

SUMMARY OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS
REGENTS AGENDA
October 2025

ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

- 1. New appointments and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks, with tenure.**
 - (1) Deininger, Michael, M.D., Ph.D., professor of internal medicine, with tenure, Medical School, effective November 1, 2025.
 - (2) Dizon-Ross, Rebecca, associate professor of economics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 25, 2026.
 - (3) Lajevardi, Nazita, associate professor of political science, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 25, 2026.
 - (4) Mueller, Derek N., professor of English language and literature, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2026.
 - (5) Sahai, Vaibhav, M.B.B.S., M.S., associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure, Medical School, effective November 1, 2025.

- 2. Reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.**
 - (1) Bernitsas, Michael M., Mortimer E. Cooley Collegiate Professor of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030 (also professor of naval architecture and marine engineering, with tenure, and professor of mechanical engineering, without tenure).
 - (2) Kolb, Chris, vice president for government relations, Office of the Vice President for Government Relations, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2031.

- 3. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.**
 - (1) Arbic, Brian K., professor in the Honors Program, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2026 (also Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, professor of Earth and environmental sciences, with tenure, and professor of climate and space sciences and engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering).
 - (2) Bednar, Filip, M.D., Ph.D., Maud T. Lane Research Professor of Surgical Oncology, Medical School, effective October 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030 (also associate professor of surgery, with tenure).

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- (3) Cole, Juan R., Richard P. Mitchell Distinguished University Professor of History, effective September 1, 2025 (also Richard P. Mitchell Collegiate Professor of History, and professor of history, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).
- (4) Corso, Jason, Toyota Professor of Artificial Intelligence, College of Engineering, effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030 (also professor of robotics, with tenure, and Professor of electrical engineering and computer science, without tenure).
- (5) Davenport, Christian, Charles Tilly Distinguished University Professor of Political Science, effective September 1, 2025 (also Mary Ann and Charles R. Walgreen Jr. Professor for the Study of Human Understanding, and professor of political science, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).
- (6) Deotare, Parag B., Chen-Luan Family Faculty Development Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, College of Engineering, effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030 (also associate professor of electrical engineering and computer science, with tenure, College of Engineering, and associate professor of physics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).
- (7) Dominguez, Kathryn M., Marina von Neumann Whitman Distinguished University Professor of Public Policy, effective September 1, 2025 (also associate dean for academic affairs, professor of public policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and professor of economics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).
- (8) Duraisamy, Karthikeyan, Arthur B. Modine Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering, effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030 (also professor of aerospace engineering, with tenure, professor of mechanical engineering, without tenure, and professor of nuclear engineering and radiological sciences, without tenure).
- (9) Ilgen, Mark A., Ph.D., Albert J. Silverman, M.D., C.M. Research Professor of Psychiatric Disorders, Medical School, effective October 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030 (also professor of psychiatry, with tenure).

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- (10) Jonides, John, Edward E. Smith Distinguished University Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, effective September 1, 2025 (also Edward E. Smith Collegiate Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, professor of psychology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and professor of radiology, without tenure, Medical School).
- (11) Langa, Kenneth M., A. Regula Herzog Distinguished University Professor of Internal Medicine and Survey Research, effective September 1, 2025 (also Cyrus Sturgis Research Professor of Internal Medicine, professor of internal medicine, with tenure, Medical School, and professor of health management and policy, without tenure, School of Public Health).
- (12) Lynch, Caitlin, Norma L. Heyde Faculty Development Professor of Voice & Opera, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, effective September 1, 2025 through May 31, 2030 (also assistant professor of music).
- (13) Noll, Douglas C., interim chair, Department of Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering and Medical School, effective January 1, 2026 through July 31, 2026 (also Ann and Robert H. Lurie Professor of Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering, professor of biomedical engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School, and professor of radiology, without tenure, Medical School).
- (14) Pai, Manjunath P., Chung-Chiang and Fung-Hwa Hsu Professor, College of Pharmacy, effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030 (also chair, Department of Clinical Pharmacy, and professor of pharmacy, with tenure).
- (15) Rhode, Paul W., William James Adams Collegiate Professor of Economics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030
- (16) Spector-Bagdady, Katy, J.D. M.B.E., George E. Wantz Research Professor of Bioethics, Medical School, effective October 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030 (also associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology, with tenure).
- (17) Stefanopoulou, Anna G., Huei Peng Distinguished University Professor of Mechanical Engineering, effective September 1, 2025 (also William Clay Ford Professor of Technology, professor of mechanical engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering).

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4. Leaves of absence for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff.

- (1) Hero III, Alfred O., extension of intergovernmental personnel assignment leave of absence, effective September 26, 2025 through September 25, 2026 (John H. Holland Distinguished University Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, R. Jamison and Betty Williams Professor of Engineering, professor of electrical engineering and computer science, with tenure, College of Engineering, professor of biomedical engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School, and professor of statistics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).

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

- (1) Establishment of a legacy professorship as the John R. G. Gosling Legacy Professorship in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medical School, effective October 1, 2025.
- (2) Establishment of a legacy professorship as the Park W. Willis III Legacy Professorship in Cardiovascular Medicine II, Medical School, effective October 1, 2025.
- (3) Change in terms of an existing visiting endowed professorship for the Helen Zell Visiting Professorship in Poetry/Prose, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective October 1, 2025.

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

- (1) Kiernan, Kimberly, vice president for facilities and operations, Office of the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, effective September 1, 2025.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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Recommendations for approval of new appointments
and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks,
with tenure

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval
NAME: Michael Deininger, M.D., Ph.D.
TITLES: Professor of Internal Medicine, Medical School
TENURE STATUS: With Tenure
EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2025

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Michael Deininger, M.D., Ph.D. as professor of internal medicine, with tenure, Medical School, effective November 1, 2025.

Academic Degrees:

Michael Deininger received their M.D. from the University of Würzburg, Germany, in 1990, and their Ph.D. from Imperial College, London, UK, in 1999.

Professional Record:

In 2002, Dr. Deininger was appointed as an assistant professor at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, Oregon, and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2007. In 2010, they were recruited to the University of Utah's Department of Internal Medicine, where they served as a professor, with tenure, and as an adjunct professor in the Department of Oncological Sciences until 2021. That year, Dr. Deininger joined the Medical College of Wisconsin as a professor, with tenure.

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Dr. Deininger has demonstrated a sustained commitment to mentoring and instruction across multiple levels of academic and clinical training. Their mentees include faculty members, clinical and post-doctoral fellows, graduate and undergraduate students, visiting scholars, medical students, and research staff. As a professor, Dr. Deininger has mentored faculty, clinical fellows, post-doctoral fellows, graduate students, undergraduate students, and visiting scholars. They have also served on dissertation committees. In addition to mentorship, Dr. Deininger contributes to education through annual lectures at the Versiti Blood Research Institute and numerous invited talks at external institutions. Teaching evaluations from residents and interns are very good to excellent and reflect consistently positive feedback, both in scores and comments. Furthermore, letters from past mentees highlight Dr. Deininger's excellence in both clinical and research mentorship, underscoring their impact on professional development and academic success.

Research: Dr. Deininger is a leading researcher in translational studies of myeloid leukemogenesis, with a particular focus on targeted therapies, Chronic Myeloid Leukemia, and mechanisms of drug resistance. Their work integrates mechanistic investigations using cell lines, primary cells, and murine models with clinical trials evaluating novel therapeutic approaches. Dr. Deininger holds an active patent for methods of treating induced cellular proliferative disorders, with another patent application currently pending. They serve as a principal investigator on three R01 grants, one R21 grant, and a Tern Pharma-sponsored project. Their past funding portfolio includes numerous awards from foundations, professional societies, pharmaceutical companies, and internal University of Utah sources. Five additional grant proposals are currently under review by the National Cancer Institute and the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Deininger has authored more than 325 peer-reviewed manuscripts, including 197 during their current academic rank, and 16 book chapters. Dr. Deininger has made substantial contributions to the scientific literature. They have been invited on more than 280 occasions to present their work regionally, nationally, and internationally, including in Germany, Spain, Sweden, and Australia. Among their many honors, Dr. Deininger received the prestigious Janet Rowley Prize from the International Chronic Myeloid Leukemia Foundation in 2019 and was recognized as one of the world's most highly cited researchers by Thomson Reuters in both 2014 and 2015.

Service: Dr. Deininger has an outstanding service record institutionally, nationally, and internationally. Institutionally, they are currently an active member of one institutional committee, and they previously served on 13 committees. Regionally, they serve on the Southeastern Wisconsin Clinical and Translational Science Institute Executive Committee. Nationally and internationally, they previously served on four committees, with leadership in three. They are currently a member of two international committees, the Society of Hematologic Oncology Education Program Planning Committee and the European Hematology Association Scientific Program Committee. Dr. Deininger has served on over 15 study sections, primarily for international societies and foundations. They have also provided ad hoc service to the National Cancer Institute and the Department of Defense, as well as international study sections in Austria, Italy, Ireland, the United Kingdom, and Israel. Since 2024, they have served as an associate editor for *Haematologica*. They perform ad hoc peer review for at least 22 journals in their field, including high-impact journals such as *Nature*, *Nature Medicine*, and *The Lancet*.

Dr. Deininger has held several clinical leadership positions, including division chief of Hematology and Hematologic Malignancies and director of the Huntsman Center of Excellence in Hematologic Malignancies and Hematology at the University of Utah from 2010-2021. At the University of Michigan, he will serve as the division chief of Hematology and Oncology.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Zhao H, Pomicter AD, Eiring AM, Franzini A, Ahmann J, Hwang JY, Senina A, Helton B, Iyer S, Yan D, Khorashad JS, Zabriskie MS, Agarwal A, Redwine HM, Bowler AD, Clair PM, McWeeney SK, Druker BJ, Tyner JW, Stirewalt DL, Oehler VG, Varambally S, Berrett KC, Vahrenkamp JM, Gertz J, Varley KE, Radich JP, Deininger MW, "MS4A3 promotes differentiation in chronic myeloid leukemia by enhancing common β -chain cytokine receptor endocytosis," *Blood*. 2022;139(5):761-778

- Yan D, Franzini A, Pomicter AD, Halverson BJ, Antelope O, Mason CC, Ahmann JM, Senina AV, Vellore NA, Jones CL, Zabriskie MS, Hein Than, Xiao MJ, van Scoyk A, Patel AB, Clair PM, Heaton WL, Owen SC, Andersen JL, Egbert CM, Reisz JA, D'Alessandro A, Cox JE, Gantz KC, Redwine HM, Iyer SM, Khorashad JS, Rajabi N, Olsen CA, O'Hare T, Deininger MW, "SIRT5 is a druggable metabolic vulnerability in acute myeloid leukemia," *Blood Cancer Discov.* 2021 May;2(3):266-287
- Yan D, Pomicter AD, Tantravahi S, Mason CC, Senina AV, Ahmann JM, Wang Q, Than H, Patel AB, Heaton WL, Eiring AM, Clair PM, Gantz KC, Redwine HM, Swierczek SI, Halverson BJ, Baloglu E, Shacham S, Khorashad JS, Kelley TW, Salama ME, Miles RR, Boucher KM, Prchal JT, O'Hare T, Deininger MW, "Nuclear-Cytoplasmic Transport Is a Therapeutic Target in Myelofibrosis," *Clin Cancer Res.* 2019 Apr 1;25(7):2323-2335. doi: 10.1158/1078-0432.CCR-180959. Epub 2018 Dec 18. PMID: 30563936; PMCID: PMC6445677
- Eide CA, Zabriskie MS, Savage Stevens SL, Antelope O, Vellore NA, Than H, Schultz AR, Clair P, Bowler AD, Pomicter AD, Yan D, Senina AV, Qiang W, Kelley TW, Szankasi P, Heinrich MC, Tyner JW, Rea D, Cayuela JM, Kim DW, Tognon CE, O'Hare T, Druker BJ, Deininger MW, "Combining the Allosteric Inhibitor Asciminib with Ponatinib Suppresses Emergence of and Restores Efficacy Against Highly Resistant BCR-ABL1 Mutants," *Cancer Cell* 2019, 36(4):431-443.e5
- Fleischman AG, Aichberger KJ, Luty SB, Bumm TG, Petersen CL, Doratotaj S, Vasudevan KB, LaTocha DH, Yang F, Press RD, Loriaux MM, Pahl HL, Silver RT, Agarwal A, O'Hare T, Druker BJ, Bagby GC, Deininger MW, "TNFalpha facilitates clonal expansion of JAK2V617F positive cells in myeloproliferative neoplasms," *Blood* 2011, 118(24):6392-6398

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: "Michael works tirelessly. He concomitantly directs multiple clinical trials and his own research program, formally and informally mentors clinicians and post-docs alike, serves the community by reviewing manuscripts and grants, and presents his work [sic] annually at multiple venues. Michael also has very solid leadership credentials with more than a decade as Division Chief in Utah, and more recently as Chief Scientific Officer and Director of the Versiti Blood Research Institute. It is not surprising then, [sic] that throughout his career, [sic] Michael has received multiple awards and honors."

Reviewer B: "Dr. Deininger's acclaim has led him to positions of significant service, including serving on study sections of the NIH and major foundations in hematology such as the American Society of Hematology (ASH) and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). He has served on the editorial board of the prominent hematologic journals *Blood* [sic] and *Haematologica*. Finally, he has been invited to moderate sessions at major national and international meetings. Dr. Deininger has also supervised many students and trainees who have gone on to successful careers of their own."

Reviewer C: "Dr. Deininger is regarded as a leader among his peers. His innovative contributions, particularly in the development of new therapeutic strategies for CML, have set him apart from many in his field. He has been invited nearly 300 times to present his research at academic institutions, at major scientific conferences and symposia, including as session chair, underscoring his reputation within the academic community. Furthermore, he has served as a principal

investigator for several NIH-funded projects, which is a testament to his standing in the field and [the] rigor and innovation of his research. His role as a senior investigator and chair positions at prestigious institutions further highlight his prominence and leadership in hematology/oncology.”

Reviewer D: “Michael is truly an outstanding investigator; he published many high-quality papers in the field of molecular leukemogenesis and novel therapeutic approaches...Michael also interacts with numerous research groups as he [has] published lots of collaborative papers. His research has been continuously supported by extramural grants. In conclusion, Michael is one of the best researchers in the field of myeloid malignancies.”

Reviewer E: “Dr. Deininger has excelled in all aspects of his professional career. He has a prolific research program, makes major contributions as a clinician, and has held key administrative leadership roles throughout his career. Accolades he has received in recognition of his accomplishments include the Alexandra J. Kefalides Prize for Leukemia Research in 2008 and the 2019 International CML Foundation Janet Rowley Award. Perhaps most importantly, he remains on a remarkable upward trajectory and shows tremendous potential for future scholarly achievement. I am certain that someone with a comparable track record and dossier would be appointed as a Full Professor with indefinite tenure at [my institution].”

Summary of Recommendations:

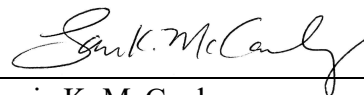
Dr. Deininger is an expert in the field of myeloid malignancies, evidenced by their strong record of independent funding and hundreds of high impact publications. In addition to being an outstanding physician-scientist, they are also a dedicated mentor and an innovative educator. Dr. Deininger has a robust international reputation in their field. Their achievements in research, teaching, and service are outstanding. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Michael Deininger, M.D., Ph.D. as professor of internal medicine, with tenure, Medical School, effective November 1, 2025.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

October 2025

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Rebecca Dizon-Ross

TITLE: Associate Professor of Economics, College of Literature,
Science, and the Arts

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 25, 2026

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Economics and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Rebecca Dizon-Ross as associate professor of economics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 25, 2026.

