professor, Department of Internal Medicine).

(3) Boisseron, Bénédicte M., professor of romance languages and literatures, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2022 (also acting chair, Department of Afroamerican and African Studies, and professor of Afroamerican and African studies, with tenure).

(4) Carlozzi, Noelle E., Ph.D., professor of surgery, without tenure, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021 (also professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation, with tenure),

(5) Crawford, Eileen A., M.D., Harold W. and Helen L. Gehring Early Career Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Medical School, October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026 (also clinical assistant professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery).

(6) Dick, Gregory J., professor of environment and sustainability, without tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability, effective August 30, 2021 (also professor of Earth and environmental sciences, with tenure, and professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).
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4. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.

(7) Hankenson, Kurt D., D.V.M., M.S., Ph.D., Henry Ruppenthal Family Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Bioengineering, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026 (also professor of orthopaedic surgery, with tenure).

(8) Hawley, Sarah T., Ph.D., M.P.H., Maisel Research Professor of Cancer Control and Population Science, Medical School, October 1, 2021, through August 31, 2026 (also professor of internal medicine, with tenure, Medical School, professor of health management and policy, without tenure, and professor of health behavior and health education, without tenure, School of Public Health).

(9) Huang, Yvonne J., M.D., associate professor of microbiology and immunology, without tenure, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021 (also associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure).

(10) Lei, Yu, D.D.S., Ph.D., associate professor of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery, without tenure, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021 (also associate professor of dentistry, with tenure, School of Dentistry).

(11) Li, Gen, John G. Searle Assistant Professor of Biostatistics, School of Public Health, effective October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024 (also assistant professor of biostatistics).

(12) Lueng, Cindy, John G. Searle Assistant Professor of Nutritional Sciences, School of Public Health, October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024 (also assistant professor of nutritional sciences).

(13) Lyssiotis, Costas A., Ph.D., Maisel Research Professor of Oncology, Medical School, October 1, 2021, through August 31, 2026 (also associate professor of molecular and integrative physiology, with tenure, and associate professor of internal medicine, without tenure).

(14) Matuszak, Martha M., Ph.D., Laurie Snow Research Professor, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026 (also clinical associate professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, Medical School, and assistant professor of nuclear engineering and radiological sciences, College of Engineering).
ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

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

(15) Moon, James J., J.G. Searle Professor, College of Pharmacy, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026 (also professor of pharmaceutical sciences, with tenure, College of Pharmacy, and professor of biomedical engineering, Medical School and College of Engineering).

(16) Morgan, Todd, M.D., Jack Lapides, M.D. Research Professor, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026 (also professor of urology, with tenure).

(17) Phillips, Tycel, M.D., Maria Reinhardt DeCesare Research Professor of Blood Cancers and Bone Marrow Transplantation, Medical School, October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026 (also clinical associate professor, Department of Internal Medicine).

(18) Rosenblum, Katherine L., Ph.D., professor of pediatrics, without tenure, Medical School, effective September 1, 2021 (also professor of psychiatry, with tenure, and professor of obstetrics and gynecology, without tenure).

(19) Soleimanpour, Arash, M.D., associate professor of molecular and integrative physiology, without tenure, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021 (also associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure).

(20) Yin, Yafeng, interim chair, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering, effective December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022 (also professor of civil and environmental engineering, with tenure, and professor of industrial and operations engineering, without tenure).

(21) Yingling, Charles T., associate dean for professional practice, School of Nursing, effective October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024 (also clinical professor).

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

(1) Naming of an unendowed collegiate professorship as the Mary Sue Coleman Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, College of Literature, Sciences and the Arts, effective November 1, 2021.

(2) Establishment of an endowed professorship as the John H. Mitchell Visiting Professorship in Media Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective October 1, 2021.
ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

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

(3) Establishment of a research professorship as the Ruth H. Strang, M.D. Research Professorship in Pediatrics, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021.

(4) Establishment of an endowed professorship as the Max Wicha, M.D. Distinguished Professorship in Oncology, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021.

(5) Establishment of an endowed professorship as the Wicha Family Professorship in Oncology, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021.

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 October 22, 2021 through December 9, 2021.

(2) Chakraborty, Sumita, Helen Zell Visiting Professor of Creative Writing, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective October 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022.

(3) Cook, Emma E., Toyota Visiting Professor of Japanese Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

FLINT CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

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

(1) Knerr, Douglas, acting dean, College of Arts and Sciences, effective January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 (also professor of history, with tenure).

(2) Newport, Shelby, vice provost for academic affairs, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, effective November 1, 2021 (also professor of theatre, with tenure, College of Arts and Sciences).

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
Recommendations for approval of new appointments and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks, with tenure
On the recommendation of George A. Mashour, M.D., Ph.D., the Sweet Professor and chair of the Department of Anesthesiology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Steven E. Harte, Ph.D. as associate professor of anesthesiology, with tenure, and associate professor of internal medicine, without tenure, Medical School, effective September 1, 2021.

Academic Degrees:
Steven E. Harte received his B.A. degree in behavioral sciences in 1998, from the University of Michigan. He completed an M.A. degree in biopsychology in 2002, at Wayne State University. He completed his Ph.D. degree in behavioral and cognitive neuroscience in 2005, at Wayne State University.

Professional Record:
Dr. Harte was appointed as a research investigator in internal medicine and anesthesiology at the University of Michigan in 2008. He was appointed as an assistant research scientist in both departments in 2013. Dr. Harte was promoted to an associate research scientist in internal medicine and anesthesiology in 2018.

Summary of Evaluation:
Dr. Harte is a translational pain neuroscientist in the Departments of Anesthesiology and Internal Medicine Division of Rheumatology at the University of Michigan. The overarching goal of his research program is to delineate and quantify the complex underlying neural mechanisms of altered pain sensitivity and multisensory integration in chronic pain patients. To this end, he pursues a multidimensional research strategy that utilizes patient-reported outcome measures, functional and chemical brain imaging,
psychophysical sensory measurement, and assessment of inflammatory biomarkers. These efforts have improved the understanding of the chronic pain state and helped position the University of Michigan to be on the cutting edge of precision pain management. This work is conducted within an interdisciplinary framework, as evidenced by the myriad of departments and units represented by the faculty with whom he collaborates. Dr. Harte is nationally and internationally recognized for his expertise in quantitative sensory testing (QST). QST refers to experimental procedures to measure sensory function by assessing perceptual and physiological responses to quantifiable physical stimuli. His research has been well funded by the NIH, and foundation grants. He has published 80 peer-reviewed articles in leading pain and neuroscience journals, including Pain, Journal of Pain, and Arthritis and Rheumatology, as well as in multidisciplinary scientific journals such as Nature Communications.

Recent and Significant Publications:


Dr. Harte has been successfully teaching pain measurement, as performed in animals and humans, since the beginning of his career. His teaching effectiveness is evident in
the many studies that have successfully collected and published sensory and pain data following his training. He lectures annually in the Department of Anesthesiology’s Pain Medicine Fellowship and in several neuroscience courses. Moreover, he developed and taught a new graduate-level course entitled, Introduction to Pain. Launched in the Winter 2020 semester, this course, of which there is no comparable offering at any United States institution to our knowledge, was exceptionally well-received by our students and will be offered regularly through the Neuroscience Graduate Program. Finally, he has mentored many undergraduate, graduate and medical students, post-doctoral fellows, and junior faculty in areas such as study design, data collection and analysis, manuscript preparation and submission, as well as grant writing and professional development. His mentees have achieved success in the form of first author abstracts and manuscripts often their first publication, acceptance to graduate and medical schools, grant awards, and faculty appointments within and outside the University of Michigan.

External Reviewers:
Reviewer A: “Dr. Harte’s work demonstrates a breadth of methodologic approaches and a clear emphasis on interdisciplinary collaborations. Also, Dr. Harte has been highly successful in securing funding to support his research…In addition to his impressive scholarly achievements, Dr. Harte has provided valuable contributions to the educational and service missions of the institution.”

Reviewer B: “Based on Dr. Harte’s contributions to collaborative research and evident national reputation, I would consider his achievements in scholarship to be substantial. Combined with appropriate accomplishments in teaching and service, this would qualify him for appointment at the rank of Associate Professor at my own institution.”

Reviewer C: “…it is my firm belief that Dr. Harte stands head and shoulders above his peers across other institutions in the field of pain and neuroscience research. His pursuit of excellence is a testament to his caliber as a vital member of the scientific community not only at the University of Michigan Medical School but also within the broader international pain community. His portfolio of work would meet and exceed requirements for academic advancement within my own institution.”

Reviewer D: “He is an excellent scientist who has contributed significantly to the literature…He has developed particular expertise in quantitative sensory testing in pain and has become a leader in the field…This amount of funding and collaboration is extraordinary and really highlights his expertise and value to research groups at the University of Michigan…Lastly, his expertise is recognized through a variety of service nationally and locally.”

Reviewer E: “Overall, he meets or surpasses the criteria for Associate Professor and we would hire him at the same rank in our institution…Dr. Harte is one of the national leaders in the area of pain studies related to quantitative sensory testing (QST),
functional neuroimaging, and clinical responses...He has demonstrated outstanding service to our field, having served on several national committees and study sections.”

Dr. Harte has served in many capacities at the institutional, regional, national, and international level during his career. Departmentally, he is a member of the Anesthesia Clinical Research Committee, which is a committee responsible for vetting the scientific merit and rigor of all proposed research projects within the department. Institutionally, he is the faculty director of the Post-doctoral Translational Scholar Program (PTSP) within the Michigan Institute of Clinical and Health Research (MICHR). As the director, he oversees program mission and instructional programing, scientific review of applications, program financial management, and career-development/mentoring plans for the approximately 20-25 post-doctoral fellows enrolled in the program at any given time. Dr. Harte is a MICHR career development mentor for PTSP fellows per funding cycle. He is an active member of the University of Michigan Sensory Science Initiative. Regionally, he is currently in his second term as a trustee of Madonna University. Nationally and internationally, Dr. Harte is a member of several professional societies, including the Society for Neuroscience, United States Association for the Study of Pain, and International Association for the Study of Pain. He has reviewed for over 20 journals in the fields of pain, anesthesiology, neuroscience, and rheumatology. Dr. Harte has also served on grant study sections for the NIH, the U.S. Department of Defense Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs, The Arthritis Society of Canada, and the Fund for Scientific Research in Belgium.

Summary of Recommendations:
Dr. Harte is a nationally and internationally recognized expert in quantitative sensory testing. He has excellent service contributions and is a successful mentor. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Steven E. Harte, Ph.D. as associate professor of anesthesiology, with tenure, and associate professor of internal medicine, without tenure, Medical School, effective September 1, 2021.

Recommended by:  

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

Recommendation endorsed by:  

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

October 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

Recommendations for approval of new appointments and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks, without tenure
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Susan C. Pitt, M.D.

TITLE: Associate Professor of Surgery, Medical School

TENURE STATUS: Without Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: 12 Months

On the recommendation of Justin B. Dimick, M.D., M.P.H., the Coller Distinguished Professor and chair of the Department of Surgery, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Susan C. Pitt, M.D. as associate professor of surgery, without tenure, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021.

Academic Degrees:
Susan C. Pitt received her B.A. degree in psychology from Boston University in 2000. She completed her M.D. degree in 2005 at the Medical College of Wisconsin. In 2014, she completed an M.P.H.S. degree at Washington University.

Professional Record:
Dr. Pitt was appointed as an instructor in surgery at Washington University in 2012. She was appointed as an instructor in surgery at Harvard University in 2014. Dr. Pitt was appointed as an assistant professor of surgery at the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 2015.