Academic Degrees:

Rebecca Dizon-Ross earned her B.A. from Harvard University in 2004 and her Ph.D. from Stanford University in 2014. She was a post-doctoral fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Prize Fellow in Economics, History, and Politics at Harvard University from 2013-2015.

Professional Record:

Professor Dizon-Ross began her instructional career at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business as an assistant professor in 2015. She was promoted to an associate professor in 2019.

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Dizon-Ross is a dynamic and enthusiastic teacher. Over the course of her career at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, she consistently earned high teaching evaluation scores for the microeconomics course she taught to M.B.A. students. She was also a visiting professor at the University of California at Santa Barbara during the 2023-2024 school year, where she taught an undergraduate course on social entrepreneurship and Ph.D. courses on behavioral development economics and human capital and development. She is valued for her ability to anchor abstract theory in real world situations. Professor Dizon-Ross is a sought-after mentor and advisor. She has served on several dissertation committees and regularly attends Ph.D. student lunches where she actively participates and provides constructive feedback.

Research: Professor Dizon-Ross is a development economist and applied microeconomist with an interest in human capital. Much of her research is at the intersection of development, labor, and behavioral economics. She has pioneered work on the importance of beliefs in determining parents' educational investments in their children, as well as how to exploit insights from mechanism design and incentives to improve health behaviors in developing countries. Professor Dizon-Ross's research methods set her apart from many in the field and she has received an NSF CAREER award. She regularly employs randomized controlled trials in field settings, often in collaboration with governments or non-profit organizations, combining practical policy evaluation with theoretical insights from behavioral economics. Her work has been published in top journals in the field, such as the *American Economic Review*, the *Journal of Public Economics*, and the *American Economic Journal*. She has working papers at *Econometrica* and the *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, and several additional projects in progress.

Recent and Significant Publications:

- “Not Playing Favorites: Parents and the Value of Equal Opportunity.” Joint with J. Berry and M. Jagnani, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* (2025), Vol. 17 (3): 117–60.
- “The (Lack of) Anticipatory Effects of the Social Safety Net on Human Capital Investment.” Joint with M. Deshpande, *American Economic Review* (2023), Vol. 113 (12): 3129-3172.
- “Detecting Mother-Father Differences in Spending on Children: A New Approach Using Willingness-to-Pay Elicitation.” Joint with S. Jayachandran, *American Economic Review: Insights* (2023), Vol. 5 (4): 445-459.
- “How Does School Accountability Affect Teachers? Evidence from New York City.” *Journal of Human Resources* (2020), Vol. 55 (1): 76-118.
- “Parents' Beliefs About Their Children's Academic Ability: Implications for Educational Investments.” *American Economic Review* (2019), Vol. 109 (8): 2728-65.
- “Governance and the Effectiveness of Public Health Subsidies: Evidence from Ghana, Kenya, and Uganda.” Joint with P. Dupas and J. Robinson). *Journal of Public Economics* (2017), Vol. 156: 150-169.

Service: Professor Dizon-Ross has a demonstrated commitment to service to her university and the broader community. While at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, she served on faculty hiring committees and coordinated her department's weekly seminar. She is passionate about expanding diversity in the field, and she has planned several events for women in economics aimed at connecting female research assistants with female faculty members for guidance and mentorship. Outside of the university, she has served on the Invited Researcher Search Committee (IRSC) for the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), one of the main organizations that funds experiments in development economics. In this role, she reviewed the scholarship of out-of-network researchers, recommended who should get invited to apply for J-PAL funding, and participated in strategic discussions.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: “I think Dr. Dizon-Ross has already made significant contributions and will continue to do so...she seems to be carving out an interesting behavioral research space in the fields of education and health economics, with a focus on marginalized contexts.”

Reviewer B: “Dr. Dizon-Ross has an exemplary record of scholarship. Her pipeline is also very promising and exciting.”

Reviewer C: “Rebecca is on a terrific trajectory, and her work in progress...is exciting and I believe has the potential to be very influential.”

Reviewer D: “...thanks to the quality of her work and to the originality and coherence of her research agenda, Rebecca has established herself as a well-known and respected development economist.”

Reviewer E: “...she exhibits a great focus on very concrete important policy-relevant topics, but with theoretical sophistication that is relatively rare in applied development research.”

Reviewer F: “[Professor Dizon-Ross] is among the top people around today using field experiments to test behavioral theory while trying to solve pressing policy problems related to human capital in low-resource environments. It is hard to think of anyone who does this better than her.”

Summary of Recommendations:

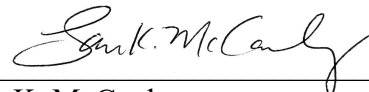
Professor Dizon-Ross is a leader in the study of both parental investment in children's education and the design of incentive schemes to induce welfare-enhancing health behaviors in developing nations. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Rebecca Dizon-Ross as associate professor of economics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 25, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Rosario Ceballo, Ph.D.
Dean
Professor of Psychology &
Women's and Gender Studies
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

October 2025

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Nazita Lajevardi

TITLE: Associate Professor of Political Science, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 25, 2026

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Political Science and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Nazita Lajevardi as associate professor of political science, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 25, 2026.

Academic Degrees:

Nazita Lajevardi earned her B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2009 and her J.D. from the University of San Francisco in 2012. She then attended the University of California, San Diego where she earned her M.A. in 2014 and her Ph.D. in 2017.

Professional Record:

Following a post-doctoral fellowship at Uppsala University in 2017, Professor Lajevardi began her instructional career at Michigan State University (MSU) as an assistant professor in 2018. She was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2022.

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Lajevardi is an award-winning teacher and mentor. She has taught numerous courses during her career. She primarily taught “Minority Politics” to undergraduate students and “Public Opinion and Political Behavior” and “Research Design” to graduate students at MSU. Her graduate courses typically include a large hands-on component with students learning how to design, program, conduct, and analyze survey data on a national sample of Americans. In 2023, Professor Lajevardi was awarded the MSU All-University Teacher Scholar Award, an honor that is given to faculty who have earned the respect of students and colleagues for their devotion to and skill in learning. She was also invited to give the plenary lecture at the American Political Science Association (APSA) 2024 Teaching and Learning Conference. She provides considerable support to her students and is committed to mentoring women and students of color. She has been a member of 11 dissertation committees, eight guidance committees, and one master’s thesis committee.

Research: Professor Lajevardi is a nationally and internationally renowned scholar on issues related to public opinion and political behavior through the lens of religious and racial identity. Her research centers on the political experiences of marginalized groups, particularly Muslim Americans, and how

the public assesses these groups in American political life. Prior to her arrival in the field, political scientists faced a lack of quality data about Muslim Americans and American Islamophobia. While scholars in this field generally focus either on dominant views or those of marginalized populations, Professor Lajevardi does both as she studies views about Muslims and the views Muslims hold of themselves and their place in American society. She has carved out an entirely new academic space and her work, particularly her groundbreaking book, Outsiders at Home: The Politics of American Islamophobia (Cambridge, 2020), has shaped the field in profound and lasting ways. She has a prolific, high-impact record of scholarly publications with 42 peer-reviewed articles in top journals and four books. Her work is also well-funded by several prestigious organizations and agencies, totaling more than \$1 million. Professor Lajevardi uses a broad array of methods, including surveys, experiments, interviews, and content analysis of media coverage. She developed the Muslim American Resentment scale, which has demonstrated the significant predictive power that negative attitudes toward Muslim Americans hold in explaining many facets of contemporary American politics. Professor Lajevardi has been invited to share her research abroad and offer her expertise on the current state of minority politics. An indicator of her recognition and impact in the field is her 2021-2022 term as a Winant Visiting Professor of American Government at the Rothermere American Institute at the University of Oxford, an honor she received while still an assistant professor. Her research focus has recently moved into comparative studies of prejudice and exclusion, online hate speech, and violence against immigrant-background politicians in Europe and the U.S.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Nazita Lajevardi. Outsiders at Home: The Politics of American Islamophobia. Cambridge University Press (2020).

“Representation at Risk: Evaluating Levels and Consequences of Violence against Immigrant-Background Politicians.” Joint with S. Håkansson, *American Political Science Review*, online (2024).

“In the Shadow of September 11: The Roots and Ramifications of Anti-Muslim Attitudes in the United States.” Joint with K. Oskooii, M. Saleem, and M. Docherty, *Political Psychology* 45 (2024): 87-118.

“From Anti-Muslim to Anti-Jewish: Target Substitution on Fringe Social Media Platforms and the Persistence of Online and Offline Hate.” Joint with W. Hobbs, X. Li, and C. Lucas, *Political Behavior* 46.3 (2024): 1747-1769.

“Fight Not Flight: The Effects of Explicit Racism on Minority Political Engagement.” Joint with R. Besco, S. Garcia-Rios, J. Lagodny, K. Oskooii, and E. Tolley, *Electoral Studies* 80 (2022): 102515.

“How Source Cues Shape Evaluations of Group-Based Derogatory Political Messages.” Joint with T. Bonilla and A. Filindra, *The Journal of Politics* 84.4 (2022): 1979-1996.

Service: Professor Lajevardi has an impressive service record. While at MSU, she served on several department strategic planning and faculty search committees as well as the diversity committee. She was a member of the university committee on faculty affairs where she twice served as the College of Social Science representative and as a member of various subcommittees. She was also the College of Social Science research committee’s political science representative. Professor Lajevardi has held numerous leadership positions in regional and national academic associations. She is currently a member of the Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) displacement, migration, and integration steering committee, and is a council member of both the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) and the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA). She currently serves on

the editorial boards of several leading journals and provides bias training for the Michigan State legislature.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: “She is an academic rockstar and is an asset to the field of political science. I cannot fathom a world where the contributions of Professor Lajevardi are overlooked.”

Reviewer B: “Lajevardi is a dynamic and productive scholar of political behavior and minority studies with a focus on Muslim Americans. Not only is her portfolio extremely impressive, but her pipeline is also ambitious. Both the quantity and quality of her work bode well for her superb academic career.”

Reviewer C: “Ultimately, the body of Professor Lajevardi’s work is innovative and groundbreaking... she is among the most prominent and impactful scholars in the REP field...”

Reviewer D: “...Professor Nazita Lajevardi is in my assessment a scholar with a creative mind, a distinctive voice, and a record of outstanding publications that will continue to have impact in political science and allied fields.”

Reviewer E: “Professor Lajevardi is one of the most productive young scholars in the political science discipline... Given the historic and current strength of your department in political behavior and racial and ethnic politics, it would be hard to find a scholar strong enough to improve your scholarly impact and reputation in those areas. However, I think you have found one in Professor Lajevardi.”

Reviewer F: “I have an extremely positive overall assessment of Professor Lajevardi’s work... Her growing domestic and international audience will allow her to have a robust and impactful research agenda for decades.”

Summary of Recommendations:

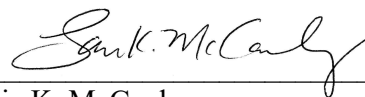
Professor Lajevardi is the leading political scientist studying the politics of Muslim Americans and Islamophobia, and one of the foremost scholars in the broader field of racial and ethnic politics. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Nazita Lajevardi as associate professor of political science, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective August 25, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Rosario Ceballo, Ph.D.
Dean
Professor of Psychology &
Women’s and Gender Studies
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

October 2025

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Derek N. Mueller

TITLE: Professor of English Language and Literature, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

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 Derek N. Mueller as professor of English language and literature, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2026.

Academic Degrees:

Derek Mueller received his B.A. from Park University in 1996 and his M.A. from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 2010. He earned his Ph.D. from Syracuse University in 2009.

Professional Record:

Professor Mueller began his career as an assistant professor at Eastern Michigan University in 2009 and was promoted to an associate professor, with tenure, in 2014. He joined the faculty at Virginia Tech University as an associate professor in 2018, and was promoted to professor in 2021.

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Professor Mueller is an engaging and effective teacher and mentor. He regularly teaches courses in visual rhetorics, writing pedagogy, first-year writing, and digital media. He fosters the next generation of scholars and practitioners, and he consistently receives high course evaluations. His ability to synthesize complex ideas, model new methodologies, and create spaces for critical dialogue has enriched the field immeasurably. Professor Mueller has been the chair or member of 16 dissertation committees and has advised 13 M.A. projects and theses, and four undergraduate honors theses. At the graduate level, he will be a valuable mentor to students who are interested in language and literature and composition studies, and those who are in the joint English and Education Ph.D. program.

Research: Professor Mueller is a highly acclaimed scholar of rhetoric and composition. His research attends to the interplay among writing, rhetoric, and technologies, and his scholarship

advances the field of computers and literacy while creating new spaces for collaboration and intellectual growth. Professor Mueller's remarkable contributions to the field mark him as a leader and innovator in his discipline. His monograph, Network Sense: Methods for Visualizing a Discipline (Colorado State University Open Press, 2018), has won two prestigious awards from the most important professional organizations in the field. He has published numerous articles, book chapters, editorial projects, and multi-authored collections in *Kairos*, *Present Tense*, *Enculturation*, *Computers and Composition*, *Composition Forum*, and the *Journal of Advanced Composition*, among others. Complementing his scholarly record are approximately 50 presentations at national meetings such as the Rhetoric Society of America Conference, HASTAC, and Writing Research Across, as well as another 50 invited presentations and workshops throughout his career.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Try This: Research Methods for Writers, co-authored with Jennifer Clary-Lemon and Kate Pantelides. Practices & Possibilities Ser. Fort Collins, CO: CSU Open P, 2022.

"Myth-Checking in Complandia: The Dispositions of Try This," Invited "At a glance: Connection and Collaboration" co-authored with Jennifer Clary-Lemon and Kate Pantelides, *Composition Studies* 50.3 (Fall 2022): 18-19.

Radiant Figures: Visual Rhetorics in Everyday Administrative Contexts, co-edited with Rachel Gramer and Logan Bearden. Logan, UT: Computers and Composition Digital P/Utah State UP, 2021.

Network Sense: Methods for Visualizing a Discipline. Fort Collins, Colorado: CSU Open P, 2018.

Cross-Border Networks in Writing Studies co-authored with Jennifer Clary-Lemon, Louise Wetherbee Phelps, and Andrea Williams. Anderson, SC: Inkshed/Parlor P, 2017.

"Grasping Rhetoric and Composition by Its Long Tail: What Graphs Can Tell Us About the Field's Changing Shape," *College Composition and Communication* 64.1 (Sept. 2012): 195-223.

Service: Professor Mueller has an exemplary service record and has made significant contributions to his communities. He was the director of the department's first-year writing program at Eastern Michigan University from 2012-2018 and the director of the university writing program at Virginia Tech from 2018-2023. He has served his department and university in numerous other capacities, including as a member of the department's executive committee, as the chair of several faculty search committees, and as a member of various advisory and awards committees. Professor Mueller has also been actively sought by professional associations in writing studies such as the Conference on College Composition and Communication, the Council of Writing Program Administrators, and the Rhetoric Society of America to serve on many important committees and task forces. He is an editorial board member of *Kairos*, the *Journal of Global Literacies*, *Technologies*, and *Emerging Pedagogies*, and *Enculturation*, and has been on the board of the U-M Sweetland Digital Rhetoric Collaborative since 2012.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: "Dr. Mueller's research agenda reflects a compelling combination of expertise in meta-analysis, digital and visual rhetoric, writing research design, and disciplinary formations,

with the output of this focus being an inordinately successful trajectory of theoretical, methodological, and pedagogical scholarship.”

Reviewer B: “[Professor Mueller]’s ideas about method have given the study of visual rhetoric a more prominent place in the discipline, as he generates varied charts, graphs, and maps while reflecting on their politics.”

Reviewer C: “...Dr. Mueller’s work on information and data visualization has had significant disciplinary and scholarly influence.”

Reviewer D: “I consider Derek Mueller to be THE rhetoric and writing scholar of data visualization, computational methods, and networks...”

Reviewer E: “[Professor Mueller] has developed a focused and significant scholarly research agenda that has placed him in a high profile position in the field and has set the ground for his future contributions to digital research methods, visual rhetorics, and the field’s understanding of its own disciplinarity.”

Reviewer F: “His national reputation is stellar. His devotion to writing pedagogy differs from many in the field...”

Summary of Recommendations:

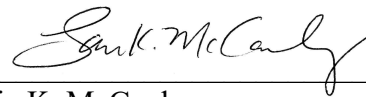
Professor Mueller will also serve as the director of the Sweetland Center for Writing. He is an original and highly influential scholar of rhetoric, writing, and technologies. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Derek N. Mueller as professor of English language and literature, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Rosario Ceballo, Ph.D.
Dean
Professor of Psychology &
Women’s and Gender Studies
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

October 2025

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval
NAME: Vaibhav Sahai, M.B.B.S., M.S.
TITLE: Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, Medical School
TENURE STATUS: With Tenure
EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2025

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Vaibhav Sahai, M.B.B.S., M.S. as associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure, Medical School, effective November 1, 2025.

Academic Degrees:

Vaibhav Sahai received their M.B.B.S. in 2004 from Government Medical College in Amritsar, Punjab, India, a Diploma in medical informatics at the Bioinformatics Institute of India in Noida in 2005, and their M.S. in public health at Harvard University in Boston, MA in 2006.

Professional Record:

In 2013, Dr. Sahai was appointed as a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Michigan and was promoted to a clinical associate professor in 2019.

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Dr. Sahai is deeply committed to teaching and mentorship, engaging faculty, clinical fellows, research staff, and medical students through departmental roles and clinical trial courses. Over the years, they have formally mentored faculty members, clinical fellows, research staff, and graduate students, demonstrating a sustained investment in professional development across disciplines. Their teaching evaluations are very good to excellent, consistently reflect high praise, with students noting that Dr. Sahai's passion for the field is contagious. Learners frequently describe their gentle, patient-centered approach as exemplary and aspire to emulate their demeanor in clinical practice. Many students expressed deep gratitude for the opportunity to learn from Dr. Sahai. In recognition of their outstanding contributions, Dr. Sahai received the Teacher of the Year Award in 2015 and the Mentor of the Year Award in 2018 for their leadership in the Hematology/Oncology fellowship program. That same year, they were also honored with the Didactic Lecture of the Year Award by the Division of Hematology/Oncology.

Research: Dr. Sahai's research centers on identifying clinical and experimental therapies for pancreaticobiliary cancers, with a particular emphasis on biomarker discovery and early-phase clinical trials. Their most significant scholarly contributions lie in leading phase 1/2 trials that investigate novel compounds for these malignancies. Currently, Dr. Sahai serves as the principal

investigator on seven clinical trials and a co-investigator on multiple federally funded projects, including one U01, one P30, and three R01 grants. As the director of the Pancreatic and Biliary Cancer Biobanks, they leverage patient-derived cell lines and organoids to advance therapeutic development. Their publication record includes 79 peer-reviewed manuscripts (seven as first author, 11 as senior author), six book chapters, five reviews, and seven clinical guidelines. Their work has been showcased in 40 invited presentations across regional, national, and international venues, including the Republic of Korea, Bermuda, China, and Japan. In recognition of their global impact, Dr. Sahai received the Outstanding Invited Presentation Award from the Chinese Association of Pancreatology in 2024.

Service: Dr. Sahai has demonstrated sustained and impactful service at the institutional, national, and international levels. Institutionally, they serve on six committees, including leadership roles as the chair of the Data Safety and Monitoring Committee and co-chair of the Gastrointestinal Cancers Clinical Research Team at the Rogel Cancer Center. Nationally, Dr. Sahai contributes to six professional committees, notably serving as the co-chair of the Big Ten Clinical Research Consortium's Gastrointestinal Clinical Trial Working Group. They have also participated in three national grant review panels and serve on the editorial board of *Gastrointestinal Cancers*. In addition, they provide ad hoc peer review for 12 journals in their field. Internationally, Dr. Sahai is a member of two key committees: the Data and Safety Monitoring Board for the FIGHT-302 Trial for Incyte Corporation, and the Scientific Advisory Board for Autem Therapeutics. These roles reflect Dr. Sahai's commitment to advancing cancer research and clinical practice through collaborative leadership and scholarly engagement.

Dr. Sahai is a gastrointestinal cancer specialist with clinical expertise in the multidisciplinary management of pancreatic and liver tumors. They currently serve as the medical director of the Multidisciplinary Pancreas Clinic and Section Head of Gastrointestinal Oncology at the University of Michigan. In addition to their clinical leadership, Dr. Sahai is the founding director of the Pancreatic and Biliary Cancer Biobanks and the Tumor Response Assessment Core. These roles reflect their commitment to advancing translational research and precision oncology. They also lead the Pancreas Cancer Biobank, supporting innovative studies through the integration of patient-derived biospecimens.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Sahai V, Griffith KA, Lin BS, Soares HP, Chandana SR, Crysler O, Kumar-Sinha C,ENZLER T, Dippman D, Gunchick V, Zalupski MM, "BilT03: Phase 1b/2 multicenter trial of nivolumab with 5-fluorouracil and liposomal irinotecan for previously treated advanced biliary tract cancer," *Med.*: 100547, 12/2024. PM39701097

Gunchick V, Brown E, Liu J, Locasale JW, Philip PA, Wang SC, Su GL, Sahai V, "Morphomics, Survival, and Metabolites in Patients with Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer," *JAMA Netw Open.* 7(10): e2440047, 10/2024. PM39418020

Kumar-Sinha C, Vats P, Tran N, Robinson DR, Gunchick V, Wu YM, Cao X, Ning Y, Wang R, Rabban E, Bell J, Shankar S, Mannan R, Zhang Y, Zalupski MM, Chinnaiyan AM, Sahai V, "Genomics driven precision oncology in advanced biliary tract cancer improves survival," *Neoplasia.*42(100910)08/2023. PM37267699

Mohan A, Griffith KA, Wuchu F, Zhen DB, Kumar-Sinha C, Crysler O, Hsiehchen D,ENZLER T, Dippman D, Gunchick V, Achreja A, Animasahun O, Choppara S, NENWANI M, Chinnaiyan

AM, Nagrath D, Zalupski MM, Sahai V, “Devimistat in combination with gemcitabine and cisplatin in biliary tract cancer: Pre-clinical evaluation and phase 1b multicenter clinical trial (BiT-04),” *Clin Cancer Res.*5(29): 2394-2400, 07/2023. PM37115501

Sahai V, Griffith KA, Beg MS, Shaib WL, Mahalingam D, Zhen DB, Deming DA, Zalupski MM, “A randomized phase 2 trial of nivolumab, gemcitabine, and cisplatin or nivolumab and ipilimumab in previously untreated advanced biliary cancer: BiT-01,” *Cancer.*128(19): 3523-3530, 10/2022. PM35895381

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: “Dr. Sahai has established himself as a leader in GI oncology, especially in biliary and pancreatic cancers, internationally. He has participated in seminal clinical trials establishing new standards of care for biliary tract cancers, and made significant contributions to the success of these trials...he has not only brought novel drugs to patients, but also mentored next generations of academic investigators. Dr. Sahai’s contribution to GI oncology has further been [sic] demonstrated by his many lectures internationally, presentations at important meetings, [sic] and publications in high impact journals...He served as a reviewer /editor of scientific journals, helped to organize regional and international meetings, and participated in international guideline developments to improve patient outcomes...he has been an enthusiastic patient advocate, such as through his involvement with Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation.”

Reviewer B: “Dr. Sahai is a compassionate physician who has made an indelible impact on patient care. As Medical Director of the Multidisciplinary Pancreas Clinic, he has fostered a truly integrated approach to treating pancreatic cancer, ensuring that patients receive comprehensive, cutting-edge care. His leadership in clinical trials and translational science has significantly shaped the field and improved patient outcomes.”

Reviewer C: “...Dr. Vaibhav Sahai is an exceptionally talented and highly accomplished physician-scientist who has made significant contributions to the field of gastrointestinal oncology through his clinical expertise, impactful research, dedicated mentorship, and strong leadership. His proven ability to secure substantial grant funding, lead complex research initiatives, and build critical demonstrates a level of productivity and vision that is highly desirable in a tenured faculty member. He is a respected colleague, an inspiring mentor, and a dedicated researcher who is poised to continue making significant contributions to both his institution and the broader scientific community.”

Reviewer D: “Dr. Sahai has been extremely successful in his academic career in the area of research. He has published over 75 peer-reviewed articles, [sic] many of which [are] in high impact journals...These papers have helped identify new standards of care and introduce new agents for therapy of gastrointestinal cancers...In addition to his excellent service and research, Dr. Sahai has outstanding accomplishments in education. He is continuously engaged in bedside and didactic education of medical students, residents, and fellows. He has mentored over 10 residents, fellows and junior faculty members. More impressive is that several of these mentees have published peer-reviewed papers and book chapters [sic], which speaks to the caliber of mentorship provided. He has been invited to present at several national and international venues, [sic] which is a clear reflection of his abilities as an exceptional speaker. This clearly supports Dr. Sahai’s significant scholarly activity as an educator.”

Reviewer E: “Dr. Sahai has also made substantial contributions through professional service. He has served on the grant review committees for the ASCO Conquer Cancer Foundation and the Pancreatic Action Network—an indication of trust in his judgment and scientific rigor. As a reviewer for numerous high-impact journals, [sic] including The Lancet, JCO, JAMA Network Open, and Clinical Cancer Research, and as a Review Editor for Frontiers in Oncology, he plays a vital role in the peer-review process that upholds the standards of the field.”

Summary of Recommendations:

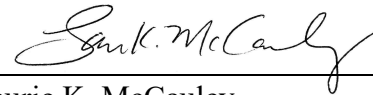
Dr. Sahai is a highly skilled clinician and an outstanding clinical and translational researcher. Dr. Sahai is a respected international scholar whose achievements in research, teaching, and service are outstanding. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Vaibhav Sahai, M.B.B.S., M.S. as associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure, effective November 1, 2025.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

October 2025

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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Recommendations for approval of reappointments
of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Unendowed Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Michael M. Bernitsas

CURRENT TITLES: Mortimer E. Cooley Collegiate Professor of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, Professor of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, with tenure, and Professor of Mechanical Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Mortimer E. Cooley Collegiate Professor of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Michael M. Bernitsas as the Mortimer E. Cooley Collegiate Professor of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030.

This professorship was established in the Provost Office and was named the Mortimer E. Cooley Collegiate Professorship in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering in December 2008 to honor Mortimer E. Cooley, a former faculty member of the college. The professorship is funded by the College of Engineering. Appointments may be up to five years and may be reviewed.

Michael Bernitsas received a Diploma in naval architecture and marine engineering, and mechanical engineering from the National Technical University of Athens in 1975. He received a S.M. in naval architecture and marine engineering (1977) and a S.M. and Ph.D. degree in ocean engineering in 1977 and 1979, respectively, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Professor Bernitsas was appointed as an assistant professor at the University of Michigan in 1979. He was promoted to associate professor in 1985 and to professor in 1991. Professor Bernitsas was elected and appointed as the chair of the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering in 1994 and served through June 2003.

Professor Bernitsas is a life-fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, a life-fellow of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME), and in 2003, he won the Blakely Smith Medal for “Outstanding Accomplishment in Ocean Engineering” awarded by SNAME every two years.

In 2006, Professor Bernitsas, a leading authority in offshore engineering, redirected his efforts towards harnessing of marine hydrokinetic energy. He invented and patented, through the University of Michigan, the VIVACE Converter, a fish-inspired hydrokinetic energy converter,

which provides an environmentally compatible alternative to water-turbines. Without using blades or dams, it harnesses energy even from slow flows not accessible by other technologies. Funded by ONR, NSF, and DOE, among others, Professor Bernitsas has been conducting research in the Marine Renewable Energy Laboratory, which he directs, and field-tests in collaboration with a start-up company he founded to commercialize VIVACE.

The VIVACE concept has initiated world-wide research by universities and laboratories with over 3,700 citations of Professor Bernitsas' papers just in the past five years. He holds thirteen patents in the USA, the EU, and Brazil, and has published over 140 papers on this topic in journals with impact factors of 8-17 since 2006.

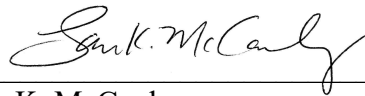
I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Michael M. Bernitsas as the Mortimer E. Cooley Collegiate Professor of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Karen A. Thole, Ph.D.
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

October 2025

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Administrative Appointment

NAME: Chris Kolb

CURRENT TITLE: Vice President for Government Relations, Office of the Vice President for Government Relations

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Vice President for Government Relations, Office of the Vice President for Government Relations

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2031

I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Chris Kolb as vice president for government relations, Office of the Vice President for Government Relations, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2031. As the vice president for government relations, Mr. Kolb has served as an executive officer of the university reporting to the president.

As the chief government relations official of the university, Mr. Kolb is responsible for providing university-wide leadership, strategic vision, and effective management of U-M's government relations programs at the local, state, and federal levels. He oversees the Office of Government Relations comprising the federal, state and community relations offices as well as the state outreach unit, the Economic Growth Institute and U-M's participation in the University Research Corridor.

Through Vice President Kolb's steadfast leadership over the last five years, the Office of Government Relations has achieved significant results at the state level, including a sustained increase in annual appropriations and securing major funding for university priorities such as the Electric Vehicle Center (\$130 million) and a first of its kind partnership with a National Lab for high-performance computing facilities (\$100 million). Mr. Kolb has also been instrumental in launching and funding vital scholarship initiatives, securing ITEMS funding for public universities, facilitating the president's appointments to state leadership councils, and expanding impactful U-M student public service internship opportunities in Lansing.

At the federal level, Mr. Kolb has guided university leadership through complex events by providing risk mitigation strategies and leading effective crisis communications with Congress on campus safety and climate issues. Strengthening U-M's federal presence, the office has bolstered faculty and student engagement in Washington D.C., led annual leadership briefings for the president with the Congressional delegation and key policymakers, and expanded the reach and impact of the annual U-M Congressional Breakfast.

Locally, Mr. Kolb has advanced key partnerships with the City of Ann Arbor, revived important community traditions, and launched collaborative task forces to address shared priorities. Across all initiatives, the office conducted U-M's inaugural comprehensive study of public perceptions of higher education, leading to enhanced advocacy efforts. Mr. Kolb was invited to host multiple information sessions to share these research insights with campus leaders and communicators. Major

collaborations, such as the Innovate Michigan/Innovation Corridor project, are also driving economic development in Southeast Michigan, positioning U-M for continued impact in the years to come.