Summary of Evaluation:
Dr. Pitt has proven to be a very productive nationally and internationally recognized health care services researcher. She applies her masters’ degree in population health services in the study to reduce over-utilization and unnecessary care in medicine, particularly on the patients’ impact of emotions on treatment decisions for low-risk thyroid cancer. She has received national research awards during her research fellow training and leadership development early career awards. Dr. Pitt’s research has led to 60 publications in peer-reviewed journals including Surgery, Thyroid, JAMA Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery, and the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism, as well as invited review articles, invited editorial comments, three book reviews, eight book chapters and other media podcasts and invited blogs. Currently,
Dr. Pitt is the principal investigator of a National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute K08 grant, and a Ride Scholar Award from the University of Wisconsin Foundation.

Recent and Significant Publications:


Dr. Pitt’s teaching occurs as an attending surgeon, and training clinical fellows, residents and medical students in the clinic, operating rooms, and during inpatient rounds. She is an instructor and lecturer to medical students on topics including thyroid and parathyroid diseases, quality and safety in surgery, surgery clerkship didactic sessions, independent reading and surgery research and statistical methods for health research. She has been invited to lecture at multiple institutional, regional, national, and international grand rounds and CME courses with audiences ranging from students to faculty, including general and endocrine surgeons. The variety of national conferences have included Women in Medicine and Surgery, a postgraduate course for the International Congress of General Surgery in Leon, Mexico, and the Kuwait Conference in Endocrine Surgery and Women Surgeons of Kuwait. Dr. Pitt is a mentor to a dozen medical students, residents, fellows, and junior faculty, assisting with their research publications and presentations at national conferences. Her educational leadership roles include serving on the Graduate Medical Education Wellness Sub-Committee and the Leadership Development Program Implementation Team. Her teaching excellence is evidenced through receipt of the Kudos for Medical Student Education-Surgical and Procedural Care Rotation Award, and the American Medical Women’s Association Exceptional Mentor Award.
External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: “Something that stood out to me immediately while reviewing Dr. Pitt’s CV, is her grant award of a NIH NCI K08. Surgical Health Services Research is not as advanced as some fields, and surgeons have lagged in achieving substantive funding for health services research. Thus, this is a truly commendable achievement…Among her publications, I see many prestigious journals including Annals of Surgery, Annals of Surgical Oncology, and various JAMA journals. Reviewing her abstracts, it stands out to me that there is a notable transition in recent years from primarily first author citations, to a great number of last author citations. This is one of the most telling signs of an excellent mentor and teacher; she has clearly facilitated many opportunities for her trainees to excel and progress.”

Reviewer B: “Dr. Pitt is one of the nationally known experts on the problem of overdiagnosis and overtreatment of low-risk papillary thyroid cancer. Her expertise and contributions have been recognized both by her peers and by the funding agencies…Given her accomplishment and potential, if she were in my Department at [my institution], Dr. Pitt would be easily promoted to Association [sic] Professor, with tenure. As you know, University of Michigan is one of the birth places of Endocrine Surgery in the United States and has a long history of having internationally influential endocrine surgeons. I have no doubt Dr. Pitt will continue this proud tradition and continue to contribute to the field of Endocrine Surgery and add to the prominence of University of Michigan. I recommend Dr. Pitt’s appointment with utmost enthusiasm.”

Reviewer C: “Dr. Pitt’s health service research focus is unique and she is a leader on the topic of factors important in the management of low risk thyroid cancer using novel approaches. Her qualitative analysis work on novel decision support interventions for low-risk thyroid cancer is outstanding. This work was in fact adopted by the American Thyroid Association, the leading organization and resource, for patient with thyroid cancer as a decision-making aid for patients. Also, her work on attitudes and beliefs of endocrinologists, surgeons, and patients on the overdiagnosis and overtreatment is eye-opening and provides a future framework on how to reduce both…I believe the findings and strategies she will implement to overcome this burden will be practice changing.”

Reviewer D: “Dr. Pitt is undeniably one of the nation's leading pioneers in investigating thyroid cancer patient experiences and perspectives, as well as leading the effort for careful surveillance of low risk cancers. She is especially well recognized for her expertise in mixed methodologies. Her work has contributed significantly to the increasing evidence that most thyroid cancer has been over treated, but has been especially important in highlighting patient concerns and attitudes throughout their diagnosis and experience. I do believe that her work will have significant impact on how we approach thyroid cancer and how we work with patients to manage their diagnosis.”
Reviewer E: “In addition to being a superb clinician, Dr. Pitt is re-framing how the field assesses the pros and cons of intervention in low risk thyroid cancer. She has formed a national reputation for her body of work and has become a thought leader in study of the perspectives and attitudes of patients with thyroid cancer and how they impact their decision-making…Two of her most influential papers (#45 and 52) detail a 360 evaluation (doctors and patients) of the attitudes and beliefs that guide decision making and provide a decision support intervention that the American Thyroid Association is translating into a tool for their patient-facing educational materials.”

Dr. Pitt is very active in institutional and national service. She has been a member of and co-chaired various departmental, Medical School and university committees for the institutional research board, research, education, women in medicine and science, wellness, and leadership development. She has served on numerous committees for professional societies, including the Association for Academic Surgery (AAS), Association for Women Surgeons, American Association of Endocrine Surgeons, American Thyroid Association and Surgical Outcomes Club. She is currently a member of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Taskforce, and Committee on Technology and Communication for the AAS, and the board of directors for the Surgical Outcomes Club. Dr. Pitt’s clinical work is as an endocrine surgeon specializing in treating patients with thyroid, parathyroid and adrenal disease with a clinical interest in minimally invasive surgery. She provides compassionate care to patients to assist with decision-making management options.

Summary of Recommendations:
Dr. Pitt is a nationally and internationally renowned researcher in clinical outcomes and health services research. She is a strong educator, with great success in mentoring and service in diversity, equity and inclusion. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Susan C. Pitt, M.D. as associate professor of surgery, without tenure, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021.

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

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

October 2021
Recommendations for approval of reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff
I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of James R. Barber as the Jon R. and Beverly S. Holt Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026.

The Jon R. and Beverly S. Holt Professorship in Engineering was established in May 2000 by Mr. and Mrs. Holt to support a faculty member in the college with an outstanding commitment to excellent teaching. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

James Barber received his B.A. (1963), M.A. (1967), Ph.D. (1968), and Sc.D. (1992) all from Cambridge University in the United Kingdom. After completing his Ph.D., Professor Barber was appointed as a lecturer in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and then a reader in solid mechanics at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, U.K. He joined the faculty of the University of Michigan, College of Engineering in 1981 as an associate professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics and was promoted to professor in 1985. In 2005, he was appointed as an Arthur F. Thurnau Professor in recognition of his outstanding contributions to undergraduate education.

Professor Barber’s research interests are in solid mechanics with particular reference to thermoelasticity, contact mechanics and tribology. He is a chartered engineer in the U.K., a fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and has engaged extensively in consulting work in the field of stress analysis for engineering design. In 2015, Professor Barber was awarded the prestigious ASME Ted Belytschko Applied Mechanics Award. In 2017, he received the ASME Mayo D. Hersey Award. Professor Barber is a co-editor for the Springer book series: Solid Mechanics and its Applications. He is also a member of the editorial boards of the International Journal of Mechanical Sciences and the Journal of Thermal Stresses.
We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of James R. Barber as the Jon R. and Beverly S. Holt Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

October 2021
I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Michael S. Barr as the Joan and Sanford Weill Dean of Public Policy, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2027. This recommendation follows an extensive review process.

Under Dean Barr’s leadership from 2017 to present, the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy has had excellent success in fundraising, with expendable gifts growing at a 97% four-year compound annual growth rate (CAGR). During this time, the Ford School has also launched a number of new initiatives that focus on public policy. Among others, the initiatives include engaged learning opportunities and policy issues in Detroit, international engagement, leadership, and a center for racial justice.

In the arena of policy issues, Dean Barr launched the Program in Practical Policy Engagement (P3E); a university-wide and community resource focused on engaged learning, policy research and policy impact. Dean Barr co-founded the engaged learning opportunity, Detroit Neighborhood Entrepreneur’s Project (DNEP), to support and build small businesses and partnerships in Detroit. DNEP matches skilled University of Michigan students and faculty to Detroit’s neighborhood businesses. In fall of 2021, Dean Barr launched the Center for Racial Justice, an initiative housed at the Ford School that will directly invest in initiatives designed to advance racial equity and cultivate a diverse community of change makers.

Dean Barr continues to lead the Ford School in efforts and host high profile speakers including Hillary Rodham Clinton, Samantha Powers, Condoleezza Rice, and Lawrence Summers. In 2019, the Ford School welcomed back Hillary Rodham Clinton as part of the first slate of speakers hosted by the Weiser Diplomacy Center, and former U.S Ambassador to the United Nations, Samantha Powers who spoke at the school’s third annual Vandenberg Lecture to more than 300 faculty, students, and community. In 2020, Dean Barr led the effort for the
university to sponsor the presidential debate, and was a driving force behind the Democracy and Debate Theme Semester.

Michael Barr received his B.A., with honors in history, summa cum laude, from Yale University in 1987. A Rhodes Scholar, he received his M.Phil. in international relations from Magdalen College, Oxford University, in 1989. In 1992, he received his J.D. from Yale Law School.

Following his legal education, Dean Barr served as a law clerk, first in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, for the Honorable Pierre N. Leval, and then as clerk to Associate Justice David H. Souter of the United States Supreme Court. Continuing in public service, he joined the policy planning staff of the U.S. Department of State. In 1995, he moved to the U.S. Department of Treasury where he was a special assistant to Secretary Robert E. Rubin before moving into the position of deputy assistant secretary of the Treasury for community development policy, a role in which he served from 1997 to 2001. He concurrently served as a special advisor to President William J. Clinton, from 1999 to 2001. Dean Barr joined the University of Michigan Law School faculty in 2001 as an assistant professor of law, was promoted to professor, with tenure, in 2006, and became the Roy F. and Jean Humphrey Proffitt Professor of Law in 2014. He is a leading scholar in the field of financial law and policy. In 2017, he began his first term as the Joan and Sanford Weill Dean of Public Policy and the Frank Murphy Collegiate Professor of Public Policy.

Dean Barr is known for his commitment to academic excellence and innovation as well as for his collaborative partnerships across the university and the city of Detroit, to empower diverse groups of faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community partners. I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Michael S. Barr as the Joan and Sanford Weill Dean of Public Policy, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2027.

Respectfully submitted,

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

October 2021
I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Steven L. Ceccio as the Vincent T. and Gloria M. Gorguze Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2027.

This professorship was established by the Regents in November 2007 and is funded by a gift from Vincent T. and Gloria M. Gorguze to support the teaching and scholarship of a distinguished faculty member in the College of Engineering. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Steven Ceccio earned his B.S. degree from the University of Michigan (1985) and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the California Institute of Technology (1986 and 1990, respectively), all in mechanical engineering. After serving as a post-doctoral fellow at the California Institute of Technology, he joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in the Department of Mechanical Engineering as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 1996 and to professor in 2003. Professor Ceccio held appointments as the chair of the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (2012 to 2016) and as the ABS Professor of Marine and Offshore Design Performance (2015 to 2017). In addition, he previously served as an associate vice president for research (2004 to 2009) and as the director of the Naval Engineering Education Center (2010 to 2015). Professor Ceccio was appointed as the associate dean for research (2017-2020), and currently serves as the associate dean for academic affairs.

Professor Ceccio’s research focuses on the fluid mechanics of multiphase flows and high Reynolds number flows, including flow in propulsors and turbomachinery, cavitating flows, vortical flows, friction drag reduction, the dynamics of liquid-gas, gas-solid, and three-phase disperse flows, and the development of flow diagnostics. He has served as an associate editor of
Professor Ceccio is a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and of the American Physical Society. He was named the 2014 Freeman Scholar by ASME, and he was awarded the 2021 ASME Fluids Engineering Award.