Prior to his role at the university, Mr. Kolb served as the state budget director for the State of Michigan. He was appointed to this role in January 2019 by Governor Whitmer. Mr. Kolb was responsible for coordinating all aspects of the state's \$60 billion budget, from the development of the budget to the final decisions required for signature by the governor, and all supplemental appropriations. He oversaw the Center for Educational Performance and Information, the Office of Financial Management, and the SIGMA support organization. From 2009-2018, Mr. Kolb served as the president and CEO of the Michigan Environmental Council (MEC), a non-profit coalition of more than 60 environmental organizations. Under his leadership, the MEC secured millions of dollars in state funding for programs to prevent lead poisoning; elevated public transit in Michigan's transportation funding plan; blocked a state plan to deregulate certain toxic chemical emissions; advanced clean energy legislation and developed a clean water toolkit for residents. In 2015, Governor Rick Snyder appointed Mr. Kolb to co-chair the Flint Water Advisory Task Force, which investigated the city's drinking water crisis and provided recommendations to prevent similar disasters statewide. Mr. Kolb's distinguished career in public service includes three terms in the Michigan House of Representatives (2001-2006), Ann Arbor City Councilmember (1993-2000) and Ann Arbor Mayor Pro-tem (1994-2000).

Mr. Kolb holds a B.S. from the University of Michigan in natural resources. He is a former member of the external advisory board for U-M's Erb Institute, the Detroit Community Health Assessment Steering Committee, the Michigan League of Conservation Voters and the Michigan Sea Grant Advisory Committee.

I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Chris Kolb as vice president for government relations, Office of the Vice President for Government Relations, effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2031.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Domenico Grasso". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Domenico Grasso
President

October 2025

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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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 for a Faculty Member

NAME: Brian K. Arbic

CURRENT TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences, with tenure, and Professor of Climate and Space Sciences and Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor in the Honors Program, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2026

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Honors Program and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the College of Engineering, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Brian K. Arbic as professor in the Honors Program, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2026.

Brian Arbic earned his B.S. from the University of Michigan in 1988 and his Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2000. He was a visiting scientist and research staff member at Princeton University and a research associate at the University of Texas at Austin before beginning his instructional career as an assistant professor at Florida State University in 2008. Professor Arbic joined our faculty as an assistant professor in 2010. He was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2015, and to professor in 2019.

Professor Arbic is a physical oceanographer who computationally models how oceanic motions across a wide array of spatial and temporal scales influence global oceanic circulation. His research has important practical applications and societal relevance in areas of marine fisheries research, coastal engineering, and studies of global climate change. Professor Arbic is recognized as an international leader in modeling ocean tides and eddies in global ocean circulation models. He is an extremely productive researcher, and his work is currently funded by the NSF, NASA, the Office of Naval Research, and the Department of Energy, among others. In 2014, he received an NSF Early CAREER award.

Professor Arbic is an outstanding teacher and advisor. In addition to graduate seminars and a mini course, he regularly teaches “EARTH 255: Introduction to Astronomy, Geology, and Climate Science,” “EARTH 421: Introduction to Physical Oceanography, and “EARTH 222: Introductory Oceanography.” His courses often attract students from a wide variety of disciplines, and he consistently receives high student evaluations. Professor Arbic is currently

mentoring five post-doctoral scholars and research scientists, two Ph.D. students, and one undergraduate student. In recognition of his commitment and contributions to undergraduate education, he received the John Dewey Award in 2019 and was appointed as an Arthur F. Thurnau Professor in 2025. This additional appointment will allow Professor Arbic to develop and teach an interdisciplinary course in the Honors Program core curriculum, intended to expose students to scholarship across the college. He will also be mentoring students in the Honors Program and will help coordinate activities across the core curriculum, such as symposia, guest speakers, panel discussions, and forums.

Professor Arbic maintains a strong record of service. He is a faculty mentor to assistant professors in the department and has served on his department's executive committee, strategic plan committee, and the admissions committee. He is currently serving on the LSA Divisional Evaluation Committee and as a member of the STEM African steering committee in the U-M African Studies Center. Professor Arbic's service to the profession includes reviewing proposals for several federal agencies, reviewing manuscripts for multiple scientific journals, and delivering more than 110 professional conference presentations and public outreach lectures. Notably, he co-founded and leads the Coastal Ocean Environment Summer School in Nigeria and Ghana, a capacity sharing and development project that is endorsed by the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development.

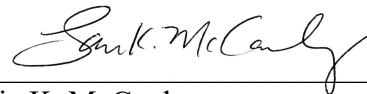
We are very pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Brian K. Arbic as professor in the Honors Program, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Rosario Ceballo, Ph.D.
Dean
Professor of Psychology &
Women's and Gender Studies
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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



Karen A. Thole, Ph.D.
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering

October 2025

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Filip Bednar, M.D., Ph.D.

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Maud T. Lane Research Professor of Surgical Oncology, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: October 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030

On the recommendation of Justin B. Dimick, M.D., M.P.H., the Frederick A. Collier 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 Filip Bednar, M.D., Ph.D. as the Maud T. Lane Research Professor of Surgical Oncology, Medical School, effective October 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030.

The Maud T. Lane Research Professorship in Surgical Oncology was established in September 2025 through funds generated from the Maude T. Lane Professorship in Surgical Immunology, which was established in December 1955 through a bequest from the estate of Maude T. Lane, a grateful patient of C. Gardner Childs, III, M.D. It is intended to support the research, clinical and outreach efforts of a faculty member in the Department of Surgery whose primary focus is oncology. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Filip Bednar received both his M.D. and Ph.D. from Temple University in 2007. He followed this with a fellowship and residency in surgery at the University of Michigan by 2014 and completed another fellowship from 2014-2016 in complex general surgical oncology from the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Bednar joined the faculty here at the University of Michigan in 2016 as an assistant professor of surgery and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2024.

Dr. Bednar's research focuses on unraveling epigenetic mechanisms of early and late pancreatic neoplasia and on mechanisms regulating the pancreatic tumor microenvironment and tumor immune response. His clinical and research expertise has led to his invitation as a standing lecturer in the international Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory course on pancreatic cancer. In addition, he is a co-principal investigator or co-investigator on two R01 grants supporting his work. Dr. Bednar's research has also previously been supported by grants from many national societies including the American Surgical Association, the Association for Academic Surgery, and the Association of VA Surgeons. He is a co-leader of the Cancer Epigenetics Working Group with the Rogel Cancer Center and has previously served on the steering committees for the Center for Basic and Translational Science in the Department of Surgery and the Center for Cell Plasticity and Organ Design. He has served as a study section member for the Department of Defense Pancreatic Cancer

Research Program and is on the editorial board of *Annals of Surgery Open*. He is a member of the newly endowed Rogel and Blondy Pancreatic Cancer Center at the University and has been the recipient of the Dr. Frank Limpert Clinical Scholar Award from the Rogel Cancer Center.

Dr. Bednar's research has led to over 50 peer-reviewed publications in high-impact journals including *Nature*, *Cancer*, and *Cancer Discovery*. On the clinical side, Dr. Bednar serves as the senior GI surgical oncologist within the division of surgical oncology with a broad-based practice focusing on pancreatic cancer, gastric cancer, and peritoneal malignancy patients. In this position, he has demonstrated steadfast support of the clinical mission with excellent long-term surgical outcomes and many superlative patient testimonials to the quality of his care.

Dr. Bednar is a sought-after educator and serves as a mentor for learners of all levels from high school to early faculty. He is the principal mentor and faculty lead for the University of Michigan undergraduate surgical interest group – The Presurgical Club. His teaching has been recognized by his induction into the Academy of Surgical Educators within the Department of Surgery and he is also the recipient of the Arnold G. Coran Faculty Teaching Award and the William Coon Award from the Department of Surgery.

Dr. Bednar has also served the department and the institution in various capacities including prior and ongoing work with the Senior Clinical Competence Committee, the Junior Faculty Advisory Committee, and the Surgical Value Analysis Team. He has also previously served on the Cancer Committee and the Complications Workgroup within the Ann Arbor VA Health System. Nationally he has been involved in multiple specialty societies and has served on multiple committees for the Association for Academic Surgery and the Society of Surgical Oncology.

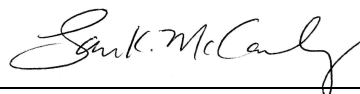
Dr. Bednar is a productive clinician, dedicated scientist, and an excellent educator with incredible passion for mentoring and patient care. She is an appropriate candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Filip Bednar, M.D., Ph.D. as the Maud T. Lane Research Professor of Surgical Oncology, Medical School, effective October 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

October 2025

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship

NAME: Juan R. Cole

CURRENT TITLES: Richard P. Mitchell Collegiate Professor of History, and Professor of History, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Richard P. Mitchell Distinguished University Professor of History, and Professor of History, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Period of Active Service

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2025

We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Juan R. Cole as the Richard P. Mitchell Distinguished University Professor of History, effective September 1, 2025.

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

Juan Cole earned his B.A. (1975) in history and literature of religions from Northwestern University. He earned his M.A. (1978) in Arabic studies at the American University in Cairo and his Ph.D. (1984) in Islamic studies from the University of California, Los Angeles. He worked as a journalist/translator for Monday Morning, Co. in Beirut before joining the faculty at the University of Michigan as an assistant professor of history in 1984. He was promoted to associate professor in 1990 and to professor in 1995. In 2007, he was appointed the Richard P. Mitchell Collegiate Professor of history.

Professor Cole is a historian of the Middle East, probing distinctive cultures and using his extraordinary linguistic expertise (he can work in Urdu, Arabic, Persian, Turkish, Greek and in several Western European languages) to grapple with original historical materials from North Africa to Northern India. In all his scholarship, Professor Cole is guided by an overriding set of concerns. His work responds to the pressures and politics of our times, lending humanity, depth,

and nuance to public understandings of contemporary affairs. At a time when the American government was conducting a bloody occupation of Iraq, Professor Cole published Napoleon's Egypt: Invading the Middle East, which told the story of the French general's 1798 invasion of Egypt from the perspective of Egyptians. Drawing on French and Arabic memoirs, the monograph chronicled the violence of the French occupation, highlighting the inhumanity with which French occupiers and Egyptian insurrectionists pursued their war against each other. In 2014, he published The New Arabs: How the Millennial Generation is Changing the Middle East, bringing historical context and rigor to a study of the Arab Spring of 2011 to 2013, bringing into sharp focus the organizational methods and political philosophy of the young bloggers who gave the movement direction. Similarly, Muhammad: Prophet of Peace amid the Clash of Empires offered a story from late antiquity that revealed a counternarrative to ISIS militants who were mining Muhammad's life for material to bolster their cause. Nearly at the same time, Professor Cole published The Rubáiyát of Omar Khayyám, a collection of medieval Persian poems, resurrecting a sensual Muslim literary tradition that is distant from the angry jeremiads of the fundamentalists.

Professor Cole is a prolific historian with a global reputation. He has written, translated, or edited 21 books, published 110 articles and book chapters, launched a news and opinion service that has drawn millions of page views per year, and been honored with awards from universities in Asia, Europe, and the United States. He created his website, *Informed Comment*, shortly after the tragic events of September 11, 2001, when he was one of a few Americans who had followed al-Qaeda, and it went viral during the Iraq War, when he was one of the few Americans who had written on Iraqi Shiism. He offered expert evidence to the governments of France, the Netherlands, Singapore, Egypt, and to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. In the years since, *Informed Comment* has grown remarkably in its readership. The 300 essays that Professor Cole writes for it every year are reprinted and circulated widely in the global media (the site is now indexed on Google News). This work as a vital public service: virtually no-one in journalism can match his knowledge of Middle Eastern political, social and cultural histories. His book, Muhammad, has editions in Indonesian, Persian, Serbo-Croatian and Arabic. In recent years he has been named to distinguished lectureships and other awards at Qatar's national university, Northwestern University, the University of Washington, Lingnan University in Hong Kong, the American University of Cairo, and the Library of Congress.

Professor Cole has also enriched the academic communities to which he belongs, including the University of Michigan. He has directed two different area studies centers in the International Institute, served on the History Executive Committee, and chaired a great number of search committees and promotion and tenure committees. In 2022-2025, he directed the Program in Arab and Muslim American Studies (AMAS), which is housed in the Department American Culture. Outside U-M, Professor Cole serves on a wide range of editorial boards, as befits an expert scholar with as wide a range of interests as his. Among them is *Political Science Quarterly*, *Contemporary Islam*, and the *Journal of Gulf Studies*. He was the president of the Middle Eastern Studies Association from 2005-06, and from 1999-2004, he served as the editor of the Association's flagship publication, the *International Journal of Middle East Studies*.

Professor Cole has remained a creative, popular, and attentive teacher, constantly searching for new media and new platforms that can draw Michigan students into his work. He received the

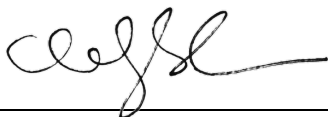
Excellence in Education Award in 2003, and since then has taught a wide range of consequential and well-enrolled courses, including History 241: America and Middle Eastern Wars, which consistently draws close to 100 students; and History/ 443, History of the Modern Middle East, which generally enrolls around 60 students. In 2020, he introduced a new lecture course—History 291, the History of Happiness—which brings students into disparate intellectual and religious traditions, asking how—at different historical moments, in different languages—creative people have sought to model the good life. He is an active and well-regarded mentor of Ph.D. students: since the time of his appointment to U-M (in 1984) he has served on 50 doctoral committees and supervised 17 Ph.D. students. His students work in political science, anthropology, sociology, and Middle Eastern studies as well as history.

As he assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Cole wishes to be named the Richard P. Mitchell Distinguished University Professor of History.

Richard P. Mitchell (1925-1983) held a Ph.D. in Near Eastern Studies from Princeton University. After a stint of government service, he was hired in the Department of History of the University of Michigan in 1963 to teach Modern Middle East history. In a field long dominated by a medieval focus where positions were typically in Near Eastern studies departments, Professor Mitchell was among the first to establish the modern era of the Middle East as an object of critical study, deploying the techniques of modern history-writing. His monumental work, The Society of the Muslim Brothers (Oxford, 1969), still commands the field.

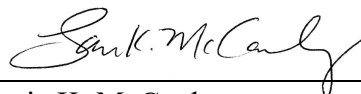
The appointment of Juan R. Cole as the Richard P. Mitchell Distinguished University Professor of History, effective September 1, 2025, recognizes his extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, his commitment to excellence in education for his students, and his extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:



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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

October 2025

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Jason Corso

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Robotics, with tenure, and Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, without tenure, College of Engineering

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Toyota Professor of Artificial Intelligence, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATES: October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030

The dean and the Executive Committee are pleased to recommend the appointment of Jason Corso as the Toyota Professor of Artificial Intelligence, College of Engineering, for a five-year renewable term, effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030.

The Toyota Professorship in Artificial Intelligence was established in September 2018 with a gift provided by the Toyota Motor Corporation. The holder of this professorship will have a research focus that involves artificial intelligence or robotics. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Jason Corso received his B.S. in computer science in 2000 from Loyola College, Maryland. He received his M.S. and Ph.D. in computer science from Johns Hopkins University in 2002 and 2006, respectively. Following post-doctoral research scholarships at the University of California, Los Angeles, Professor Corso was appointed as an assistant professor at the State University of New York at Buffalo in 2007. He was promoted to associate professor in 2014. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2014 as an associate professor and was promoted to professor in 2019. Professor Corso left the University to serve as the inaugural director of the Stevens Institute for Artificial Intelligence between 2021 and 2022. He returned to the University of Michigan faculty as a professor in the Department of Robotics.