Professor Ceccio’s academic achievements fully merit his reappointment. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Steven L. Ceccio as the Vincent T. and Gloria M. Gorguze Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2027.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

October 2021
I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Jonathan Massey as dean, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027. This recommendation follows an extensive review process.

During Dean Massey’s tenure as dean, the Taubman College has developed new undergraduate programs, including a first-of-its-kind undergraduate degree in Urban Technology which uses data- and technology-based approaches to planning, developing, designing, and using buildings and cities. A new undergraduate minor in Real Estate Development was developed cooperatively with the Ross School of Business and the School of Kinesiology. Taubman College facilities have been expanded and improved with the opening of the A. Alfred Taubman Wing and investments in computing and instructional technology. Along with improved infrastructure for advanced research, the college has increased collaboration with campus partners and industry and participated in campus-wide research initiatives such as the Urban Collaboratory, Poverty Solutions, and the Arts Initiative.

Dean Massey has pursued academic leadership through listening to, learning from, and supporting the many constituencies of the Taubman College, as well as the community partners and publics that the profession serves. He has collaborated with the Taubman College Executive Committee to strengthen faculty participation in shared governance, and with students to elevate their role in college decision-making. Dean Massey and other academic leaders at Taubman College worked closely with a student coalition in planning responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, encompassing approaches to remote and hybrid learning, health and safety measures, emergency support, and peer-to-peer community-building. Similarly, college leadership collaborated on antiracism measures with a student-led racial justice advocacy group. In the domain of research and creative practice, Dean Massey has embraced the goal of putting the tools and intellectual capacities of architecture and urban planning more directly at the service of equity and justice to strengthen social transformation. As co-chair since 2020 of the university’s Arts Initiative, Dean Massey is working with faculty, staff, and students across campus to expand access to the arts on campus and beyond, activate them in student learning, and integrate the arts into research across disciplines.

Jonathan Massey earned the A.B. degree, summa cum laude, from Princeton University in 1991. He earned the M.Arch. degree from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1993, and the Ph.D. degree in history and theory of architecture from Princeton University in 2001. Between 1992 and
In 1995, he worked for a number of architectural firms including Frank O. Gehry and Associates. From 1994-2001, he taught at several universities and schools including Barnard College, Parsons School of Design and Pratt Institute. In 2001, he joined the faculty of the School of Architecture at Syracuse University as an assistant professor and rose to associate professor in 2007. From 2007-2011, he served as the chair of the Bachelor of Architecture program. In 2012, he was appointed as the Laura J. and L. Douglas Meredith Professor for Teaching Excellence. He left Syracuse University in 2014 to become dean of architecture and professor at California College of the Arts (CCA) in San Francisco. In 2017, he was recruited to the University of Michigan to serve as dean of the A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning.

Dean Massey’s research shows how architecture mediates power by forming civil society, shaping social relationships, and regulating consumption. In Crystal and Arabesque: Claude Bragdon, Ornament, and Modern Architecture (2009), he reconstructed the techniques through which American modernists engaged new media, audiences, and problems of mass society. His work on topics ranging from ornament and organicism to risk management and sustainable design has appeared in many journals and books, including Aggregate’s essay collection Governing by Design: Architecture, Economy, and Politics in the 20th Century (2012). In addition, with Barry Bergdoll, he edited Marcel Breuer: Building Global Institutions (2018), which shows how this leading Bauhaus and Brutalist designer shaped the institutions of 20th century society. He is regularly featured in professional journals and podcasts addressing education for architects and planners, including “Building the Discipline We Deserve” in The Architect’s Newspaper, “Aggregating Architectures” on the Archinect Sessions podcast, “Teaching Change” on the Social Design Insights podcast, and “Changing Course in Architectural Education” in Architectural Record.

Dean Massey has demonstrated his leadership throughout the pandemic in which the Taubman College community pulled together to make the transition from face-to-face instruction to teaching and learning at a distance. His collaborative approach is appreciated and valued by many across the university. We are grateful for his early leadership on the resilient teaching committee and contributions to the re-entry planning committee during the onset of the pandemic. I am pleased to recommend his reappointment as dean, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027.

Respectfully submitted,

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

October 2021
The University of Michigan
Regents Communication

Action Request: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment

Name: Elizabeth B. Moje

Current Titles: Dean, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, George Herbert Mead Collegiate Professor of Education, and Professor of Education, with tenure, School of Education

Title Being Renewed: Dean, School of Education

Effective Dates: July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027

I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Elizabeth B. Moje as dean, School of Education, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027. This recommendation follows an extensive review process.

During Dean Moje’s tenure as dean, she has overseen the launch of several new programs including a minor in undergraduate education and a masters in Program Evaluation and Improvement Research in Education. Dean Moje continues to support innovation and the development of additional academic degree programs that leverage the school’s strengths. She advanced the work of the Center for Education Design, Evaluation, and Research (CEDER) to provide access to high quality design, evaluation, and research services via collaborations with university, school, and community partners.

Dean Moje championed the integration of diversity, inclusion, justice, and equity (diuje) initiatives throughout the school of education curriculum, including the dije awards. These awards recognize work to advance dije within the school and across campus. Under Dean Moje’s leadership, the School of Education continues to be a proud leader in the campus-wide initiative. Dean Moje continues to oversee and support the recruitment and retention of a highly diverse community of faculty, staff and students within the school.

In 2018, Dean Moje collaborated with Detroit community partners to develop the transformational Detroit P-20 partnership, bringing together Detroit Public Schools, The Kresge Foundation, the Marygrove Conservancy and other stakeholders. This landmark partnership offers a cradle-to-career model of education, with the School of Education co-developing the instructional and operational model for the campus. The first classes of early childhood and Grade 9 students began in 2019, and the school will continue to add grades each year. Among their accomplishments is the creation of the nation’s first Teaching School, which includes a three-year residency program for novice teachers inspired by the medical model of professional education. The Detroit P20 Partnership serves as a proof of concept with the U-M SOE leading the research and evaluation dimension of the initiative.

In 2020, Dean Moje provided valuable leadership as the chair of the committee on Instructional Planning, and a committee member of the 2020 Fall Planning committee. The instructional planning committee helped develop best practices for instruction in varied formats and examined how course offerings can be nimble and adjust to changing circumstances.
Elizabeth Moje received her B.A. in 1983 from Concordia College, her M.A. in 1990 from Eastern Michigan University, and her Ph.D. in 1994 from Purdue University. From 1994 to 1997, she was an assistant professor at the University of Utah. She joined the faculty of the University of Michigan in 1997 as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor in 2001, and to professor in 2009. In September 2010, she was appointed to a three-year term as the associate dean for research in the School of Education. In 2013, she served as the acting dean. In September 2013, Dean Moje became the associate dean for research and community engagement when that office added community engagement to its scope. She was appointed interim dean in July 2016, and appointed as dean in February 2017.

In her role as dean, Dean Moje continues to provide valuable leadership and work tirelessly to elevate the teaching profession and demonstrate the value of equity and excellence in teaching and learning. She broadly promotes public scholarship, ensuring that the work of top researchers can be applied to improve educational policy, the practice of teaching, and effectiveness at all levels of education.

During her tenure as dean, Dean Moje has demonstrated her leadership to the School of Education with the continued commitment to academic excellence, diversity, equity, and inclusion, research, and education. Her commitment through a pandemic to the school’s faculty, staff, and students was valued and noticed campus wide. I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Elizabeth Moje as the dean, School of Education, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027.

Respectfully submitted,

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

October 2021
I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Jonathan T. Overpeck as the Samuel A. Graham Dean, School for Environment and Sustainability (SEAS), effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027. This recommendation follows an extensive review process.

During Dean Overpeck’s tenure as dean, he has focused efforts on building strategic partnerships both across the university and with society. His leadership has contributed to the success of many cross-campus environmental sustainability initiatives such as the new SEAS-Ford School of Public Policy dual Masters degree program, and similar existing programs with four other UM schools and colleges. In addition, a number of new sustainability programs have been launched: a ground-breaking SEAS Equity and Justice Initiative, a Western Forest and Fire Initiative, a Sustainability and Development educational and engagement program, and a SEAS Sustainability Clinic in Detroit. Dean Overpeck has played a significant role in the work of President Schlissel’s Commission on Carbon Neutrality, as well as in the new SEAS-based, cross-campus Institute for Global Change Biology.

Dean Overpeck has provided leadership to greatly improve a number of additional educational programs within SEAS and also jointly with other units on campus. He oversaw the expansion and improvement of SEAS’s flagship Professional Masters Program. Under his leadership, SEAS so effectively countered declining enrollment that SEAS now has the largest class in the history of the school. This was accomplished without sacrificing the quality of admitted students, and while improving many aspects of the program. Another program for which he provided leadership, coordination, and shared vision was the transition from the Program in the Environment to the joint Program in the Environment. This was a cross-disciplinary agreement with LSA that resulted in oversight for the undergraduate Program in the Environment being shared with SEAS. After a smooth and successful transition, sustained growth in the program is expected. SEAS continues to have a healthy research program and it has become even stronger with a new interdisciplinary theme-based research strategy. In addition to focusing on themes, initiatives in areas of sustainability, climate change, green infrastructure, and environmental justice have been developed. He has also demonstrated impressive success in fundraising during his tenure. Most recently, SEAS received a
gift of more than $11 million from the NorthLight Foundation and Dan and Sheryl Tishman to expand its environmental justice efforts and impact at a pivotal time for social justice. This is the largest gift in the history of the school.

Jonathan Overpeck earned the A.B. degree with honors in geology from Hamilton College in 1979. He earned the M.Sc. and the Ph.D. degrees in geological sciences from Brown University in 1981 and 1985, respectively. From 1985-1986, he was a post-doctoral research scientist at Columbia University jointly with the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Sciences. From 1985-1990, he was a research scientist at the Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory, now the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, of Columbia University. In 1990, he founded the NOAA Paleoclimatology Program at the National Climate Data Center in Boulder, Colorado, and served as its head until 1999. In 1999, he joined the Department of Geosciences at the University of Arizona, Tucson, as a professor. From 1999-2008, he was the director of the Institute for the Study of Planet Earth. In 2009, he became the founding co-director of the Institute of the Environment and then its director in 2016, the same year in which he was appointed to the prestigious title of Regents Professor of Geosciences, Hydrology and Atmospheric Sciences. In 2017, he was recruited to the University of Michigan to become the inaugural dean of the School for Environment and Sustainability, formerly the School of Natural Resources and Environment.

In his role as the Samuel A. Graham Dean, Dean Overpeck has continued his work as an interdisciplinary climate scientist. His research is focused on understanding drought and megadrought dynamics and risk the world over. He has also served as the lead investigator of Climate Assessment for the Southwest and the Southwest Climate Adaptation Science Center – two major programs focused on regional climate adaptation. He works more broadly on climate and paleoclimate dynamics, ice sheets and sea level, climate-vegetation interaction, conservation biology, legal issues related to climate change, environmental communication, and environmental education. He has appeared and testified before Congress multiple times. He is a fellow of the American Geophysical Union and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Dean Overpeck is a founding member of the Colorado River Research Group, and he currently serves as science advisor with Climate Communication, a non-profit science and outreach project.

With Dean Overpeck’s strategic leadership and vision for the future of environmental studies, SEAS offers a multidisciplinary integration of areas of environmental education critical to successful efforts of sustainability. His collaborative, interdisciplinary approach is appreciated and valued by many across the university. I am pleased to recommend his reappointment as the Samuel A. Graham Dean, effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027.