Professor Corso's expertise lies at the intersection of three AI-rich areas: computer vision, natural language processing, and human-computer interaction. He focuses on critical enablement of cognitive systems to understand visual and lingual depictions of the physical world in support of building human-AI teams that lead to mutually beneficial capabilities in which the team is greater than the sum of its parts. He has established an excellent international reputation in these fields, especially computer vision, through his scholarship and leadership. He maintains a large research program, funded by a diverse set of sources (NSF, NIH, NIST, ARO, ARPA-H, DARPA, IARPA, US Army TARDEC, Toyota, Google, and Samsung). He has been a key player in the educational community across these AI-focused areas in the College of

Engineering, as a leader of new courses, new programs, and various interdisciplinary collaborations. One of his most notable (and earlier) contributions to this field is segmentation-based representations of video that operate in the space-time tensor rather than in a frame-to-frame manner, by introducing the notion of super-voxels to the computer vision community. He was at the very foundation of the integration of computer vision and natural language understanding, authoring the first paper on automatic AI-based video captioning; similarly, he co-created the subfield of instructional video understanding, which is now critically socially relevant as the capabilities of AI have an increasing role to play in everyday life. His more recent emphasis is on how AI agents can be leveraged to upskill humans in critical tasks like rural healthcare delivery, complicated machine maintenance, and other decision-making scenarios. He is advancing bidirectionality in the interaction between humans and AI systems through innovative models of human uncertainty that drive the mechanisms of effective human-AI teaming. In short, he has made a significant impact on many areas in the broader AI research community through a blend of innovative methodology development and real-world problem solving.

Professor Corso is the co-founder/CSO of the AI startup Voxel51. He is the recipient of a University of Michigan EECS Outstanding Achievement Award (2018), Google Faculty Research Award (2015), the Army Research Office Young Investigator Award (2010), National Science Foundation CAREER award (2009), SUNY Buffalo Young Investigator Award (2011), a member of the 2009 DARPA Computer Science Study Group, and a recipient of the Link Foundation Fellowship in Advanced Simulation and Training 2003. Professor Corso has authored more than 150 peer-reviewed papers and hundreds of thousands of lines of open-source code on topics of his interest, including computer vision, robotics, data science, and general computing. He is a member of the AAAI, ACM, MAA, and a senior member of the IEEE.

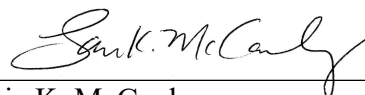
Professor Corso's distinguished career exemplifies the highest standards in all aspects of academic performance. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Jason Corso as the Toyota Professor of Artificial Intelligence, College of Engineering, for a five-year renewable term, effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Karen A. Thole, Ph.D.
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

October 2025

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

NAME: Christian Davenport

CURRENT TITLES: Mary Ann and Charles R. Walgreen Jr. Professor for the Study of
Human Understanding, and Professor of Political Science, with
tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Charles Tilly Distinguished University Professor of Political
Science

TERM: Period of Active Service

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2025

We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Christian Davenport as the Charles Tilly Distinguished University Professor of Political Science, effective September 1, 2025.

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

Christian Davenport earned his B.A. (1987) in political science from Clark University. He earned both his M.A. (1990) and Ph.D. (1992) in political science from Binghamton University. Prior of arriving at the University of Michigan, he taught at the University of Houston, the University of Colorado, Boulder, the University of Maryland, College Park, and the University of Notre Dame. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2012 as a professor of political science and was appointed as the Charles R. Walgreen Endowed Professor for the Study of Human Understanding in 2021.

Professor Davenport pioneered the systematic evaluation of state repression and human rights violation, including political/civil liberties, sanctions, torture, protest policing, counter-terrorism, counter-insurgency, mass killing, and genocide. By studying the nature and extent of state sanctioned coercion and force in both authoritarian settings and democratic ones, he has shed light on government behavior across different types of political systems while simultaneously building original databases to facilitate research from the cross-national to the organizational and

to the individual levels of analysis. Professor Davenport forces us to consider the factors that lead governments to use coercion and force while withholding judgment about whether it is justified. For example, his book, State Repression and the Domestic Democratic Peace (Cambridge, 2007), uses cross-sectional and time-series analyses of state behavior to identify the conditions under which states repress and what role democracy plays in its use. In micro-level investigations of the dynamics of repression and mobilization, his research has enabled the systematic study of hidden populations by finding and developing new data for analysis. He built this line of work into his book How Social Movements Die: Repression and Demobilization of the Republic of New Africa (Cambridge, 2014). Finally, Professor Davenport's most recent book (co-authored with Benjamin J. Appel), The Death and Life of State Repression: Understanding Onset, Escalation, Termination, and Recurrence (Oxford, 2022), has reshaped our understanding of government coercion and force, revealing how it begins, escalates, terminates and begins anew. Death and Life employs a rich empirical approach, drawing on an impressive array of data spanning several decades and multiple geopolitical contexts, combining qualitative case studies with quantitative analyses, offering a comprehensive view that bridges the gap between individual experiences and broader trends.

Professor Davenport's work is characterized by a blend of rigor and accessibility, contributing significantly both to scholarly discourse and policymaking, garnering global recognition. He has consulted with numerous human rights organizations around the world (e.g., the Navsarjan Trust, in India, developing the largest systematic analysis of untouchability; and Relatives for Justice, in Northern Ireland, to facilitate truth telling, documentation and reconciliation) as well as in the United States (e.g., the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Human Rights, American Association for the Advancement of Science, and SHAPE Community Center). He has worked with a wide range of civil society institutions like the U.S. Holocaust Museum and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda; as well as consulting and providing expert testimony for governments including Rwanda, the United States, and India. As part of these engagements, Professor Davenport has developed graphic novels, documentary films, fine art exhibitions, and created publicly accessible archives. His work has been supported by multiple National Science Foundation grants as well as by the Research Council of Norway, the Carnegie Foundation, and the Open Society Foundation. He is an elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and he has held fellowships at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University, as well as the Russell Sage Foundation. He received the 2020 Victoire Ingabire Umuhoza Prize for Democracy from the International Women's Network for Democracy and Peace.

Professor Davenport brings his innovative style into his mentorship and teaching. He has chaired 12 dissertation committees whose topics have ranged from human rights violations to the effect of racially targeted violence on American political participation and public opinion, from Central and East African security and civil-military relations to the impact of political violence on civilians' trust in state institutions. His undergraduate students have gone on to achieve a Rhodes Scholarship and Fulbright awards. His graduate students have found successful academic careers, as well as successful employment at diverse political institutions like the U.S. State Department and a variety of NGOs. Along with Kathy Powers, and with NSF funding, he built a mentorship community for African-American scholars in Comparative Politics and

International Relations. He is a constant and effective force in this work both within the department and outside, in the discipline at large.

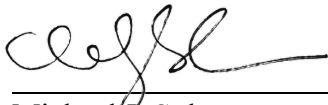
As he assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Davenport wishes to be named the Charles Tilly Distinguished University Professor of Political Science.

Charles (or Chuck) Tilly was a professor at the University of Michigan in sociology (1969-1984) and later a professor at the New School and Columbia University. Despite working on multiple topics, Professor Tilly was a pioneer in the field of political conflict/violence/contention, exploring why people engage in resistance/revolution, why governments repress, and what role political and social institutions play in state-challenger interactions. He was a prolific scholar with some of the most well-known books on the topic (e.g., The Vendee, From Mobilization to Revolution and Dynamics of Contention) and developed new concepts (e.g., “contentious gatherings,” “repertoires” and “contentious narratives/stories”), new theories (e.g., political processes and causal mechanisms), new insights on important historical cases (e.g., France and Great Britain) and new methods for data collection (e.g., event catalogs). Professor Tilly achieved all this while maintaining an incredibly active commitment to running a weekly workshop, teaching, mentoring, and commenting on other scholars’ work.

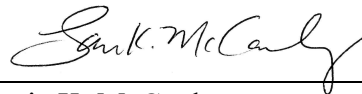
The appointment of Christian Davenport as the Charles Tilly Distinguished University Professor of Political Science, effective September 1, 2025, recognizes his extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, his commitment to excellence in education for his students, and his extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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



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

October 2025

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Faculty Development Professorship

NAME: Parag B. Deotare

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with tenure, College of Engineering, and Associate Professor of Physics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Chen-Luan Family Faculty Development Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATES: October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering are pleased to recommend the appointment of Parag B. Deotare as the Chen-Luan Family Faculty Development Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, College of Engineering, effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030.

The Chen-Luan Family Faculty Development Professorship in Electrical and Computer Engineering was established in September 2023 with a gift provided by the HAGE Foundation. Appointments to this professorship may be from two to five years and are non-renewable.

Parag Deotare received his B.E. (2004) from the University of Pune, India, his M.S. (2007) from Texas A&M University, and his Ph.D. (2012) from Harvard University, all in electrical engineering. Following a post-doctoral research fellowship at MIT, Professor Deotare joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2016 as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2022.

Professor Deotare directs the Excitonics and Photonics lab, focusing on understanding and manipulating excitonic energy in low-dimensional materials for applications in data communication, assured electronics, and sensing. He is a recipient of the Young Investigator Award from the U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research (2017), the EECS Outstanding Achievement award (2025), and the College of Engineering ECE Division's HKN Professor of the Year award (2017).

Professor Deotare is a pioneering researcher in the field of optoexcitonics, with a portfolio of 49 publications in peer-reviewed journals and an h-index of 31 (Google Scholar). He holds four U.S. and international patents, with an additional four patent applications pending. He has delivered over 68 conference presentations and provided extensive service to the scientific community as a peer reviewer for more than 25 journals and funding agencies. Leadership roles

include serving as the co-chair for the 2026 Fundamental Optical Processes in Semiconductors conference and organizing committee service for IEEE RAPIDS, IEEE Photonics Conferences, and Compound Semiconductor Week.

Professor Deotare’s research achievements include several field-defining “firsts,” such as the room-temperature excitonic switch and guide, direct visualization of exciton transport under strain gradients, and the use of excitonics for anti-tamper hardware applications. Professor Deotare’s contributions have positioned UM at the forefront of optoexcitonics and reshaped the field, which has the potential to be a platform for next-generation device development and hardware security. His efforts have led to the founding of AUTHENTIQ CORP, a spin-off company dedicated to assured electronics solutions. He is also committed to education, teaching optics, photonics, and quantum science with an exemplary average teaching evaluation score of 4.94 out of 5.

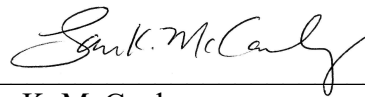
Professor Deotare’s academic achievements fully merit his appointment to this professorship. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Parag B. Deotare as the Chen-Luan Family Faculty Development Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, College of Engineering, effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Karen A. Thole, Ph.D.
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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



Rosario Ceballo, Ph.D.
Dean
Professor of Psychology &
Women’s and Gender Studies
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

October 2025

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship

NAME: Kathryn M. Dominguez

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Professor of Public Policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and Professor of Economics, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Marina von Neumann Whitman Distinguished University Professor of Public Policy

TERM: Period of Active Service

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2025

We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Kathryn M. Dominguez as the Marina von Neumann Whitman Distinguished University Professor of Public Policy, effective September 1, 2025.

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

Kathryn Dominguez earned her A.B. in economics (1982) at Vassar College and her Ph.D. in economics (1987) from Yale University. She joined the faculty at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 1987 as an assistant professor of public policy and was promoted to associate professor in 1991. She was appointed as an associate professor of public policy at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan in 1997. She was jointly appointed as an associate professor in the Department of Economics in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts in 2000. She was promoted to professor in 2004.

Professor Dominguez is a formidable economist, whose ideas and scholarship have shaped U.S. and international monetary policy in areas such as financial markets, macroeconomics, and foreign exchange rate behavior. She answers important, policy-driven questions, informing how monetary policy is most effectively communicated to the public and the international implications of policy changes on financial markets and exchange rate dynamics. Her research makes connections between international financial markets and public policy, examining central bank policy, central bank communication to the public, and the consequences of policy on central bank balance sheets. When the data to answer real-world questions is unavailable, she innovates, developing new data sets to reveal new insights. In her book, [Does Foreign Exchange Intervention Work?](#), Professor Dominguez used previously unavailable data on daily intervention by the U.S. Federal Reserve and the German

Bundesbank to draw implications for intervention policy and its role in international coordination. She has published two books and more than fifty articles in leading academic journals, including the *American Economic Review*, the *Journal of International Economics*, and the *Journal of Monetary Economics*.

Professor Dominguez frequently advises national and international bodies that oversee financial systems, providing insights from her own research, reviewing and discussing economic forecasts, and enhancing agency economic analyses. In 2015, she was nominated for a seat on the Federal Reserve. She is currently one of 22 members of the Panel of Economic Advisors of the Congressional Budget Office, charged with augmenting the federal government's understanding of the U.S. economy. In addition, she serves on the Advisory Scientific Committee of the European Systemic Risk Board and as a director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis. Previously, she served on the 13-member Economic Advisory Panel of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and held advisory positions at the National Science Foundation, the Bank for International Settlements, and the Federal Reserve Banks of Cleveland and Chicago. With an international reputation, she gave the keynote address at the Annual Conference of Australian Economists and lectured at the Swiss National Bank, and she presents at international events, with two recent examples being the 2024 De Nederlands Bank Workshop on Central Bank Capital on the "Consequences of Last Resort Policy for Central Bank Balance Sheets" and the 2019 joint International Monetary Fund (IMF)-Central Bank of Chile-IMF Economic Review Conference on the "Current Policy Challenges Facing Emerging Markets."

Professor Dominguez is an engaged member of the university and a leader in the broader economics community. On campus, she has served on the executive committees of the U-M Press, the Ford School, and the Department of Economics, and led numerous hiring and review committees. She has been a member of the program and nominating committees of the American Economics Association and the Midwest Economics Association. She is a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research. She has significant editorial experience, including as a member of the editorial board of *Finance Research Open*, associate editor of the *Journal of International Economics* and the *Journal of International Financial Markets, Institutions, and Money*, and a member of the editorial council for the *Review of International Economics*. Her ability to synthesize complex real-time economic news in a digestible and accessible way is evidenced by her frequent contributions to NPR's Marketplace and Planet Money.

In addition to her scholarly work, Professor Dominguez is committed to the university's teaching mission. She has twice served as both the Ford School's associate dean for academic affairs and director of the Ford School's Joint Doctoral Program (2011-14, 2021-24). She serves as the faculty co-director of the U-M Center on Finance, Law, and Policy, director of the honors program in the LSA Department of Economics, and faculty advisor to the Omicron Delta Epsilon Honors Society. She has served on 36 doctoral committees and been recognized with numerous teaching awards, including an incredible 24-year streak on the Ford School's Teaching Honor Roll. Professor Dominguez brings the economic policy world into her classroom, creating bridges between macroeconomic theory and public policy practice and encouraging her students to cultivate this type of deep understanding by contributing to a repository of articles and podcasts that contextualize relevant economic concepts. Her innovative approach to teaching is most marked by the project she developed for the Gilbert Whitaker Grant for the Improvement of Teaching. With this award, she and colleague Adela Pinch (U-M professor of English and women's studies) developed a first-year seminar on Jane Austen and Economics. The class is the only one like it in the country and one of a few courses nationwide that unite the study of economics and literature in a genuinely interdisciplinary way.