Respectfully submitted,

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

October 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Jaimo Ahn, M.D., Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLE: Clinical Professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Harold W. and Helen L. Gehring Research Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Medical School

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

On the recommendation of Michelle S. Caird, M.D., the Gehring Professor and chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Jaimo Ahn, M.D., Ph.D. as the Harold W. and Helen L. Gehring Research Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Medical School, October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

The Harold W. and Helen L. Gehring Research Professorship in Orthopaedic Surgery was established in September 2021 through a split from the funds of the Harold W. and Helen L. Gehring Endowed Professorship in Orthopaedic Surgery. The holder will be a faculty member in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Jaimo Ahn received his B.S. degree in biological sciences from Stanford University in 1994. He completed his Ph.D. degree in cell and molecular biology in 1999, M.D. degree in 2003, and orthopaedic surgery residency in 2008, at the University of Pennsylvania. He completed fellowship training in orthopaedic traumatology at The Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City, and an AO fellowship in orthopaedic trauma and hip surgery at Inselspital, at the University of Bern, in Switzerland. Dr. Ahn joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2020 as a clinical professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, chief of orthopaedic trauma, and associate chair for education.

Dr. Ahn serves on numerous institutional and national committees. He is a member of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery Patient Care and Recruitment Committees, the Michigan Medicine Faculty Development Community of Practice Steering Committee and the Advancing Asians in Leadership Task Force. His role as a founding member of the Michigan Orthopaedic Trauma Research Collaborative continues to elevate the University of Michigan Orthopaedic Surgery’s status as a collaborative and innovate program. Dr. Ahn serves the field of orthopaedic surgery through active involvement in the U.S. Bone and Joint Initiative, the Foundation for Orthopaedic Trauma and AO Foundation, and with academic publications in journals such as New...
England Journal of Medicine, and JAMA. He contributes to multiple professional organizations, including the Orthopaedic Trauma Association, Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons and American Physician Scientists Association.

Dr. Ahn excels at clinical management and education, with a national and international reputation in fracture management. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the appointment of Jaimo Ahn, M.D., Ph.D. as the Harold W. and Helen L. Gehring Research Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

Recommended by:  

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

Recommendation endorsed by:  

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

October 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Ajjai Shivaram Alva, M.B.B.S.

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Maisel Research Professor of Translational/Clinical Oncology, Medical School

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

On the recommendation of Eric R. Fearon, M.D., Ph.D., the Emmanuel N. Maisel Professor and director of the Rogel Cancer Center, professor of internal medicine, human genetics and pathology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Ajjai Shivaram Alva, M.B.B.S. as the Maisel Research Professor of Translational/Clinical Oncology, Medical School, October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

The Maisel Research Professorship in Translational/Clinical Oncology was established in September 2021 through a generous gift from Geneva (Cis) Maisel, a longtime benefactor to the University of Michigan. It is intended to support the research and/or clinical efforts of a faculty member whose efforts aim to reduce cancer risk, incidence, and death and enhance quality of life for cancer survivors by supporting innovative research and applications in health care delivery. The holder will be a faculty member in the Rogel Cancer Center. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Ajjai Shivaram Alva received his M.B.B.S. degree in 2000 from the Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research in India. He completed an M.S. degree in cell biology and molecular genetics in 2004 at the University of Maryland. He completed training in internal medicine at Saint Agnes Hospital in Baltimore and a fellowship in hematology/oncology at the University of Michigan. Dr. Alva was appointed as an assistant professor in internal medicine at Baylor University in 2010. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2011 as a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine. In 2017, he was promoted to clinical associate professor.

Dr. Alva specializes in urologic cancers and pan-cancer trials. He is a clinical investigator and translational researcher with expertise in medical oncology clinical trials, with a focus on translating breakthrough laboratory advances in genomics into precision therapeutics. He also serves weekly at the prostate cancer clinic at the Ann Arbor Veterans Affairs Health Center as principal investigator of a Prostate Cancer Foundation Center of Excellence Award to implement precision oncology for prostate cancer.
Dr. Alva is the principal investigator for the P30 Supplement for Access to Experimental Therapeutics Clinical Trials Network at the University of Michigan. He is also the principal investigator of 15 clinical trials. He serves in important leadership positions in multi-site organizations including Southwest Oncology Group (SWOG), American Society of Clinical Oncology Targeted Agent and Profiling Utilization Registry and the on the National Comprehensive Cancer Network Oncology Research Program Investigator Steering Committee.

Dr. Alva is an outstanding researcher and clinician with a strong focus on clinical trials. He is a fitting candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the appointment of Ajjai Shivaram Alva, M.B.B.S. as the Maisel Research Professor of Translational/Clinical Oncology, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

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

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

October 2021
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Bénédicte M. Boisseron

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2022

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the Department of Afroamerican and African Studies, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Bénédicte M. Boisseron as professor of romance languages and literatures, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2022.

Bénédicte Boisseron attended La Sorbonne Nouvelle and Université Paris VII, France where she received her Maîtrise and Licence in English in 1995. She continued her studies at the Université Paris VII, France and received her Diplôme d'Études Approfondies (D.E.A.) in English in 1997 and her C.A.P.E.S. English Teaching Certificate in 1998. She then earned her doctorate at the University of Michigan in 2006. Professor Boisseron began her instructional career as an assistant professor of French and francophone studies at the University of Montana in 2006 and was promoted to associate professor in 2012. In 2018, she joined our faculty as an associate professor of Afroamerican and African studies, with tenure, and was promoted to professor in 2020. Professor Boisseron currently serves as the acting chair for the Department of Afroamerican and African Studies.

Professor Boisseron is an accomplished scholar of the French Caribbean who established herself as an original and innovative voice in the field of francophone studies. Her research and teaching interests have since expanded into the areas of animal studies and black diaspora studies. She is the author of Creole Renegades: Rhetoric of Betrayal and Guilt in the Caribbean Diaspora (University Press of Florida, 2014), which was the 2015 winner of the Nicolás Guillén Outstanding Book Award from the Caribbean Philosophical Association and recipient of an Honorable Mention from the Caribbean Studies Association for the 2016 Barbara Christian Prize for Best Book in the Humanities. Her most recent book, Afro-Dog: Blackness and the Animal Question (Columbia University Press, 2018), draws on recent debates about black life and animal rights to investigate the relationship between race and the animal in the history of culture.
in the Americas and the Black Atlantic. Professor Boisseron is the recipient of an Alexander Von Humboldt Research Fellowship (2012, Berlin, Germany) and of an Animals and Society Institute and Animal Studies Program Research Fellowship (2014, Wesleyan University).

Professor Boisseron teaches many undergraduate courses on African and Black studies as well as a graduate course entitled “Black Studies and Animal Studies.” She has advised and mentored several doctoral students, serving as doctoral reader for many. Professor Boisseron’s teaching will diversify the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures’ undergraduate curriculum by de-centering France, and her conceptually informed engagement with animal studies, critical Black studies, and food studies will be of interest to colleagues and students within the department.

Professor Boisseron’s service to the department is extensive. In addition to her current role as acting chair of the Department of Afroamerican and African Studies, she currently serves on the department’s executive committee, on the executive board for the Institute for the Humanities, and on the LSA ADVANCE advisory board. She is also serving as the graduate certificate program director and as a mentor to an assistant professor. Professor Boisseron’s service to the profession includes active membership in multiple associations and serving as an editorial board member for two scholarly journals, and as a book manuscript reviewer for the University of Michigan Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Rowman Littlefield, and Stanford University Press. This appointment will recognize Professor Boisseron’s experience and expertise as a senior colleague, spanning multiple languages, traditions, and fields to the benefit of faculty and students in both departments.

We are very pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Bénédicte M. Boisseron as professor of romance languages and literatures, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2022.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

October 2021
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Noelle E. Carlozzi, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, with tenure, Medical School

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

On the recommendation of Justin B. Dimick, M.D., M.P.H., the Coller Distinguished Professor and chair of the Department of Surgery, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Noelle E. Carlozzi, Ph.D. as professor of surgery, without tenure, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021.

Dr. Carlozzi’s research focuses on using patient-reported outcomes (PROs) and personalized, adaptive interventions to improve health-related outcomes for patients and their families. She is an expert in health-related quality of life, computer-adaptive test development, psychometrics, and the application of PROs in real-world settings. She is also an expert in behavioral trials, including the clinical application of app-based just-in-time adaptive interventions. She has a strong track record of research productivity and publications, with continuous NIH funding since 2009, and more than 150 peer-reviewed publications. Dr. Carlozzi has current funding for eleven projects that span federal, industry, and foundation partners. She is the director of the Center for Clinical Outcomes Development and Application, a core center housed within the Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation (IHPI). It is through IHPI that Dr. Carlozzi intersects with the Department of Surgery.

Since 2012, Dr. Carlozzi has continuously provided mentorship to faculty and fellows within the Department of Surgery. She has also provided mentorship to several surgery faculty through her role as a coach in the Medical School’s annual R01 Boot Camp. She has also maintained collaborations with Dr. Jennifer Waljee, an associate professor in surgery and orthopaedic surgery, and they have published ten peer-reviewed manuscripts together.

With this additional appointment, Dr. Carlozzi will mentor junior faculty, engage with the Center for Healthcare Outcomes and Policy, as the director, and facilitate new collaborations with Department of Surgery. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the additional appointment of Noelle E. Carlozzi, Ph.D. as professor of surgery, without tenure, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021.

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

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

October 2021
On the recommendation of Michelle S. Caird, M.D., the Gehring Professor and chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Eileen A. Crawford, M.D. as the Harold W. and Helen L. Gehring Early Career Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Medical School, October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

The Harold W. and Helen L. Gehring Early Career Professorship was established in November 2011 from funds that were provided through a generous gift from the estate of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Gehring. This professorship will provide research, travel and salary support for the holder. The holder will be an assistant or associate faculty member of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. The appointment period is up to five years, and the appointment may be renewed.

Eileen A. Crawford received her A.B. degree in ecology and evolutionary biology from Princeton University in 2003. She completed her M.D. degree in 2007, and a residency in orthopaedic surgery in 2013, at the University of Pennsylvania. After completing an orthopaedic sports medicine and shoulder surgery fellowship at the University of Michigan in 2014, she worked as a community-based orthopaedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine in her home state of Delaware. Dr. Crawford returned to the University of Michigan in 2017 as a clinical assistant professor in orthopaedic surgery. She is an active member of the sports medicine service, with a focus on pediatric sports medicine, and serves as a team physician for several athletic teams at the University of Michigan. She currently serves as the associate program director of the Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program and is the chair of the Orthopaedic Surgery Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. Dr. Crawford is a fellow and active member of the Emerging Leader Program in the American Orthopaedic Association.
Dr. Crawford is strong in clinical service, scholarship and teaching. She is an appropriate candidate for this professorship. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the appointment of Eileen A. Crawford, M.D. as the Harold W. and Helen L. Gehring Early Career Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

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

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

October 2021
ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Gregory J. Dick

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences, with tenure, and Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Environment and Sustainability, without tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 30, 2021

With the approval of the Executive Committee and faculty of the School for Environment and Sustainability, and with the endorsements of the Departments of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and Earth and Environmental Sciences, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Gregory J. Dick as professor of environment and sustainability, without tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability, effective August 30, 2021.

Gregory J. Dick received his B.A. in 2000 from the University of Virginia and his Ph.D. in 2006 from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California San Diego. Professor Dick was a post-doctoral researcher in the Department of Earth and Planetary Science at UC Berkeley before joining the faculty of the University of Michigan in 2008 as an assistant professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences in the College of Literature, Sciences, and the Arts. He received an additional appointment in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, and also added faculty affiliate titles from the Program in the Environment (2008-2014), as well as the Center for Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics and the Program in the Biomedical Sciences, which he maintains to this day. He was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2014, and to professor in 2020. He has served as an associate chair for curriculum and undergraduate studies in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences since 2016.

This appointment is in conjunction with Professor Dick’s role as the director of the Cooperative Institute for Great Lakes Research (CIGLR), which is sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory. CIGLR leads exciting new research, trains the next generation of scientists, and turns research into action for safe and healthy Great Lakes communities. He has a broad and impressive research portfolio, and has received numerous research and teaching awards that underscore his productivity and the impact of his work. Importantly, his recent research has focused almost exclusively on the Laurentian Great Lakes; this focus serves as a solid foundation for the CIGLR Director position.

Professor Dick is a geomicrobiologist working at the intersection of microbiology, genetics, geology, chemistry and oceanography. Over his time as faculty at the University of Michigan, his research has evolved from focusing on deep-sea hydrothermal vents, to critical research on the Great Lakes including the dynamics of cyanobacterial mat communities in Lake Huron sinkholes, as well as the biological characteristics of harmful cyanobacterial blooms. His research in these areas has moved from understanding basic questions about the role of microbial processes in the flux of essential elements in oceanic systems and atmospheric oxygenation through geological history to applied questions about how environmental and microbial processes influence toxicity in algal blooms.
Professor Dick is clearly a leader in his research community. In 2020, he was recognized for excellence in research, mentoring, service, and leadership with a Post-Tenure Award by the Geobiology and Geomicrobiology Division of the Geological Society of America (GSA), and he gave a keynote presentation at the society’s annual meeting. In recent years, Professor Dick’s research has been increasingly focused on the Great Lakes where he has collaborated across the University with scientists from CIGLR and the NOAA Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory (GLERL), and with researchers from across the Great Lakes region. His work on cyanobacterial blooms in the Great Lakes has important applications within public and environmental health, and has the potential to inform policy on water quality and water resources management.

Professor Dick is working through his publications, workshops, research networks and the development of a regional database, to shepherd Great Lakes researchers in the use of cutting-edge Omics tools. Omics encompasses studies across a range of sub-disciplines including genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics, and epigenomics, and analyzes genes, proteins, metabolites, and other biological structures and functions. Omics research can be used in a range of applications from revealing emerging threats to water quality and to understanding and predicting changing patterns of biodiversity. Importantly, Omics has been identified as a high priority research area for NOAA, and Professor Dick has been instrumental in translating that research priority to the Great Lakes.

Professor Dick’s scholarly excellence, his demonstrated commitment to advancing research within the Great Lakes through collaboration with NOAA-GLERL, and his interest in bridging disciplines and bringing researchers together from both within and outside of the University of Michigan make him a valued scholar and leader. His leadership ability, his vision for how to grow CIGLR’s impact within the region, and, most importantly, his vision for how CIGLR can help galvanize SEAS’ role as a leader of aquatic sciences within the University of Michigan will enable him to lead CIGLR to new strengths. We are very pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Gregory J. Dick as professor of environment and sustainability, without tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability, effective August 30, 2021.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

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

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ACTION REQUEST:  Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

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

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE:  Henry Ruppenthal Family Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Bioengineering, Medical School

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

On the recommendation of Michelle S. Caird, M.D., the Gehring Professor and chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Kurt D. Hankenson, D.V.M., M.S., Ph.D. as the Henry Ruppenthal Family Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Bioengineering, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

The Henry Ruppenthal Family Professorship in Orthopaedic Surgery and Bioengineering was established in October 1998 through an estate gift from Alma and Rena Ruppenthal in memory of their late brother, who was an engineer with a keen interest in medical engineering. It is the intent of this professorship to support the activities of the director of the Orthopaedic Surgery Research Laboratory. The appointment period is up to five years, and may be renewed.

Kurt Hankenson received his B.S. degree, and his D.V.M. degree from the University of Illinois. He completed an M.S. degree in basic medical sciences at Purdue University, and completed a Ph.D. degree in biochemistry at the University of Washington. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2002 as an assistant research scientist in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Laboratory Animal Medicine. He was appointed as an assistant professor in 2003, and received additional appointments in cell and developmental biology in 2004, and in biomedical engineering in 2005. Dr. Hankenson was appointed as an assistant professor in cell biology at the University of Pennsylvania in 2011, and was promoted to an associate professor in 2012. In 2014, he was appointed as an associate professor in veterinary medicine at Michigan State University. He was promoted to a professor in 2016. Dr. Hankenson returned to the University of Michigan in 2017 as a professor in orthopaedic surgery.

Dr. Hankenson is a highly productive orthopaedic scientist, with 121 peer-reviewed articles published, and continuous NIH and Department of Defense funding. He participates in departmental and national leadership roles, including as a former elected-council member of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research, and is currently the second vice president of the Orthopaedic Research Society. He is an editor-in-chief of clinical reviews in the Journal of Bone and Mineral Metabolism, and an associate editor of Connective Tissue Research.
Dr. Hankenson is the associate chair for research, and director of the Orthopaedic Research Laboratory in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. He is a permanent member of numerous organizations, including the Veterans Affairs ENDB 1 - Endocrinology study section, the Grayson Jockey Club Research Advisory Committee, and the Skeletal Biology Structure and Regeneration NIH study section.

Dr. Hankenson is a highly regarded, internationally respected scientist who focuses on regenerative medicine, specifically trauma and bone regeneration. He is an appropriate candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the appointment of Kurt D. Hankenson, D.V.M., M.S., Ph.D. as the Henry Ruppenthal Family Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Bioengineering, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

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

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

October 2021
On the recommendation of Eric R. Fearon, M.D., Ph.D., the Emmanuel N. Maisel Professor and director of the Rogel Cancer Center, professor of internal medicine, human genetics and pathology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Sarah T. Hawley, Ph.D., M.P.H. as the Maisel Research Professor of Cancer Control and Population Science, Medical School, October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

Sarah T. Hawley received her B.A. degree from the University of Michigan in 1990 and her M.P.H. degree from Yale University in 1992. She completed her Ph.D. degree at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, School of Public Health, and completed her post-doctoral training fellowship in cancer prevention and control at the University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. Dr. Hawley joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2004 as a research assistant professor, and rose through the ranks to a professor in internal medicine, and professor in health management and policy and health behavior and health education in 2015.

Dr. Hawley’s research focuses on evaluating and improving the quality of cancer care across the continuum from screening through treatment and into survivorship. She is interested in understanding and improving patient and physician decision-making related to cancer prevention and control services. Dr. Hawley directs several projects where she has developed and evaluated
the impact of interventions for improving decision making for cancer screening and treatment. She has also developed and evaluated cancer survivorship interventions, focusing on improving the survivorship experience and utilization of services for cancer survivors. Dr. Hawley is currently studying how to best disseminate effective cancer-related interventions into clinical practice to improve patient-centered cancer care. She is the co-founder of the Cancer Surveillance and Outcomes Research Team (CanSORT) at the University of Michigan, an interdisciplinary group of investigators dedicated to researching cancer quality of care. Her research has been continuously funded by the NIH, the Veterans Affairs and the American Cancer Society. She has published 130 peer-reviewed articles, and has been invited to present her research on more than 40 occasions regionally and nationally.

Dr. Hawley is an outstanding researcher, clinician and educator who focuses on cancer care, which directly aligns with the intent of this prestigious professorship. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the appointment of Sarah T. Hawley, Ph.D., M.P.H. as the Maisel Research Professor of Cancer Control and Population Science, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

Recommended by:  

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

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

October 2021
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Yvonne J. Huang, M.D.

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, without tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

On the recommendation of Bethany Moore, Ph.D., the Nancy Williams Walls Professor and chair of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Yvonne J. Huang, M.D. as associate professor of microbiology and immunology, without tenure, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021.

Dr. Huang’s clinical and translational research interest is focused on the role of microbiota-immune interactions in chronic airway diseases, in particular, asthma and COPD. Her team has been at the forefront of conducting clinical-translational studies in this area, both single and multicenter investigations. The goal of her work is to delineate associations between airway microbiota composition and clinical and biological features of asthma and COPD in adults, and to identify new hypotheses of functional links in these differences in immune phenotype, disease severity and treatment response. In addition to the airways, her group has also begun examining the potential role of the gut microbiome in asthma and COPD heterogeneity, and the role of metabolites as potential mediators of disparate microbiota-immune interactions linked to differences in asthma/COPD phenotypes.

Dr. Huang’s additional appointment in microbiology and immunology would bring translational opportunities to further understand the role that microbes/microbiota play in asthma and COPD, mechanistic insights into the microbial-host interactions involved in these two diseases, and how such interactions shape disease susceptibility and variations in outcomes. She will bring opportunities for enhancement of mutual, possibly overlapping interests between her group and the expertise housed in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. Additionally, she will be expected to play a meaningful role in activities related to trainees. This includes reviewing graduate applications, participation in recruiting events, and regular participation in trainee and departmental seminars. Dr. Huang would also provide mentoring for graduate students and research fellows within the laboratory, and serve on one departmental committee per year. The result of these commitments would enhance research programs and increase educational interactions with faculty and students of both departments.
This additional appointment will add to the spectrum of research interactions available to faculty, post-doctoral fellows, and graduate students within the Departments of Internal Medicine and Microbiology and Immunology. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the additional appointment of Yvonne L. Huang, Ph.D. as associate professor of microbiology and immunology, without tenure, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021.

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

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

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ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Yu Lei, D.D.S., Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Dentistry, with tenure, School of Dentistry

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Professor of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, without tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

On the recommendation of Mark E.P. Prince, M.D., Krause Professor, and chair of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Yu Lei, D.D.S., Ph.D. as associate professor of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery, without tenure, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021.

Dr. Lei has demonstrated a significant commitment to developing and maintaining research activities and collaborations with the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. He is a valued member of the Head and Neck Oncology Program, and regularly participates in activities related to this important research and education group. Dr. Lei has several research grants that are being conducted in collaboration with members of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, including two NIH grants and multiple publications that include work in both departments.

Dr. Lei’s research, interests and expertise aligns well with that being performed in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, and his mentorship and sponsorship has been important to faculty and trainees within the department. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the joint appointment of Yu Lei, D.D.S., Ph.D. as associate professor of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery, without tenure, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021.

Recommended by:

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

Laurie K. McCauley
Dean, School of Dentistry

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

October 2021
I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Gen Li as the John G. Searle Assistant Professor of Biostatistics, School of Public Health, effective October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024.

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.

Gen Li received his Bachelor of Science at Beijing Normal University in 2010. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he completed his Doctorate in 2015. He joined our faculty as an assistant professor in 2020.

Professor Li’s main research areas include statistical methods for analysis of high dimensional multi-view genomics data and microbiome data and applications in biomedical data sciences. He is an outstanding collaborator, as evidenced by his many collaborative publications in different areas including urology and dental health and him serving as a co-investigator on many grants. His broad knowledge of biostatistics and extensive experiences in genetics and genomics data analysis have no doubt contributed to the success of many of these projects. Through his deep involvement in these collaborative projects, he has effectively promoted statistical rigorousness in scientific investigations.

Professor Li has taught many courses with excellent evaluations, showing that he is a great teacher. He has worked with students at all levels, from supervising MS students to serving as PhD advisors to biostatistics PhD students. It is noteworthy that several of his students have won student paper awards, which is quite impressive. In addition, Professor Li has also been actively engaged in a large variety of services within the department, at the university, and for the scientific community at large. He has been serving as a referee for a large number of
professional journals, as well as multiple NIH review panels. He has been a session organizer and chair at multiple conferences.

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Gen Li as the John G. Searle Assistant Professor of Biostatistics, School of Public Health, effective October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

October 2021
I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Cindy Leung as the John G. Searle Assistant Professor of Nutritional Sciences, School of Public Health, October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024.

The John G. Searle Assistant Professorship in Nutritional Sciences was established by the Regents in October 2015. Securities to support this professorship were contributed to the university by John G. Searle, then chairman of the Board of G.D. Searle & Co. Appointments to this professorship may be for three years and may be renewable.