As she assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Dominguez wishes to be named the Marina von Neumann Whitman Distinguished University Professor of Public Policy.

Marina von Neumann Whitman was a pioneering economist and policy maker. A scholar of foreign direct investment, she held an Economics Ph.D. from Columbia, and starting in 1992, was a professor of public policy in the Ford School and professor of business administration in the Ross School at the University of Michigan. Prior to joining the Michigan faculty, she was a chief economist and the first female group vice president of General Motors, and before that Distinguished Public Service Professor of Economics at the University of Pittsburgh. In 1972, she was confirmed as a member of President Nixon's Council of Economic Advisors, she was the highest-ranking woman in his administration and the first woman ever to hold that position. She served on many boards, including those of the National Bureau of Economic Research, the Peterson Institute for International Economics, and the Princeton Institute for Advanced Study, and tirelessly advocated for thoughtful and sound public policy.

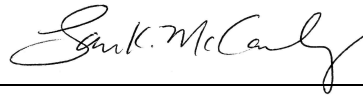
The appointment of Kathryn M. Dominguez as the Marina von Neumann Whitman Distinguished University Professor of Public Policy, effective September 1, 2025, recognizes her extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, her commitment to excellence in education for her students, and her extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:



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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

October 2025

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Karthikeyan Duraisamy

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Aerospace Engineering, with tenure, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, without tenure, and Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, without tenure, College of Engineering

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Arthur B. Modine Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATES: October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering are pleased to recommend the appointment of Karthikeyan Duraisamy as the Arthur B. Modine Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering, for a five-year renewable term, effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030.

The Arthur B. Modine Professorship in Engineering was established by Arthur B. Modine by will bequest in 1985 to support the teaching and scholarship of a distinguished faculty member in the college, with particular emphasis on heat transfer. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Karthikeyan Duraisamy received his B.E. (1998) in mechanical engineering from the Coimbatore Institute of Technology and his M.E. (2000) in aerospace engineering from the Indian Institute of Science. He received both his M.S. in applied mathematics and his Ph.D. in aerospace engineering from the University of Maryland in 2005. Following graduation, he remained at Maryland as an assistant research scientist between 2005 and 2006. From 2007 to 2009, he was a lecturer at the University of Glasgow. From 2009 to 2013, he was a consulting assistant professor at Stanford University. Professor Duraisamy joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2013 as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 2017 and to professor in 2022.

Professor Duraisamy is an internationally recognized leader in computational science and a pioneer in data-driven and reduced-order modeling of physical systems. He has published more than 200 articles in international journals and conferences, and has made leading research contributions in physics-based modeling of turbulence and combustion, numerical methods for multi-physics problems, mathematical frameworks for reduced order modeling, and algorithms to characterize uncertainties, with applications to rotorcraft, renewable energy systems, aircraft engines, liquid-fueled rockets, hypersonic systems, and nuclear reactors. The startup company

Geminus.AI, which he founded in 2019, has developed and deployed digital twins of semiconductor manufacturing and large-scale oil and gas systems.

Professor Duraisamy has an outstanding record of leadership in academia, industry and the broader community, including a) serving as the director of the Michigan Institute for Computational Discovery and Engineering since January 2023; b) leading a transformative research partnership between the University of Michigan and the Los Alamos National Laboratory; c) leading the U-M's Generative AI advisory committee; d) leading federally-funded multi-university research centers; and e) serving as associate editor and on the editorial board of prestigious journals.

He has established himself as an innovative, challenging, and caring teacher, and has introduced several new courses, and has been active in curriculum development at the graduate level.

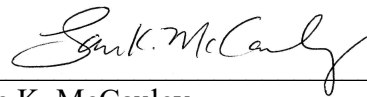
Professor Duraisamy's academic achievements fully merit his appointment to this professorship. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Karthikeyan Duraisamy as the Arthur B. Modine Professor of Engineering, College of Engineering, for a five-year renewable term, effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



Karen A. Thole, Ph.D.
Robert J. Vlastic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering



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

October 2025

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Mark A. Ilgen, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Psychiatry, with tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Albert J. Silverman, M.D., C.M. Research Professor of Psychiatric Disorders, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: October 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030

On the recommendation of Stephan F. Taylor, M.D., the Albert J. Silverman, M.D., C.M., Research Professor and chair of the Department of Psychiatry, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Mark A. Ilgen, Ph.D. as the Albert J. Silverman, M.D., C.M. Research Professor of Psychiatric Disorders, Medical School, effective October 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030.

The Albert J. Silverman, M.D., C.M. Research Professorship of Psychiatric Disorders was established in December 2021 through a generous gift from Halina W. Silverman, wife of the late Albert J. Silverman, M.D., C.M. It is intended to support translational research by a faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.


Mark Ilgen received his M.A. in clinical psychology in 1999, and his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Colorado in 2003. He completed a post-doctoral fellowship in Health Services Research, Center for Health Care Evaluation, VA Palo Alto Health Care System and Stanford University School of Medicine in 2005. In 2007, he joined both the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan as assistant professor, and the VA Ann Arbor Health System as a research investigator and staff psychologist. Dr. Ilgen rose through the ranks to a professor, with tenure, in psychiatry and an adjunct professor in psychology in 2017. Dr. Ilgen served as the associate medical director for the UM Addiction Treatment Service for over seven years and is the current appointment and promotion's committee chair.

Dr. Ilgen's current work focuses on improving treatment outcomes for patients struggling with substance use disorders and complicated co-occurring problems, particularly chronic pain, other psychiatric disorders, and suicide risk. He is an extremely successful researcher as evidenced by his past and current grant activity. Dr. Ilgen serves as the PI, Co-I, or multiple principal investigator on 15 grants totaling over \$27 million dollars, and has been in similar roles on 39 past grants totaling over \$54 million dollars. He has 221 peer reviewed publications and given over 50 invited presentations regionally, nationally, and internationally. Since 2018, Dr. Ilgen has held an editorial board position and is associate editor for the *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*. He is a member of several prestigious professional societies including the American Psychological

Association and the American Association of Suicidology. He is an ad-hoc reviewer of over 30 journals and has served as a grant reviewer for the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Services Research and Development, National Institute on Drug Abuse, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as the National Institute for Mental Health and Department of Veterans Affairs Scientific Merit Review Subcommittee. He has provided mentorship to over 18 post-doctoral fellows and other students and taught courses.

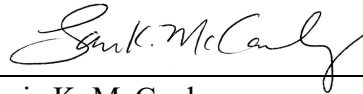
Dr. Ilgen is an excellent researcher and educator, making him well poised to continue to develop a high impact academic career. He is an appropriate candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the appointment of Mark A. Ilgen, Ph.D. as the Albert J. Silverman, M.D., C.M. Research Professor of Psychiatric Disorders, Medical School, effective October 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

October 2025

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship

NAME: John Jonides

CURRENT TITLES: Edward E. Smith Collegiate Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, Professor of Psychology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Radiology, without tenure, Medical School

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Edward E. Smith Distinguished University Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, Professor of Psychology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Radiology, without tenure, Medical School

TERM: Period of Active Service

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2025

We are pleased to recommend the appointment of John Jonides as the Edward E. Smith Distinguished University Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, effective September 1, 2025.

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

John Jonides earned his B.A. (1969) from Johns Hopkins university, and his, M.A. (1972), and Ph.D. (1975) degrees from the University of Pennsylvania in psychology. He earned his M.Ed. (1971) in education from Johns Hopkins University as well. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1975 as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 1980 and was promoted to professor in 1986. He was appointed as the Edward E. Smith Collegiate Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience in 2004.

Professor Jonides is an early innovator in the use of human brain imaging methods to understand fundamental mechanisms of cognition, such as attention, working memory, and cognitive control. His research has contributed significantly to the foundations of cognitive neuroscience and to translational research on critical problems in managing executive control with regard to cognitive aging, education, mental health, and modern life in society at large. One central contribution was identifying the neural structures supporting working memory “buffers,” where information is temporarily maintained during thinking tasks. Professor Jonides found that the important behavioral distinction between verbal and spatial representations in working memory originates through

lateralized regional specialization in the frontal cortex and posterior brain regions. Moreover, as a leader in the development of analytic methods for neuroimaging data, Professor Jonides was among the first to distinguish brain regions mediating load sensitive storage buffers from other networks involved in executive control. His research established that different parts of the frontal cortex are involved in the maintenance versus the manipulation of information in working memory, and that these anatomical relationships have consequences for cognitive processing. Based on these empirical discoveries, Professor Jonides proposed a taxonomy of executive functions (Smith & Jonides, 1999), that is among the most highly cited and influential in the field. Incorporating brain stimulation (tDCS) to further enhance the effects of cognitive training, and brain imaging methods to address the neural basis for training-related plasticity, his work on cognitive control has led to important insights regarding “delay of gratification” spurring ongoing work with children into adolescence. His research program has also identified novel targets for intervention, including in patients with major depressive disorder.

Professor Jonides’s impact on the field of psychology has been recognized by numerous honors from the University of Michigan and from the profession more broadly, including his receipt of the William James Fellow Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Association for Psychological Science and the Fred Kavli Award for Distinguished Contributions from the Cognitive Neuroscience Society. Professor Jonides publishes prolifically and broadly including in premier psychology journals and in the very top journals in science: *Science*, *Nature*, and the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, and he has been cited some 85,000 times for his published work. He has been being continuously funded, including by NIH, NIMH, NSF, ONR, and the McDonnell Foundation.

Professor Jonides has provided tremendous service to granting agencies, editorial boards, external advisory boards, and professional societies. Two prominent examples are his service as the founding editor-in-chief of the journal *Cognitive, Affective and Behavioral Neuroscience* and his long-term role as the senior editor of *Psychological Science*, arguably the highest impact journal in the field. At the University of Michigan, Professor Jonides’s dedicated citizenship goes back decades, including serving as the director for the Center for Human Performance for nearly 10 years. Since approximately 1998, Professor Jonides has co-directed the Functional MRI Laboratory, a research facility for human brain imaging which he helped to establish at the University of Michigan. His tireless efforts secured institutional resources, obtained external funding for instrumentation, and recruited biomedical and engineering expertise to institute a cutting-edge brain imaging center that continues as an invaluable resource for the campus community.

Professor Jonides is an outstanding teacher, and he is a phenomenal mentor to undergraduates, graduate students, and post-doctoral fellows. He is a rich and generous collaborator, colleague and mentor to many of his junior colleagues at the University of Michigan and elsewhere. His extraordinary administrative and intellectual leadership at the University of Michigan have had a transformational effect on the lives and research careers of generations of students, trainees, and colleagues. As the associate dean for research in LSA, he designed, implemented and supervised the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program. Among the first of its kind in the nation, this program was originally designed to increase the retention of under-represented students by facilitating their access to and involvement in the many outstanding faculty research programs at Michigan. This campus-wide program continues to thrive to this day and has contributed immeasurably to the success of generations of undergraduates who found mentors and future career paths through their experiences in UROP. Additionally, Professor Jonides organizes an annual conference held in the Fall semester, and monthly colloquium series throughout each academic year. Furthermore, with the brain imaging center as its core, Professor Jonides founded, directed, and

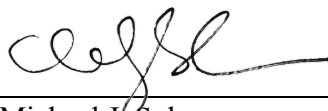
taught Michigan's Summer Neuroimaging Training course from 2007-2023—a two-week summer program that has educated faculty, graduate students and post-doctoral researchers at Michigan and nation-wide in the foundations and use of human brain imaging as a research tool.

As he assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Jonides wishes to be named the Edward E. Smith Distinguished University Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience.

Edward E. Smith was a distinguished cognitive scientist and cognitive neuroscientist who had an outstanding career that included service at U-M, Stanford, the University of Wisconsin, and Columbia University. He was a foundational figure in the early development and use of neuroimaging to study human cognition and was elected to the National Academy of Sciences among many other awards. He earned his Ph.D. (1966) in psychology at the University of Michigan, and his contributions included important work on long-term memory, short-term memory, human reasoning, and the brain basis of behavior in humans.

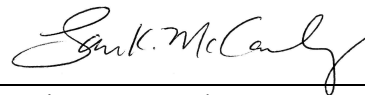
The appointment of John Jonides as the Edward E. Smith Distinguished University Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, effective September 1, 2025, recognizes his extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, his commitment to excellence in education for his students, and his extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:



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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

October 2025

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Distinguished University
Professorship

NAME: Kenneth M. Langa

CURRENT TITLES: Cyrus Sturgis Research Professor of Internal Medicine, Professor
of Internal Medicine, with tenure, Medical School, and Professor
of Health Management and Policy, without tenure, School of
Public Health

ADDITIONAL TITLE: A. Regula Herzog Distinguished University Professor of Internal
Medicine and Survey Research

TERM: Period of Active Service

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2025

We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Kenneth M. Langa as the A. Regula Herzog Distinguished University Professor of Internal Medicine and Survey Research, effective September 1, 2025.

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

Kenneth Langa earned his B.A. (1985) in sociology from Amherst College, his Ph.D. (1992) from the Harris School of Public Policy and his M.D. (1994) from the Pritzker School of Medicine, both at the University of Chicago. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at the University of Michigan, where he was also a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar. He joined the faculty in 2000 as assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine. He was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2006 and to professor in 2009. He was appointed as the Cyrus Sturgis Research Professor of Internal Medicine in 2015.

Dr. Langa is a global leader in innovative and highly cited research advancing the understanding of the risk factors, prevalence, outcomes, and trends of cognitive impairment and dementia, including identifying significant disparities by race, education, and wealth. His interdisciplinary

training has enabled him to bridge medical, social science, and public health research, resulting in innovative insights and interventions regarding the health of aging adults. A main focus of Dr. Langa's faculty career has been his contributions to building and co-leading the NIH-funded Health and Retirement Study (HRS), the largest and longest-running national study of U.S. adults. The HRS has become the most-often used public data source for aging research in the U.S., with more than 20,000 registered data users around the world who have produced more than 8,000 total publications. There are currently more than thirty-five countries that field surveys modeled on the HRS and Dr. Langa is a co-investigator or consultant to many of those studies, including in India, Kenya, China, Mexico, England, Ireland, N. Ireland, S. Africa, Germany, France, Poland, Denmark, Italy, Nepal, Lebanon, Egypt, and Guatemala. He also currently co-leads an international dementia research network of population-based dementia studies that are affiliated with the HRS international network. Alongside his research, Dr. Langa has provided clinical care at the Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Healthcare System and Michigan Medicine, and has combined his population-based research on healthy aging with his clinical work to publish several review articles that have been influential and highly cited, including on the overlap and interaction in the brain of cerebrovascular disease and Alzheimer's disease, and the diagnosis and management of mild cognitive impairment.

Dr. Langa has received several prestigious national and international awards, invitations, and professorships in recognition of his wide-ranging scientific contributions and research and has been continuously funded by the NIH since 2001. He was elected to the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) in 2024. He has also been chosen to serve on two NAM consensus study committees on dementia prevention and is currently a standing member of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Population. Dr. Langa is also an elected member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Dr. Langa has been invited for visiting professorships at Cambridge University and the World Health Organization, and he has presented invited plenary lectures at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Copenhagen, the Canadian Conference on Dementia, and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Workshop on Dementia Care. Dr. Langa has published more than 375 peer-reviewed articles, most of which have used the HRS data. His work on the economic impact of dementia in the U.S. was published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* and presented to the U.S. Senate. Dr. Langa's work is often cited as part of U.S. public policy deliberations, including a 2023 *New York Times* series on the need for major reforms of the U.S long-term care system.