Cindy Leung her Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, Berkeley in 2004. She attended the University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health, where she completed her Master of Public Health in public health nutrition in 2007. Finally, in 2012, she received her Doctor of Science, Dual Degree in public health nutrition and cardiovascular epidemiology from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Professor Leung is a highly productive researcher with an outstanding research program in diet-sensitive health disparities, food insecurity, federal food policy, stress biology, social determinants of health, nutrition epidemiology and telomere biology and is well recognized both nationally and internationally for her work. She is currently the deputy editor of the influential journal *Public Health Nutrition*, an unusual level of accomplishment as an assistant professor.

Professor Leung is highly productive; she has published 84 papers, of these approximately 60 since she joined the faculty of UMSPH in 2017. She was the PI of a NIH-funded K99/R00 Award: “Understanding the risk of obesity in food-insecure children: the hidden role of stress.” She also has served on the Campus Food Insecurity Task Force since 2017. Additionally, Professor Leung co-created PH511: Nutrition and Public Health for the MPH Core Curriculum for both the residential and online program and created a new course on Food Insecurity for the online program, as part of our Precision Nutrition concentration.
I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Cindy Leung as the John G. Searle Assistant Professor of Nutritional Sciences, School of Public Health, October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

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ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Costas A. Lyssiotis, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, without tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Maisel Research Professor of Oncology, Medical School

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

On the recommendation of Eric R. Fearon, M.D., Ph.D., the Emmanuel N. Maisel Professor and director of the Rogel Cancer Center, professor of internal medicine, human genetics and pathology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Costas A. Lyssiotis, Ph.D. as the Maisel Research Professor of Oncology, Medical School, October 1, 2021, through August 31, 2026.

The Maisel Research Professorship in Oncology was established in September 2021 through a generous gift from Geneva (Cis) Maisel, a longtime benefactor to the University of Michigan. This professorship will support the research and/or clinical efforts of a faculty member working in cancer and whenever possible, a faculty member who specializes in pancreatic cancer. The holder will be a faculty member in the Rogel Cancer Center. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Costas A. Lyssiotis received his B.S. degree in chemistry and biology in 2004 from the University of Michigan, and his Ph.D. degree in chemical biology in 2010 from the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California. He completed post-doctoral training at Harvard University and Cornell University. Dr. Lyssiotis joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2015 as an assistant professor in the Departments of Molecular and Integrative Physiology and Internal Medicine. In 2021, he was promoted to associate professor.

Dr. Lyssiotis’ research focuses on the biochemical pathways and metabolic requirements that enable tumor survival and growth. This work spans the areas of cancer metabolism, the tumor microenvironment and immunometabolism using and developing protocols in mass spectrometry-based metabolomics. The information gathered from these systems are then explored in preclinical models of human cancer, using chemical biology and functional genetic strategies. In addition to having provided numerous breakthroughs in basic science, the research program in his laboratory also seeks to translate our understanding of metabolism and how it is deregulated, into new and targeted cancer therapies. His research has been funded through the National Cancer Institute, the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, institutional and foundation grants.
Dr. Lyssiotis is the recipient of several junior scholar awards including being named a Lefkofsky Scholar, a Kimmel Scholar, an AACR NextGen young investigator, a Dale F. Frey Breakthrough Scientist, and a V Foundation Fellow. He has published more than 90 peer-reviewed articles.

Dr. Lyssiotis is a nationally renowned researcher for his focus on understanding metabolism and how it is deregulated into new and targeted cancer therapies. He is an appropriate candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the appointment of Costas A. Lyssiotis, Ph.D. as the Maisel Research Professor of Oncology, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

October 2021
On the recommendation of Theodore S. Lawrence, M.D., Ph.D., the Isadore Lampe Professor and chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Martha M. Matuszak, Ph.D. as the Laurie Snow Research Professor, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

The Laurie Snow Research Professorship was established in December 2017 through a generous contribution from Mr. Michael Snow, his family, the Snow Family Trust, and various donors, to help further the advancements in individualized cancer research for patients who are without other medical options. It is intended to support a faculty member as an individualized cancer researcher in the Department of Radiation Oncology. The appointment period may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Martha M. Matuszak received her B.S.E. degree, M.S. degree, and Ph.D. degree in nuclear engineering and radiological sciences, from the University of Michigan. She joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2009 as a clinical instructor in radiation oncology. She was appointed as a clinical assistant professor in radiation oncology in 2012, and was jointly appointed as an adjunct assistant professor in nuclear engineering and radiological sciences in 2013. Dr. Matuszak was appointed as an assistant professor in 2015, and as a clinical associate professor in radiation oncology in 2016. In 2021, she was appointed as the chair for physics, which is a key leadership appointment in the department.

Dr. Matuszak’s clinical interests include advanced radiation therapy planning and delivery in standard radiation therapy, stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT), and adaptive therapy. Her research focus includes optimization of intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT), volumetric modulated radiation therapy (VMAT), and adaptive radiation therapy based on geometric, biological, and functional response. She contributes to the design and conduct of innovative investigator-initiated clinical trials as well as leading the medical physics aspect of several national
trials. Dr. Matuszak is also the associate chair for Equity and Wellness in the Department of Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Matuszak is an excellent leader, clinician and researcher, and an appropriate candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the appointment of Martha M. Matuszak, Ph.D. as the Laurie Snow Research Professor, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

Recommended by:  

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

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

Recommendation endorsed by:  

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

October 2021
We are pleased to recommend the appointment of James J. Moon as the J.G. Searle Professor, College of Pharmacy, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

The J.G. Searle Professorship was established in February 2017, with the permission of the Searle Family, by using the substantial income generated by the $1,000,000 endowment account previously established by Mr. John G. Searle in 1977 to recognize outstanding senior scholars within the College of Pharmacy. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

James Moon received his B.S. in bioengineering from the University of California at Berkeley in 2002 and his Ph.D. in bioengineering from Rice University in 2008. He served as a post-doctoral associate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology/Howard Hughes Medical Institute from 2008 through 2012, when he was appointed as an assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences and an assistant professor of biomedical engineering at the University of Michigan. Professor Moon was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2018 and to professor in 2021. He was appointed as the John G. Searle Associate Professor, College of Pharmacy, in 2018, succeeding his appointment as the John Gideon Searle Assistant Professor (2013-2018).

Professor Moon is an outstanding scientist and mentor who has gained an international reputation for his work in the development of drug delivery systems designed to enhance immune functions in the context of cancer immunotherapy, infectious diseases, and autoimmune
diseases. His interdisciplinary research program includes three areas of focus: 1) nanomedicine for personalized cancer immunotherapy; 2) synthetic nanomaterials for vaccination against infectious pathogens; and 3) targeting the gut microbiome for immune modulation. His research has high translational potential as evidenced by many patents and two startup companies based on his research. He has received many awards for his work and has served in several national leadership positions. He is active in leading outreach programs to connect youth from underrepresented communities to educational experiences in science, technology, engineering, and math.

We are pleased to recommend the appointment of James J. Moon as the J.G. Searle Professor, College of Pharmacy, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Bruce A. Mueller
Interim Dean
College of Pharmacy

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

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

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

October 2021
On the recommendation of Ganesh S. Palapattu, M.D., the Valassis Professor and chair of the Department of Urology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Todd Morgan, M.D. as the Jack Lapides, M.D. Research Professor, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

The Jack Lapides, M.D. Research Professorship was established in September 2021 through the Jack Lapides estate. The holder will be a faculty member in the Department of Urology. The appointment period may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Todd M. Morgan received his A.B. degree and M.D. degree from Harvard University. He completed a residency in urology at the University of Washington, and fellowship training in urological oncology at Vanderbilt University. He is a translational surgeon-scientist whose research interests span the spectrum from preclinical laboratory-based research to prospective clinical trials. The primary focus of Dr. Morgan’s laboratory is identifying clinically relevant molecular approaches to predict response and resistance to treatment in genitourinary malignancies. This includes work in prostate cancer to develop blood and bone marrow-based assays that can guide precision-based therapeutic strategies in real time, as well as research in renal cell carcinoma to identify genomic signatures for risk stratification. Since finishing his residency in 2009, Dr. Morgan has developed a comprehensive research program that leverages our understanding of the biological underpinnings of urological cancers to better inform treatment decision making. He is a surgeon scientist in the bench to bedside mold, with research involving preclinical and translational studies, along with prospective clinical trials.

Dr. Morgan is the principal investigator of two large randomized controlled trials evaluating tissue-based biomarkers in men with localized prostate cancer. He is at the forefront of efforts to understand how heritable mutations to genes such as BRCA2 should impact approaches to prostate cancer detection and management. As part of these efforts, he opened the Prostate Cancer Risk Clinic at the University of Michigan, and launched a biomarker-driven clinical trial for early prostate cancer detection in men with germline mutations predisposing to aggressive prostate cancer.
Dr. Morgan is the past-president of the Young Urological Oncology section of the Society of Urological Oncology. He has authored 207 peer-reviewed publications and has received a number of awards recognizing his research. These include the Young Investigator Award from the Prostate Cancer Foundation (2014), the Society for Urological Oncology (2018), National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) (2015), and the Society for Basic Urology Research (2015). He has served or currently serves on several national guideline committees, such as the AUA Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer Guidelines, the AUA Advanced Prostate Cancer Guidelines, the NCCN Prostate Cancer Early Detection Guidelines, the ASCO Localized Prostate Cancer Guideline, and the ASCO Molecular Markers for Prostate Cancer Guidelines. His research is supported by the Department of Defense, National Cancer Institute, and the Prostate Cancer Foundation. In addition, he serves on numerous study sections, including the Urology Care Foundation Research Scholar Award Peer Review Panel, and is a standing member on the American Cancer Society Peer Review Committee for Clinical Cancer Research and Epidemiology. Dr. Morgan is a dedicated clinician and surgeon. His urologic oncology practice includes taking care of patients with prostate, bladder, kidney, and penile cancers, and his surgical expertise encompasses a wide spectrum of open, laparoscopic, and advanced robotic surgical approaches.

Dr. Morgan is an exemplary leader, clinician, educator, and investigator. He is a fitting candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the appointment of Todd Morgan, M.D. as the Jack Lapides, M.D. Research Professor, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

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

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

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ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Tycel Phillips, M.D.

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Maria Reinhardt DeCesare Research Professor of Blood Cancers and Bone Marrow Transplantation, Medical School

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

On the recommendation of Eric R. Fearon, M.D., Ph.D., the Emmanuel N. Maisel Professor and director of the Rogel Cancer Center, professor of internal medicine, human genetics and pathology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Tycel J. Phillips, M.D. as the Maria Reinhardt DeCesare Research Professor of Blood Cancers and Bone Marrow Transplantation, Medical School, October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

The Maria Reinhardt DeCesare Research Professorship in Blood Cancers and Bone Marrow Transplantation was established in September 2021 through the generosity of family and friends of Maria Reinhart DeCesare, with a significant contribution from her aunt and uncle, Susan and Bob Brown. It is intended to support the research and clinical efforts of a faculty member working in the field of blood cancers and/or bone marrow transplantation. The appointment period may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Tycel J. Phillips received his B.S. degree in biology from the University of Illinois. He completed his M.D. degree in 2006 at Rush University. He completed a residency in internal medicine at the John H. Stroger Hospital of Cook County, and a fellowship in hematology and oncology at University Hospitals in Cleveland. Dr. Phillips joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as a clinical lecturer in internal medicine in 2012. He was appointed as a clinical assistant professor in 2015, and was promoted to clinical associate professor in 2020.

Dr. Phillips’ research interests include evaluation of resistance mechanisms in mantle cell lymphoma (MCL), non-cytotoxic chemotherapeutic treatment in frontline MCL, and other novel combinations in relapsed/refractory lymphoma. He has been the primary investigator on numerous clinical trials for multiple subtypes of lymphoma. His research expertise and interests include the evaluation of resistance mechanisms in mantle cell lymphoma (MCL), non-cytotoxic chemotherapeutic treatment in frontline MCL, and other novel combinations in relapsed/refractory lymphoma. Dr. Phillips serves as a disease group unity leader in the lymphoma sub-specialty clinics and is a co-leader in the hematologic malignancies clinical research team at the Rogel
Cancer Center. He is widely recognized both nationally and internationally, through service on several sub-committees, including the American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Society of Hematology, and Genmab/Abbvie Epcoritamab Global DLBCL. He is active in professional societies and serves in many editorial and peer-review positions, including the Big 10 Cancer Research Consortiums Hematology Working Group, SWOG Lymphoma Committee, and Mantle Cell Lymphoma Consortium.

Dr. Phillips is an outstanding clinician in the treatment of patients at different stages of cancer. He has strong service contributions and extensive research through clinical trials. He is an appropriate candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the appointment of Tycel J. Phillips, M.D. as the Maria Reinhardt DeCesare Research Professor of Blood Cancers and Bone Marrow Transplantation, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

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

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

October 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Katherine L. Rosenblum, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Psychiatry, with tenure, and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, without tenure, Medical School

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2021

On the recommendation of Donna M. Martin, M.D., Ph.D. the Ravitz Foundation Professor and chair of the Department of Pediatrics, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Katherine L. Rosenblum, Ph.D. as professor of pediatrics, without tenure, Medical School, effective September 1, 2021.

This additional appointment will allow Dr. Rosenblum to build on existing collaborations within the Department of Pediatrics. Her work intersects with the research, training and clinical interests of developmental behavioral pediatric (DBP) faculty and fellows in multiple ways, including as a co-investigator on current grants, as a research mentor to junior faculty, and as a co-author with DBP faculty. As a additional appointee in pediatrics, Dr. Rosenblum will be included in departmental communications. She will have access to clinical residents and fellows who may express interest in working with her and her research group. She will also be invited to participate in conferences, webinars, and social activities in the department as a mechanism to promote sharing of ideas.

This appointment will solidify the collaborations between the Departments of Psychiatry and Pediatrics and allow for a better flow of research, ideas and mentoring. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the additional appointment of Katherine L. Rosenblum, Ph.D. as professor of pediatrics, without tenure, Medical School, effective September 1, 2021.

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

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

October 2021
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Arash Soleimanpour, M.D.

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Medical School

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

On the recommendation of Daniel E. Michele, Ph.D., professor and acting interim 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 Arash Soleimanpour, M.D. as associate professor of molecular and integrative physiology, without tenure, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021.

Dr. Soleimanpour studies basic and translational aspects of type-1 diabetes. His current studies incorporate mechanistic and genetic approaches to understand how mitochondrial dysfunction is central to pancreatic beta cell failure in the development of all forms of diabetes, an area that will strengthen the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology’s educational and research missions. He has current collaborations with five molecular and integrative physiology faculty members. Dr. Soleimanpour is an outstanding teacher and research mentor, who has served on the dissertation committees of two students working in physiology labs. An additional appointment will give him the opportunity to train Ph.D. students in his own laboratory and contribute to the departmental teaching mission for molecular and integrative physiology. Both departments will benefit from this by continuing to foster collaborations between the units, and strengthening the links between the basic and clinical research enterprise at Michigan Medicine.

This additional appointment will solidify the connection between the Departments of Internal Medicine and Molecular and Integrative Physiology in research and teaching. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the additional appointment of Arash Soleimanpour, M.D. as associate professor of molecular and integrative physiology, without tenure, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021.

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

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

October 2021
I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Yafeng Yin as interim chair, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering, effective December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022.

Yafeng Yin received B.S. degrees in structural engineering, and environmental engineering (1994), and his M.S. degree in civil engineering (1996), all from Tsinghua University. He received his Ph.D. in civil engineering (2002) from the University of Tokyo. Following graduation, he was a post-doctoral researcher and an assistant research engineer between 2002 and 2005 at the University of California, Berkeley. In 2005, Professor Yin was appointed as an assistant professor at the University of Florida. He was promoted to associate professor in 2011 and to professor in 2015. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2017 as a professor. Since 2020, he has also served as an associate chair of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering’s graduate programs.

Professor Yin works in the area of transportation systems analysis and modeling, and has published more than 130 refereed papers in leading academic journals. His current research focuses on connected and automated mobility systems. He currently serves as area editor of *Transportation Science*, associate editor of *Transportation Research Part B: Methodology*, department editor of *Service Science*, and was the editor-in-chief of *Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies* between 2014 and 2020. Professor Yin has received recognition from different institutions, including the Faculty-Staff Partnership Award, and the Monroe-Brown Foundation Education Excellence Award from the University of Michigan, a Doctoral Mentoring Award from the University of Florida, the Outstanding Leadership Award by the Chinese Overseas Transportation Association (COTA), and the Stella Dafermos Best Paper Award and the Ryuichi Kitamura Paper Award from the Transportation Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.
Professor Yin has demonstrated that he possesses the experience, ability, and commitment to fulfill the important responsibilities of a department chair in the College of Engineering. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Yafeng Yin as interim chair, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering, effective December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

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

NAME: Charles T. Yingling

CURRENT TITLE: Clinical Professor, School of Nursing

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Dean for Professional Practice, School of Nursing

EFFECTIVE DATES: October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024

The dean of the School of Nursing is pleased to recommend the appointment of Charles T. Yingling as associate dean for professional practice, School of Nursing, effective October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024.

Charles Yingling received his Bachelor of Science in nursing from Loyola University, Chicago in 1999. He received his Master of Science in nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2005 and 2012, respectively. He is a registered nurse (RN), advanced practice registered nurse (APRN), family nurse practitioner (FNP), and fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP). He was recently appointed as a clinical professor in the School of Nursing.

Professor Yingling is an experienced and effective educator, highly committed to his students. He has made major contributions to the teaching mission, especially the FNP Program and in global health. He teaches mostly graduate-level students and works with many Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) students’ on projects. He has mentored 26 DNP students in the development and implementation of their scholarly projects. In addition to his classroom teaching, Professor Yingling supervises students in all aspects of his practice, precepting 250-1,000 hours a year for FNP students. Professor Yingling is an award-winning educator. He received the Graduate Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence, the DAISY faculty award for commitment to teaching and inspirational influence on students, and the Sigma Theta Tau – Alpha Lambda Chapter Beverly McElmurry Award in Global Health recognizing his commitment to the ideals and goals of the nursing profession in the areas of education and practice to enhance global health.

Professor Yingling’s contribution to practice includes both direct-care as an FNP and systems-focused leadership. Throughout both components, he has focused on underserved populations that experience stigmatization and discrimination. Professor Yingling’s focus has changed to systems-leadership to expand access to care and advance nursing roles. This component of his
practice showcases his innovative and entrepreneurial tendencies. Professor Yingling is an excellent clinician as evidenced by receiving multiple practice related awards including the Judith Lloyd Storfjell Distinguished Practice Award for his contributions to nursing practice in 2020.

Professor Yingling’s scholarship includes mostly demonstration projects and quality assurance projects that are supported by multiple grants, mostly from Foundations including the Chicago Community Trust COVID-19 Response Fund, the Illinois Nurses Foundation, the CVS Health Foundation and the Center on Halsted. He was the principal investigator (PI) on a HRSA grant, Advanced Nursing Education Workforce, designed to enhance academic-practice partnerships to assure practice readiness in nurse practitioner education. He was a sub-awardee on a grant (Safer Foundation, primary awardee) from the United States Department of Justice, Improving Reentry for Adults with Substance Use Disorders Program. All of the above projects are aligned with his goals of advancing nursing practice and improving access to care for vulnerable underserved populations.

Professor Yingling disseminates the results of his work in peer-reviewed clinical journals that target clinicians. He has published 21 papers/book chapters, 13 as first- or senior-author. His first-authored and senior-authored publications include American Journal of Public Health (impact Factor = 9.308) and clinical journals such as Open Quality (IF = 1.13), Nursing Clinical of North America (IF= 1.234) and Journal of Professional Nursing (IF = 2.104). One of Professor Yingling’s publications received the 2020 Clarion Award from the Association for Women in Communications. Professor Yingling is a recognized expert in his field and he has been invited to give 18 presentations, five international, four national, one regional and eight local. He has presented 21 referred presentations, 12 as the first- or senior-author, 18 national and three regional. Professor Yingling is a productive scholar, given that he combines practice and teaching.

We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Charles T. Yingling as associate dean for professional practice, School of Nursing, effective October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024.

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

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

October 2021
Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic and administrative positions.
On the recommendation of Roger D. Cone, Ph.D., the Mary Sue Coleman Director of the Life Sciences Institute, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the naming of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship as the Mary Sue Coleman Collegiate Professor in the Life Sciences, College of Literature, Sciences and the Arts, effective November 1, 2021.

This professorship was established through the Provost Office and will be funded with funds from the Life Sciences Institute. The appointment period may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Mary Sue Coleman is a president emerita of the University of Michigan, where she served as president from August 2002 to June 2014. In 2009, *Time* magazine named her one of the nation’s “best college presidents.” From 1995-2002, she was the president of the University of Iowa. Most recently, she served as the president of the Association of American Universities from 2016-2020.

As a biochemist, President Emerita Coleman built a distinguished research career through her research on the immune system and malignancies. For 19 years, she was a member of the biochemistry faculty at the University of Kentucky. Her work in the sciences led to administrative appointments at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of New Mexico where she served as the provost and vice president for academic affairs. She earned her undergraduate degree in chemistry from Grinnell College and her doctorate in biochemistry from the University of North Carolina.

President Emerita Coleman was involved in a number of important initiatives, endeavors and decisions that have helped to shape the University of Michigan, including the purchase of the North Campus Research Complex from Pfizer; positioning the university to become a major force in economic development in Ann Arbor and across the state; the Residential Life Initiatives that focused on upgrading and renewing existing residence halls and dining facilities; recruiting 100 interdisciplinary junior faculty; the Google partnership that digitized the University Library’s collection of seven million volumes; and, not insignificant to this proposed naming, seeing to completion the development of the Life Sciences Institute.
President Emerita Coleman led “The Michigan Difference,” a campaign to raise $2.5 billion for the future of the institution. At its conclusion in December 2008, the campaign finale stood at $3.2 billion – the most ever raised by a public university. The university launched its $4 billion “Victors for Michigan” campaign under her leadership in November 2013. The campaign was completed in December 2018 and raised $5.28 billion. With her husband Kenneth, she has been one of the most philanthropic presidents in UM history. They have endowed several funds: the Mary Sue and Kenneth Coleman Endowed Rackham Graduate Fellowship Fund, the Mary Sue and Kenneth Coleman Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship Fund, the Mary Sue and Kenneth Coleman Endowed Life Sciences Institute Lecture Fund, the Mary Sue and Kenneth Coleman Global Student Experience Fund, and the Coleman Family LEAD Fund at the alumni association.

A distinguished faculty member will be nominated to receive this honor.

RECOMMENDED BY: 

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY: 

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

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

October 2021
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: John H. Mitchell Visiting Professorship in Media Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Fall Term, Non-renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

With the approval of the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the John H. Mitchell Visiting Professorship in Media Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective October 1, 2021.

The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts has received a generous gift pledge of $1.5 million from the Patricia W. Mitchell Trust to establish the John H. Mitchell Visiting Professorship in Media Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media. This visiting professorship will be used to bring a highly experienced media industry professional or scholar whose body of work has been committed to developing, promoting, or researching social change initiatives. Incumbents will teach or co-teach an undergraduate course in areas such as writing for social justice, new media and human rights, the ethics of representation, documentary filmmaking, ethics, and censorship. Appointment periods are for the fall term only and may not be renewed.