Dr. Langa has nurtured the infrastructure for interdisciplinary scholarship at the University of Michigan. He has been an associate director of the Institute of Gerontology since 2008, where he directs efforts focused on population-based research, including facilitating collaborations and support for junior faculty across the Medical School, Institute for Social Research (ISR), and School of Public Health. He was a member of Institute Leadership Team for the Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation (IHPI) from 2017 to 2022, and he has co-directed since 2016 the Health Economics and Public Policy Program, a joint program of IHPI and ISR focused on expanding collaborations across the two institutes.

Dr. Langa has made major contributions to the education of graduate students, post-doctoral trainees, and junior faculty at the U-M. He has mentored forty-six trainees and junior faculty


across the Medical School (in the Departments of Internal Medicine, Psychiatry, Neurology, General Surgery, Ophthalmology, and Emergency Medicine), ISR, School of Public Health, School of Nursing, and LSA. Dr. Langa has been a member of eight dissertation committees for students in the School of Public Health and the LSA Department of Psychology. In recognition of his significant contributions to teaching and mentoring at U-M, Dr. Langa received in 2013 the Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research (MICHR) Distinguished Clinical and Translational Research Mentor Award.

As he assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Dr. Langa wishes it to be named the A. Regula Herzog Distinguished University Professor of Internal Medicine and Survey Research.

A. Regula Herzog was a U-M psychologist with appointments in the Survey Research Center at ISR and the Institute of Gerontology in the Medical School. She earned her Ph.D. (1976) in social psychology from the University of Michigan. She was Dr. Langa's primary mentor for his National Institute on Aging Career Development Award at the start of his faculty career. She was one of the founders of the HRS, the ISR-based study that Dr. Langa now co-directs. Professor Herzog also led the development of the first HRS dementia sub-study, the Aging, Demographics, and Memory Study (ADAMS), and generously brought Dr. Langa in to work closely with her. She died of pancreatic cancer in 2002, just as the ADAMS was launching. She was an amazing and widely respected mentor, scientist, and person.

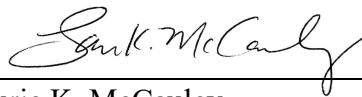
The appointment of Kenneth M. Langa as the A. Regula Herzog Distinguished University Professor of Internal Medicine and Survey Research, effective September 1, 2025, recognizes his extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, his commitment to excellence in education for his students, and his extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:



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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

October 2025

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Faculty Development Professorship

NAME: Caitlin Lynch

CURRENT TITLE: Assistant Professor of Music, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Norma L. Heyde Faculty Development Professor of Voice & Opera,
School of Music, Theatre & Dance

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2025 through May 31, 2030

With the concurrence of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance Executive Committee, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Caitlin Lynch as the Norma L. Heyde Faculty Development Professor of Voice & Opera, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, effective September 1, 2025 through May 31, 2030.

In March 2018, the Regents established the Norma L. Heyde Faculty Development Professorship in Voice following a generous gift from the John Heyde Trust. The professorship's title was changed to the Norma L. Heyde Faculty Development Professorship in Voice & Opera in August 2025 to reflect the name change of the Department. This professorship is used to enhance the professional development of vocal instructors who are early in their career. Professor Lynch is the ideal candidate to be the recipient of the professorship.

Caitlin Lynch received a Bachelor of Music in vocal performance from the University of Michigan's School of Music, Theatre, & Dance (SMTD) in 2002, and a Master of Music in vocal performance from the University of Cincinnati's Cincinnati Conservatory of Music in 2005. She continued her professional training in prestigious apprenticeship programs with Cincinnati Opera, Seattle Opera, Glimmerglass Opera, and Houston Grand Opera before embarking on a performance career at the highest level of the profession, including engagements with the Metropolitan Opera, San Diego Opera, Houston Grand Opera, Seiji Ozawa Music Academy (Japan), English National Opera (London), Dallas Opera, and Aspen Music Festival, among many others. In 2019, she co-founded the Detroit Song Collective Series, "a collective of performers, artists, teachers, and musicians dedicated to celebrating the living power of song to move hearts, change lives, and transform the world. By bringing quality musical performances to students and the community, Detroit Song Collective enhances and enriches the lives of its participants and audiences." In addition to her accomplished career as a performer, Professor Lynch has served as an adjunct professor of voice at Wayne State University (2018–2022), and presented masterclasses throughout the US. Professor Lynch joined the faculty at the SMTD in 2022 as an assistant professor of music in the Department of Voice & Opera. She has already proven to be an effective and inspiring teacher and mentor, and, as co-director of the SMTD *OperaLab*, and the *MPulse*

Vocal Arts Institute, has led important and invigorating initiatives for the Department of Voice & Opera.

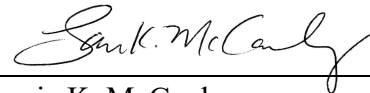
Professor Lynch's dedication and commitment to our students and programs aligns with the intent of this professorship. It is a pleasure to recommend the appointment of Caitlin Lynch as the Norma L. Heyde Faculty Development Professor of Voice & Opera, School of Music, Theatre & Dance, effective September 1, 2025 through May 31, 2030.

Recommended By:



David Gier
Paul Boylan Collegiate Professor of Music
and Dean, School of Music, Theatre & Dance

Recommendation Endorsed By:



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

October 2025

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Douglas C. Noll

CURRENT TITLES: Ann and Robert H. Lurie Professor of Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering, Professor of Biomedical Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School, and Professor of Radiology, without tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Interim Chair, Department of Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering and Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2026 through July 31, 2026

We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Douglas C. Noll as the interim chair, Department of Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering and Medical School, effective January 1, 2026 through July 31, 2026.

Douglas Noll received his B.S. degree in 1985 from Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA. He received his M.S. (1986) and Ph.D. (1991) in electrical engineering from Stanford University. Following graduation, Professor Noll was appointed as an assistant professor of radiology at the University of Pittsburgh. In 1992, he was given the additional appointment of assistant professor of electrical engineering. He was promoted to associate professor in 1997. In 1998, he joined the faculty of the University of Michigan as associate professor of biomedical engineering and co-director of the Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging Center. In 1999, he was appointed as an associate professor of radiology. In 2005, he was promoted to professor of biomedical engineering, and in 2006, he was promoted to professor of radiology. From 2007 to 2013, he served as the chair of the Department of Biomedical Engineering.

Professor Noll's research program focuses on developing technology for functional brain imaging using Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI). Functional MRI, as it is sometimes known, is a technique for imaging the working brain to better understand and diagnose psychiatric and neurological disorders. His current focus is on developing functional MRI techniques that are nearly silent, allowing better studies of speech and hearing, but also improving the patient experience for all neuroimaging studies. For example, his lab is currently supported by a four-year NIH grant to develop silent functional MRI using new methods for image acquisition combined with sophisticated model-based image reconstruction. He is also the co-lead of the NeuroImaging Core for the Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, where he is involved in evaluating new imaging biomarkers for neurodegeneration. He also collaborates on several projects to develop and evaluate MRI methods to plan and monitor minimally invasive focused ultrasound treatments of brain tumors. His work in these and other collaborative

projects has resulted in four peer-reviewed articles in 2024. He currently advises five Ph.D. students and one post-doctoral fellow. In recent years, Professor Noll has taught two classes: BIOMEDE/ECE 516, which is a graduate-level medical imaging class, and BIOMEDE 503, a graduate-level class on biomedical engineering statistics. Lastly, he is very active in institutional and professional service. He has served on more than 80 NIH review panels and is currently on the journal *Magnetic Resonance Imaging* editorial board. He was also the program chair for the 2020 meeting of the International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine, the main conference in the MRI field with over 5,000 attendees.

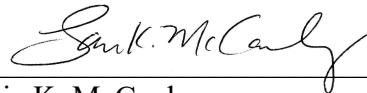
Professor Noll has demonstrated that he possesses the experience, ability, and commitment to fulfill the important responsibilities of a department chair. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Douglas C. Noll as the interim chair, Department of Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering and Medical School, effective January 1, 2026 through July 31, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Karen A. Thole, Ph.D.
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering
College of Engineering

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Manjunath P. Pai

CURRENT TITLES: Chair, Department of Clinical Pharmacy, and Professor of Pharmacy, with tenure, College of Pharmacy

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Chung-Chiang and Fung-Hwa Hsu Professor, College of Pharmacy

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the College of Pharmacy, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Manjunath P. Pai as the Chung-Chiang and Fung-Hwa Hsu Professor, College of Pharmacy, effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030.

The Chung-Chiang and Fung-Hwa Hsu Professorship was established in September 2025 in addition to the previously created Larry and Ann Hsu Professorship, which was established in September 2018 through a generous pledge of \$2.5 million from Chung-Chiang (Larry) and Fung-Hwa (Ann) Hsu. The purpose of the professorship is to recognize outstanding scholars at any academic rank, non-tenured or tenure track, within any discipline of the College of Pharmacy. Appointments may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Manjunath Pai received his Pharm.D. in 1998 from the University of Texas at Austin and Health Sciences Center at San Antonio. He completed a pharmacy practice residency at Bassett Healthcare, Cooperstown, New York, in 1999, followed by a two-year fellowship in infectious diseases pharmacotherapy at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Professor Pai joined the University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy as an assistant professor in 2001 and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2007. In 2008, he took a position as a scientist in translational medicine with the Institute for Clinical Pharmacodynamics, Ordway Research Institute, in Latham, New York. He joined Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences as an associate professor in 2009 and was promoted to professor, with tenure, in 2015. He was appointed as an associate professor, with tenure, and deputy director of the Pharmacokinetics Core at the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy in 2016 and was promoted to professor in 2020. He was appointed as the chair of the Department of Clinical Pharmacy in 2020.

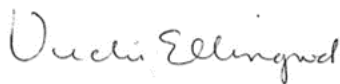
Professor Pai has demonstrated outstanding leadership, advancing the department's teaching, research, and service missions. His collaborative and proactive approach has contributed to the success of faculty, staff, and students and furthered the goals of the College of Pharmacy. He is

widely recognized as a dedicated and effective educator and mentor, consistently earning excellent evaluations and multiple teaching and preceptorship awards. He is also a fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacology and has served in numerous leadership roles in professional and scientific organizations.

Professor Pai is an internationally recognized scientist whose work focuses on optimizing drug dosing in underrepresented populations, particularly patients who are obese or have renal impairment. He is a pioneer in the field of pharmacomorphomics, which applies novel body composition metrics to precision dosing. His research has made significant contributions toward replacing empiric drug dosing with more precise, individualized approaches.

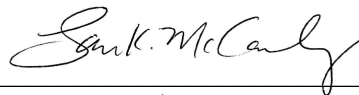
Professor Pai is a highly valued and gifted member of our faculty and leadership team, who has distinguished himself as a leader, scholar, and colleague. We are delighted to recommend the appointment of Manjunath P. Pai as the Chung-Chiang and Fung-Hwa Hsu Professor, College of Pharmacy, effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Vicki L. Ellingrod, PharmD, FCCP, FACNP
Dean
John Gideon Searle Professor, Professor of
Pharmacy
Professor of Psychiatry
College of Pharmacy

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

October 2025

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Unendowed Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Paul W. Rhode

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: William James Adams Collegiate Professor of Economics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030

With the approval of the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Paul W. Rhode as the William James Adams Collegiate Professor of Economics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030.

This professorship was established in the Provost Office and was named the William James Adams Collegiate Professorship in Economics in June 2025. Williams James Adams was a faculty member at the University of Michigan from 1973 until his retirement in 2025. A stipend funded from college resources accompanies this professorship. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Paule Rhode earned his B.A. from the University of California, Davis in 1982 and his Ph.D. from Stanford University in 1990. He began his instructional career as an assistant professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1990. Professor Rhode was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 1996, and to professor in 2001. He was the McClelland Professor of Economics at the University of Arizona from 2007 until he joined our faculty as a professor in 2009.

Professor Rhode is a prolific and impactful scholar and one of the most decorated economic historians of his generation. Much of his scholarship focuses on American agricultural history and the economic histories of the American West and American South. He has published more than 40 articles in refereed journals as well as a commensurate number of book chapters. He has over 6,000 citations on Google Scholar, five of his articles have been recognized with “best article” prizes, and three of his books have received major prizes. Professor Rhode has twice won the Alice Hanson Jones Prize—awarded biennially by the Economic History Association for the best book on North American Economic History—both for his work with Alan Olmstead for Creating Abundance: Biological Innovation and American Agricultural Development (Cambridge University Press, 2008) and for his work with Robert Gallman for Capital in the Nineteenth Century (University of Chicago Press, 2019). He also won the Allan Sharlin Memorial Award given by the Social Science History Association for the outstanding book published in the previous year for his work with Alan Olmstead for Arresting Contagion: Science, Policy, and Conflicts Over Animal Disease Control (Harvard University Press, 2015). His peers have made him a fellow of the Agricultural History Society, a fellow of the Cliometrics Society, and a fellow of the Economic History Association.

Professor Rhode is a respected and effective teacher and mentor. He teaches economic history at both the undergraduate and doctoral levels. At the undergraduate level, he teaches an advanced elective on “American Economic History” which satisfies the upper-level writing requirement, and an advanced elective on “The Economics of Technological Change.” At the doctoral level, Professor Rhode teaches two field courses in economic history (“Econ 663 and 664: Topics in World Economic History I and II”). Both courses are cross listed in the Department of History and have been designed to attract graduate students from other programs. As a result, these courses are unusually interdisciplinary in flavor. He consistently receives high teaching evaluation scores and has been given credit for maintaining the vitality and popularity of economic history in U-M classrooms and seminars. Professor Rhode is also a great mentor of doctoral students. One recent mentee received two prizes from the Economic History Association, one as Best New Researcher and one for the best article published in the *Journal of Economic History*.

Professor Rhode has served his department, college, and discipline with great distinction. He was the chair of the department from 2016-2019. In this role, he stabilized the department during a delicate time, recalibrated the grading policies to better align the grade distribution with other departments on campus, and introduced a free tutoring program for all students in the department. These latter two initiatives have led to a noticeable improvement in the number of women majoring in economics. Professor Rhode also serves his discipline by generously making his data available to other researchers. He is a research associate in the Development of the American Economy program at the National Bureau of Economic Research and the president of the Economic History Association. He currently serves on the editorial board for *Social Science History* and previously served on the boards for *Explorations in Economics History*, the *Journal of Prediction Markets*, and the *Journal of Economic History*. He served as the co-editor of the *Journal of Economic History* from 2012-2016.

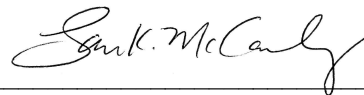
We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Paul W. Rhode as the William James Adams Collegiate Professor of Economics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a five-year renewable term, effective September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Rosario Ceballo, Ph.D.
Dean
Professor of Psychology &
Women’s and Gender Studies
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

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

NAME: Katy Spector-Bagdady, J.D. M.B.E.

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, with tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: George E. Wantz Research Professor of Bioethics, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: October 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030

On the recommendation of Lisa Harris, M.D., Ph.D., the George E. Wantz, M.D. Professor and director of the Center for History, Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences, and Ethics in Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Katy Spector-Bagdady, J.D. M.B.E. as the George E. Wantz Research Professor of Bioethics, Medical School, effective October 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030.