In recognition of this significant gift from the Patricia W. Mitchell Trust, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the John H. Mitchell Visiting Professorship in Media Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective October 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDED BY: RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED 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

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

October 2021
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Research Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Ruth H. Strang, M.D. Research Professorship in Pediatrics, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

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

This professorship is being established through gifts from an anonymous donor. It is intended to support a faculty member in the Department of Pediatrics, in the Division of Cardiology, or a faculty member who is a pediatric investigator with a joint appointment in the Department of Pediatrics. The appointment period is five years and may be renewed.

Ruth H. Strang, M.D. joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in the early to mid-1960s, where she rose to the level of professor in pediatric cardiology. Dr. Strang was eventually recruited and appointed to lead the Department of Pediatrics at Wayne County General Hospital. She served in that role until the hospital was closed by Wayne County in the 1980s, and then returned to the University of Michigan and rejoined the pediatric cardiology team for five years before her retirement at age 65. Dr. Strang had a second career as an Episcopal priest, serving as a rector until she retired at age 88.

Dr. Strang was a very enthusiastic, positive, and encouraging faculty member, and took great interest in everyone around her. She was dedicated to the welfare of her patients, trainees, and colleagues. She was a warm, caring human being, always ready to serve where asked, and was an exemplary, strong representative of a professional women in her era. Dr. Strang passed away in 2020 at the age of 96.

Dr. Strang’s legacy will be honored through this prestigious professorship, and will continue to benefit researchers in pediatric cardiology. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the establishment of the Ruth H. Strang, M.D. Research Professorship in Pediatrics, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021.

Recommended by: Recommendation endorsed by:

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

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

October 2021
On the recommendation of Eric R. Fearon, M.D, Ph.D., the Emmanuel N. Maisel Professor, director of the Rogel Cancer Center, and professor of internal medicine, human genetics and pathology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of the Max Wicha, M.D. Distinguished Professorship in Oncology, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021.

This professorship is being established through a generous donation by Cis Maisel. The donor intends for the holder to be the director of the Rogel Cancer Center while in that role. If this faculty member is not able to be appointed to this professorship, the holder will be a faculty member who is a leading investigator in the Rogel Cancer Center. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Max Wicha received his M.D. degree from Stanford University in 1974, trained in internal medicine at the University of Chicago, and in medical oncology at the National Institutes of Health. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1980 as an assistant professor in internal medicine, and rose through the ranks to professor in 1988. Dr. Wicha’s research focuses on the biology and treatment of breast cancer. He has been a major leader in the science of cancer stem cells. His group was part of the team that first identified breast cancer stem cells, the first cells identified in solid tumors. He was the inaugural director of the Cancer Center from 1986-2014. Dr. Wicha is the chair of the Rogel Cancer Center’s Research Committee, and works closely with the director of the Michigan Rogel Cancer Center, Dr. Eric Fearon, to establish interdisciplinary research funding aimed at translating basic discoveries into the clinic.

Dr. Wicha was appointed as the Madeline and Sidney Forbes Professor of Oncology in 2015. He is nationally and internationally renowned as a leader in cancer research. He has served on numerous scientific advisory boards for National Cancer Institute Cancer Centers and was appointed by President Obama to the National Cancer Advisory Board, that advises the National Cancer Institute director and secretary of health on matters related to cancer research and health policy.
Dr. Wicha has been an outstanding clinician, leader and researcher in cancer research and oncology. This professorship will honor his accomplishments and continue his legacy. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the establishment of the Max Wicha, M.D. Distinguished Professorship in Oncology, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

October 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Wicha Family Professorship in Oncology, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

On the recommendation of Eric R. Fearon, M.D, Ph.D., the Emmanuel N. Maisel Professor, director of the Rogel Cancer Center, and professor of internal medicine, human genetics and pathology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of Wicha Family Professorship in Oncology, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021.

This professorship is being established through a generous donation by Cis Maisel. It is intended to support the research and clinical efforts of a faculty member who is a leading investigator in the Rogel Cancer center who is committed to innovative research. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Max Wicha received his M.D. degree from Stanford University in 1974, trained in internal medicine at the University of Chicago, and in medical oncology at the National Institutes of Health. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1980 as an assistant professor in internal medicine, and rose through the ranks to professor in 1988. Dr. Wicha’s research focuses on the biology and treatment of breast cancer. He has been a major leader in the science of cancer stem cells. His group was part of the team that first identified breast cancer stem cells, the first cells identified in solid tumors. He was the inaugural director of the Cancer Center from 1986-2014. Dr. Wicha is the chair of the Rogel Cancer Center’s Research Committee, and works closely with the director of the Michigan Rogel Cancer Center, Dr. Eric Fearon, to establish interdisciplinary research funding aimed at translating basic discoveries into the clinic.

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Dr. Wicha has been an outstanding clinician, leader and researcher in cancer research and oncology. This professorship will honor his accomplishments and continue his legacy. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the establishment of the Wicha Family Professorship in Oncology, Medical School, effective October 1, 2021.

Recommended by:  

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

Recommendation endorsed by:  

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

October 2021
Recommendations for approval of other personnel transactions
for regular instructional staff and selected
academic and administrative staff
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Recess appointment approval for the period between regularly scheduled meetings

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorization for approving necessary appointments

EFFECTIVE DATES: October 22, 2021 through December 9, 2021

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 schedule board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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

October 2021
On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of English Language and Literature and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Sumita Chakraborty as the Helen Zell Visiting Professor of Creative Writing, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective October 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022.

The Helen Herzog Zell Professorship in Fiction was created by a generous gift from the Zell Family Foundation and was established by the Regents in July 2001. It was renamed as the Nicholas Delbanco Visiting Professorship in March 2013, and as the Helen Zell Visiting Professorship in Creative Writing in May 2021.

Sumita Chakraborty received her Bachelor of Arts from Wellesley College in 2008 and earned her doctorate from Emory University in 2018. Professor Chakraborty was appointed as a visiting assistant professor of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and lecturer in English and Creative Writing at Emory University in 2018.

Professor Chakraborty is a poet, essayist, and scholar. Her debut poetry collection, Arrow (Alice James Books; Carcanet Press, 2020), received coverage in the New York Times, NPR, and The Guardian. She has published a variety of individual poems in POETRY, The Rumpus, American Poetry Review, and other highly regarded venues, and is also the author of book reviews, interviews, and an edited collection. Professor Chakraborty has been awarded multiple fellowships and prizes for her work as a poet, including the Poetry Foundation’s Ruth Lilly and Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Poetry Fellowship (2017), the Kundiman Fellowship (2020), and the Bredvold Prize for Scholarly or Creative Publications (2021). Her poem “And death demands a labor” was shortlisted for a Forward Prize for Best Single Poem by the Forward Arts Foundation in 2018, and she was a finalist for the Forewords Indie Book Prize in 2021. Professor Chakraborty is currently working on her first scholarly book, Grave Dangers: Death, Ethics, and Poetics in the Anthropocene.

Professor Chakraborty is an engaging instructor who leaves lasting impressions on students and colleagues alike. In addition to courses taught at Emory University, her experience teaching creative writing to students in correctional facilities has been foundational to her course design, assignments, and classroom atmosphere. She encourages students to think of poetic discourse as
a mode of ethical engagement and world-building rather than just a luxury. With teaching interests that span poetry, contemporary transatlantic literature, gender studies, critical race studies, ecology, and feminist and queer theory, she is poised to make powerful and important contributions to the department’s undergraduate and graduate curriculum.

In addition to serving on many departmental committees at Emory University, Professor Chakraborty is invested in helping to prepare young writers from diverse backgrounds to craft and publish their own work and excel in literary arts careers. She has organized a number of events for *AGNI Magazine* and national writing forums and gives readings, workshops, and talks for community organizations. Professor Chakraborty has simultaneously served as poetry editor of *AGNI Magazine* and art editor of *At Length* since 2016. She also co-hosts a monthly Twitter conversation sponsored by *Paris Review* titled #ArtofPoetry.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Sumita Chakraborty as the Helen Zell Visiting Professor of Creative Writing, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective October 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022.

Recommended by:  

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

Recommendation endorsed by:  

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

October 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Appointment to an Endowed Visiting Professorship

NAME: Emma E. Cook

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Toyota Visiting Professor of Japanese Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: August 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Center for Japanese Studies and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Emma E. Cook as the Toyota Visiting Professor of Japanese Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

Emma E. Cook received her Bachelor of Science in archaeology from the University of Liverpool in 2000 and her Master of Science in social anthropology from the University of Edinburgh in 2001. She earned her doctorate in social anthropology from the University of London in 2010. Following appointments as a teaching fellow, post-doctoral fellow, and adjunct lecturer, Professor Cook was appointed as an associate professor at Hokkaido University in 2013. She was granted tenure in 2015.

Professor Cook’s research focuses on social and medical anthropology with an emphasis on gender, health, labor, intimacy, and well-being in Japanese culture. She has published widely on youth and masculinity in Japan, focusing in particular on the irregular labor force of men known as ‘freeters,’ the topic of her book Reconstructing Adult Masculinities: Part-time Work in Contemporary Japan (Routledge, 2016). In addition, she has published on fieldwork methodology for data in social anthropology. Professor Cook’s most recent scholarship is related to a larger book project titled Risking Care and Responsibility: Food Allergies in Japan, which is centered on the examination of individual and affective experiences of allergies. She studies how these are embedded or intertwined with the social experiences of food allergies in a variety of social arenas, and how this interacts with institutions such as schools, workplaces, and healthcare providers working to diagnose, manage, and treat food allergies.

Professor Cook has taught a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses during her tenure and has advised many undergraduate graduation theses. During her residence at Michigan, Professor Cook will teach either one three-credit course or two mini-courses on gender, sexuality, multiculturalism, health, and illness in Japan. Additionally, she will give a public lecture for the Center for Japanese Studies’ Noon Lecture Series, as well as lectures for other institutions.
We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Emma E. Cook as the Toyota Visiting Professor of Japanese Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

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

October 2021

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

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

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Douglas Knerr

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Acting Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022

The provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Michigan-Flint, in consultation with the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, is pleased to recommend the appointment of Douglas Knerr as acting dean, College of Arts and Sciences, effective January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

Douglas Knerr earned his Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati. Professor Knerr joined the faculty at the University of Michigan-Flint in 2015. He has an impeccable record of service and leadership. He served as the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Michigan-Flint from 2015-2018. In 2018, the University of Michigan-Flint, at the request of the Governing Boards in Higher Education, granted Professor Knerr a leave to serve as interim provost of Carroll University. He is currently serving in multiple director roles for the College of Arts and Sciences.

I am very pleased to recommend the appointment of Douglas Knerr as acting dean, College of Arts and Sciences, effective January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

RECOMMENDED BY: Debasish Dutta, Chancellor

Universitiy of Michigan-Flint

October 2021
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Shelby Newport

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies, and Professor of Theatre, with tenure, College of Arts and Sciences

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Professor of Theatre, with tenure, College of Arts and Sciences

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2021

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Shelby Newport as vice provost for academic affairs, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, effective November 1, 2021.

Shelby Newport received her B.S.S. degree from Cornell College in 2006 and her M.F.A. from Purdue University in 2009. She joined the faculty at the University of Michigan-Flint as an assistant professor in 2010, was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2015, and to professor in 2021.

Since joining the faculty at the University of Michigan-Flint, Professor Newport has served as the director and co-director of the International and Global Studies program, as a STEM GEM summer camp presenter, and on numerous university committees. Since 2019, she has served as the associate provost and dean of undergraduate studies. In her current role, Professor Newport provides oversight of the undergraduate curricula, the General Education Program and First Year Experience courses, the Thompson Center for Learning and Teaching, the Honors Program, and the Center for Global Engagement. She also leads faculty and staff mentoring initiatives and serves on key governance committees and university task forces.

Professor Newport has been an effective leader in her current position, and I am confident that she will continue to serve the university well in this new role. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Shelby Newport as vice provost for academic affairs, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, effective November 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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Debasish Dutta, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

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