The George E. Wantz Research Professorship in Bioethics was established in September 2025 through funds generated through the George E. Wantz, M.D. Professorship in the History of Medicine. This professorship honors George E. Wantz, M.D. who was recognized during his lifetime as one of those rare physicians who had a deep appreciation for and knowledge of the history of medicine. It is intended to support a faculty member in the Medical School nursing research in bioethics and is a faculty member in Michigan Bioethics within CHHASSEM. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Katy Spector-Bagdady received her J.D. and M.B.E. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and School of Medicine in 2009 after graduating from Middlebury College in 2004. She completed a research fellowship in bioethics at Michigan Medicine and is a former practicing drug and device attorney for the biotech industry. Dr. Spector-Bagdady joined the OB-GYN faculty here at the University of Michigan in 2016 and is the first faculty to make tenure at the U-M Medical School with J.D. as their terminal degree.

Within the Center for History, Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences and Ethics in Medicine, she is the director of Michigan Bioethics, which won the 2022 American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Cornerstone Award. She also serves as the chair of the Research Ethics Committee, the ethicist on the Michigan Medicine Human Data and Biospecimen Release Committee, and a clinical ethicist. The overarching goal of Dr. Spector-Bagdady's work is improving the governance of secondary research with health data and specimens to increase the accessibility of data and generalizability of advances. To that end, she was the PI of a NHGRI K01 focusing on academic/private relationships in genetic research and is the PI of an NCTAS R01 on hospitals

sharing patient data with commercial entities, and a Greenwall Faculty Scholar Award on the research integrity implications of generative AI. Her grant funding has been exceptional and her contributions to science make her a recognized and respected leader in her field, serving as the PI or co-I on nearly \$200M in funding.

Dr. Spector-Bagdady has over 80 scholarly products, including 76 peer reviewed publications, seven book chapters, and six law reviews. Her recent articles have been published into top journals including *The New England Journal of Medicine*, *Science*, *JAMA*, *Health Affairs*, and *Nature Medicine*, and her research or expertise has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Time*, and CNN. She serves as the associate editor of the *American Journal of Bioethics*. Dr. Spector-Bagdady has been extremely successful in all aspects of her career.

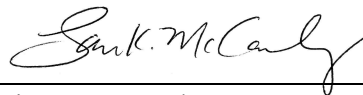
Dr. Spector-Bagdady is a national leader in improving the governance of secondary research with health data and specimens. She is an appropriate candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Katy Spector-Bagdady, J.D. M.B.E. as the George E. Wantz Research Professor of Bioethics, Medical School, effective October 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Distinguished University Professorship

NAME: Anna G. Stefanopoulou

CURRENT TITLES: William Clay Ford Professor of Technology, and Professor of Mechanical Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Huei Peng Distinguished University Professor of Mechanical Engineering

TERM: Period of Active Service

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2025

We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Anna G. Stefanopoulou as the Huei Peng Distinguished University Professor of Mechanical Engineering, effective September 1, 2025.

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

Anna Stefanopoulou earned her diploma (1991) in naval architecture and marine engineering from the National Technical University of Athens. She completed two master’s degrees from the University of Michigan, a M.S. (1992) in naval architecture and marine engineering and a M.S. (1994) in electrical engineering and computer science. She earned her Ph.D. (1996) from U-M in electrical engineering and computer science. She worked as a technical specialist at Ford Research Laboratory for two years, before becoming an assistant professor of mechanical engineering at the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1998. She joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2000 as an associate professor of mechanical engineering and was promoted to professor in 2006.

Professor Stefanopoulou is a globally recognized scholar and innovator in advancing the application of control and estimation theory in internal combustion engines and electrochemical processes such as fuel cells and batteries. She started her U-M career with breakthrough research in internal combustion engines while building the world’s first academic group in model-based control of fuel cells and batteries. Professor Stefanopoulou’s early research focused on

developing physics-based models that captured the competition between the fresh air path (engine breathing) and exhaust residuals to lower the peak combustion temperature and reduce emissions. Working in flex-fuel vehicles, which use unknown and unspecified concentrations of ethanol with gasoline fuel, she developed ethanol estimation algorithms based on sensors already in exhaust systems, responding to the push for alternative fuel vehicles. She has been equally innovative in her work in batteries and fuel cells. She has produced highly influential work in battery management systems, using onboard sensors to capture electrochemical, thermal, and mechanical phenomena in batteries. Professor Stefanopoulou's models and algorithms led to the early detection of abnormal battery swelling associated with the gas evolution inside the cell and a harbinger of thermal runaway. Such prediction can enhance safety and manage the risk of fire propagation by issuing a message for parking and evacuating a vehicle, and can also guide first responders in managing a disabled electric vehicle.

A hallmark of Professor Stefanopoulou's work has been bridging the worlds of academia, industry and policy. Her engine breathing models are now ubiquitous in production engines and have resulted in three patents. Her work on the ethanol estimation in flex-fuel vehicles solved a major industry problem of drivers being stranded due to erroneous fuel recognition and guided the certification procedures for onboard diagnostics of FFVs, informing the California Air Resource Board (CARB) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). As a result of her expertise, she consulted for the U.S. Department of Justice in several diesel emission investigations. Her battery models and algorithms span the entire lifetime of batteries, from sizing, pack design, utilization, aging, and end-of-life management through remanufacturing, repurposing, or recycling. Due to this vast impact, she was one of the three academics the U.S. Department of Energy invited to participate in the Li-Bridge committee, one of the DOE Committees for The National Blueprint for Lithium Batteries. She has presented to the National Transportation Safety Board and advised the UN Global Technology Requirements and the European Battery Passport Committee on battery durability.

Professor Stefanopoulou's work has garnered intense interest, as evident by the number of awards, plenaries, and keynote lectures she has delivered across the globe. She has been named an IEEE, an ASME and a SAE fellow and received the American Society for Mechanical Engineers Gustus L. Larson Memorial Award. She was interviewed by the *Wall Street Journal*, *Scientific American*, and several European news organizations on diesel cheating scandals. She participated in the 2021 UM Carbon Neutrality study and several high-profile external boards, such as the Oak Ridge National Lab, Energy Science and Technology Directorate Scientific Advisory Board. She has led and contributed to her technical societies, including as editor-in-chief of the *ASME Journal of Dynamic Systems Controls and Measurements* chair, and member of the Board of Governors. She and her research group have published nearly 450 articles and contributed to 25 patents.

Professor Stefanopoulou has trained a generation of engineers (more than 50 Ph.D. students and post-doctoral researchers as advisor and mentor and another 75 M.S. students annually as an instructor) in control of highly efficient and clean powertrains. The hybrid courses she has developed are challenging and help her distance-learning students advance in their careers by learning to manage complex automation. For her teaching and mentorship, she was awarded the Henry Russell Award in 2005 and the Rackham Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award in 2018.

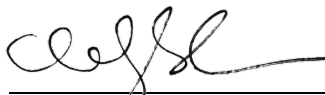
Her mentorship and commitment to education has contributed to making Michigan a hub for innovation and growth. She led multi-university teams twice to the “blue ribbon panel” stage for an NSF Engineering Research Center, creating tremendous momentum for Michigan with 29 companies and 33 community organizations to advance the transition to sustainable and reliable batteries. At a public hearing at the Michigan Senate in Lansing, she articulated the need for workforce development in battery engineering, bringing UM-EVC \$130M funding.

As she assumes the Distinguished University Professorship, Professor Stefanopoulou wishes to be named the Huei Peng Distinguished University Professor of Mechanical Engineering.

Huei Peng, the Roger L. McCarthy Professor of Mechanical Engineering, was renowned for vehicle active safety. After his B.S. (1984) from the National Taiwan University at Taipei, he earned his Ph.D. (1992) from the University of California, Berkeley, and worked at the California Partners for Advanced Transportation Technology (PATH) before joining the University of Michigan in 1993. Professor Peng was the founding Director of MCity, a research and testing facility for connected and autonomous vehicle technologies. He also led multi-university collaborations, such as the U.S.-China Clean Energy Research Center—Clean Vehicle Consortium. He made a significant and lasting impact on the educational experience of students in continuing education and led the M.Eng. Program in automotive engineering. He received the highest professional honors, most notably the 2019 American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Rufus Oldenburger Medal. He was a fellow of the ASME and the Society of Automotive Engineers.

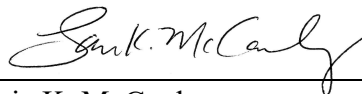
The appointment of Anna G. Stefanopoulos as the Huei Peng Distinguished University Professor of Mechanical Engineering, effective September 1, 2025, recognizes her extensive and outstanding scholarly achievements, her commitment to excellence in education for his students, and her extensive contributions to the University of Michigan and beyond. We are delighted to make this recommendation.

RECOMMENDED BY:



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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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Recommendations for approval of leaves of absence
for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Extension of Leave of Absence

NAME: Alfred O. Hero III

CURRENT TITLES: John H. Holland Distinguished University Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, R. Jamison and Betty Williams Professor of Engineering, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with tenure, College of Engineering, Professor of Biomedical Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School, and Professor of Statistics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TYPE OF LEAVE: Intergovernmental Personnel Assignment

DATES OF CURRENT LEAVE: September 26, 2024 through September 25, 2025

TIME EXTENSION REQUESTED: September 26, 2025 through September 25, 2026

It is recommended that Alfred O. Hero III be granted an extension of leave of absence, effective September 26, 2025 through September 25, 2026.

Professor Hero is on leave as a program director for the National Science Foundation (NSF) Communications and Information Foundations Cluster within the Division of Computing and Communication Foundations. He is responsible for long-range planning and budget development, managing an effective, timely merit review, award and declination process, and post-award management process, advising the community of current and future funding opportunities, coordinating, and collaborating with other programs in the NSF, as well as other federal agencies and organizations. Professor Hero is also responsible for advising and assisting the division director in the development of long-range plans that ensure the directorate's investments are targeted to challenges and opportunities in the directorate's research and education fields, collaboratively overseeing and managing the merit review process for assigned

research, education or infrastructure proposals to ensure that investments are made in a diverse, rich mix of bold, cutting-edge projects that promise to advance the frontier and contribute to the attainment of the NSF's strategic goals. We believe the University of Michigan will benefit from his continued involvement in this initiative.

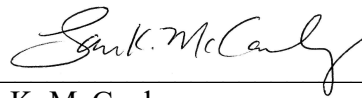
We request approval of this extension of leave of absence for Alfred O. Hero III.

RECOMMENDED BY:

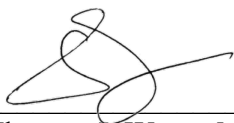


Karen A. Thole, Ph.D.
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RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



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Establishing and renaming professorships and selected
academic and administrative positions.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Legacy Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: John R. G. Gosling Legacy Professorship in Obstetrics and Gynecology,
Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

On the recommendation of Dee E. Fenner, M.D., the Bates Professor and chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a legacy professorship as the John R. G. Gosling Legacy Professorship in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medical School, effective October 1, 2025.

This professorship is being established with funds generated from the Gosling Lectureship Endowment. The lectureship fund will recognize the achievements and research in obstetrics and gynecology provided by John R. G. Gosling, M.D. throughout his tenure as a faculty member in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Michigan. Dr. Gosling was a beloved associate professor in obstetrics and gynecology that ran the Wayne County Hospital OBGYN service in the 1960s, until his retirement in the mid-1980s. Dr. Gosling was known for his uncompromising commitment to excellence and his outstanding qualities as an insightful and intelligent teacher. This professorship is intended to support mid-career physician scientist faculty member in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology committed to providing exceptional clinical care to patients and is involved in research related to obstetrics and gynecology. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

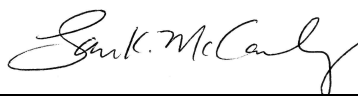
I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a legacy professorship as the John R. G. Gosling Legacy Professorship in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medical School, effective October 1, 2025.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
Dean, University of Michigan Medical School
Professor of Internal Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Medicine

Recommendation endorsed by:



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

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Legacy Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Park W. Willis III Legacy Professorship in Cardiovascular
Medicine II, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

On the recommendation of Timothy S. Blackwell, M.D., the John G. Searle Professor and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a legacy professorship as the Park W. Willis III Legacy Professorship in Cardiovascular Medicine II, Medical School, effective October 1, 2025.

The Park W. Willis III Legacy Professorship in Cardiovascular Medicine II is being established through a split from the original Park W. Willis III Legacy Professorship in Cardiovascular Medicine. This professorship will honor the accomplishments of a senior faculty member in the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, in recognition of their outstanding academic endeavors. This professorship will support academic endeavors of a tenured faculty member in the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

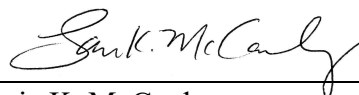
I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a legacy professorship as the Park W. Willis III Legacy Professorship in Cardiovascular Medicine II, Medical School, effective October 1, 2025.

Recommended by:



Thomas J. Wang, M.D.
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REGENTS COMMUNICATIONS

ACTION REQUEST: Correction of Term for a Visiting Endowed Professorship

NAME: Helen Zell Visiting Professorship in Poetry/Prose, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: One Year, Renewable
Two Years, Non-Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

In the June 2025 Regents Communication requesting the establishment of the Helen Zell Visiting Professorship in Poetry/Prose, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, the term length was noted incorrectly. Following is the corrected information:

TERM: One Semester, Renewable

Appointments to this professorship may be for one or more semesters and may be renewed up to two 12-month periods.

Please accept this correction to the term for the Helen Zell Visiting Professorship in Poetry/Prose, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Professional Administrative Appointment

NAME: Kimberly Kiernan

CURRENT TITLE: Co-Interim Associate Vice President for Facilities and Operations, Office of the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Vice President for Facilities and Operations, Office of the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2025

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Kimberly Kiernan as vice president for facilities and operations, Office of the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, effective September 1, 2025. This appointment is a non-executive officer position.

Since August 2023, Ms. Kiernan has served as the co-interim associate vice president for facilities and operations, providing steady leadership and critical knowledge during a period of transition. Her guidance has brought strategic clarity and operational continuity, helping the organization remain focused, resilient, and future-oriented.

In this role, Ms. Kiernan will assume primary responsibility for the stewardship and strategic management of the university's physical infrastructure, encompassing over 37 million square feet of building space. This includes oversight of a diverse and highly complex portfolio of facilities. Additionally, she will lead efforts to ensure regulatory compliance across all university properties.

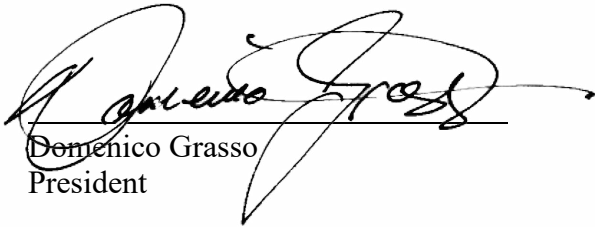
Ms. Kiernan began her career in 1992 at the University of Michigan in the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. As her career progressed at the university, she held positions in the University Library and School of Kinesiology. Since joining Facilities and Operations (F&O) in 2007, she has continually progressed into roles of greater responsibility.

Ms. Kiernan has provided strategic leadership for the organization and holds overarching responsibility for its administrative operations. She oversees F&O's operating and capital budgeting processes, business strategy, workforce planning, and talent development. Additionally, she has played a key role in advancing organizational development and leading change initiatives across the organization.

Ms. Kiernan holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and communications from the University of Michigan, and a Master of Business Administration in accounting from Eastern Michigan University.

It is a pleasure to recommend the appointment of Kimberly Kiernan as vice president for facilities and operations, Office of the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, effective September 1, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,



Domenico Grasso
President

October 2025