SUMMARY OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS
REGENTS AGENDA
December 2020

ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

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

(1) Armstrong, Ketra L., professor of women’s and gender studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021 (also University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor, and professor of kinesiology, with tenure, School of Kinesiology).

(2) Barton, Debra, associate dean for research, School of Nursing, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 (also Mary Lou Willard French Professor of Nursing, professor of nursing, with tenure, School of Nursing, and professor of psychiatry, without tenure, Medical School).

(3) Farris, Karen B., Charles R. Walgreen III Professor of Pharmacy Administration, College of Pharmacy, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025 (also Professor of Social and Administrative Sciences, with tenure).

(4) Fessler, Jeffrey A., William L. Root Collegiate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2026 (also professor of electrical engineering and computer science, with tenure, College of Engineering, professor of biomedical engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School, and professor of radiology, without tenure, Medical School).

(5) Gilgenbach, Ronald M., Chihiro Kikuchi Collegiate Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025 (also professor of nuclear engineering and radiological sciences, with tenure).

(6) Himle, Joseph A., associate dean for faculty affairs, School of Social Work, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 (also Howard V. Brabson Collegiate Professor of Social Work, professor of social work, with tenure, School of Social Work, and professor of psychiatry, without tenure, Medical School).

(7) Meza Rodriguez, Rafael, associate professor of global public health, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 (also associate professor of epidemiology, with tenure).

(8) Neitzel, Rick L., associate professor of global public health, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 (also associate professor of environmental health sciences, with tenure).
ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

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

   (9) Parthasarathy, Shobita, professor of women’s and gender studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021 (also professor of public policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and professor of women’s and gender studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).

   (10) Schwendeman, Steven P., Ara G. Paul Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy, and effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025 (also chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, professor of pharmaceutical sciences, with tenure, College of Pharmacy, and professor of biomedical engineering, without tenure, Medical School and College of Engineering).

   (11) Swanson, Eric P., professor of linguistics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021 (also professor of philosophy, with tenure, and professor of linguistics, without tenure).

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

   (1) Ankerson, Megan S., associate professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021 (also associate professor of communication and media, with tenure).

   (2) Bierbaum, Rosina M., professor of climate and space sciences and engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2021 (also professor of natural resources and environment, with tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability).

   (3) Bohnert, Amy S.B., associate professor of epidemiology, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective January 1, 2021 (also associate professor of anesthesiology, with tenure, and professor of psychiatry, without tenure, Medical School).

   (4) Chowdhury, N.M. Mosharaf Kabir, Morris Wellman Faculty Development Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 (also assistant professor of electrical engineering and computer science).
ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

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

(5) Fishman, Barry J., professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021 (also Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, professor of information, with tenure, School of Information, and professor of education, with tenure, School of Education).

(6) Greer, Scott E.L., professor of global public health, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 (also professor of health management and policy, with tenure, School of Public Health, and professor of political science, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).

(7) Gregg IV, Robert D., associate professor of mechanical engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2021 (also associate professor of electrical engineering and computer science, with tenure).

(8) Grieb, Teri A., Ph.D., associate dean for research strategy, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020 (also research assistant professor, Department of Anesthesiology).

(9) Handal, Alexis J., associate professor of global public health, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 (also associate professor of epidemiology, with tenure).

(10) Hemphill, Libby M., associate professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021 (also associate professor of information, without tenure, School of Information).

(11) Hirshbein, Laura D., professor of history, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021 (also professor of psychiatry, with tenure, Medical School).

(12) Khan, Osman, associate professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021 (also associate professor of art and design, with tenure, Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design).

(13) Morgan, Meredith, Ph.D., Theodore S. Lawrence, M.D., Ph.D., and Patricia Krause Research Professor of Radiation Oncology, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020 through August 31, 2025 (also associate professor of radiation oncology, with tenure).
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2. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.

(14) Mukherjee, Bhramar, professor of global public health, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 (also John D. Kalbfleisch Collegiate Professor of Biostatistics, chair, Department of Biostatistics, professor of biostatistics, with tenure, and professor of epidemiology, without tenure).

(15) Nallamothu, Brahmajee K., M.D., M.P.H., Stevo Julius Research Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020 through August 31, 2025 (also professor of internal medicine, with tenure).

(16) Narla, Goutham, M.D., Ph.D., professor of human genetics, without tenure, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020 (also professor of internal medicine, with tenure).

(17) Nornes, Mark H., interim chair, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 (also professor of film, television, and media, with tenure, and professor of Asian languages and cultures, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and professor of art and design, without tenure, School of Art and Design).

(18) Prescott, James J., professor of economics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021 (also Henry King Ransom Professor of Law, and professor of law, with tenure, Law School).

(19) Rennó, Nilton O., professor of aerospace engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2021 (also professor of climate and space sciences and engineering, with tenure).

(20) Sandvig, Christian E., professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021 (also H. Marshall McLuhan Collegiate Professor of Digital Media, professor of information, with tenure, School of Information, professor of communication and media, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and professor of art and design, without tenure, Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design).

(21) Schwendeman, Anna A.S., William I. Higuchi Collegiate Professor of Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025 (also associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences, with tenure).
ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

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

   (22) Scott, Emily E., F.F. Blicke Collegiate Professor of Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025 (also professor of medicinal chemistry, with tenure, College of Pharmacy, professor of pharmacology, without tenure, Medical School, and professor of biophysics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).

   (23) Sen, Ananda, Lee A. Green Collegiate Research Professor, UM Office of the Vice President for Research, effective November 1, 2020 through August 31, 2025 (also research professor, Department of Family Medicine, Medical School, and research professor, Department of Biostatistics, School of Public Health).

   (24) Shea, Lonnie D., Ph.D., professor of surgery, without tenure, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020 (also Steven A. Goldstein Collegiate Professor of Biomedical Engineering, William and Valerie Hall Department Chair of Biomedical Engineering, professor of chemical engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, and professor of biomedical engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School).

   (25) Varga, John, M.D., professor of dermatology, without tenure, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020 (also professor of internal medicine, with tenure).

   (26) Winful, Herbert G., professor of physics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021 (also Joseph E. and Anne P. Rowe Professor of Electrical Engineering, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and professor of electrical engineering and computer science, with tenure, College of Engineering).

ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

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

   (1) Baveja, Satinder S., extension of personal leave, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 (Toyota Professor of Artificial Intelligence, and professor of electrical engineering and computer science, with tenure, College of Engineering).

ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

4. Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic and administrative positions.
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(1) Naming of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship as the Stanley Berent, Ph.D. Collegiate Professorship in Psychology, Department of Psychiatry, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020.

(2) Establishment of an endowed deanship as the David A. Breach Dean in Law, Law School, effective December 1, 2020.

(3) Establishment of an endowed professorship as the George G. Cameron Professorship in Ancient Near Eastern Civilization and Languages, Department of Middle East Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective December 1, 2020.

(4) Change of intent of an existing collegiate professorship, Cameron Haight Collegiate Professorship in Thoracic Surgery, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020.

(5) Change in name of an existing unendowed collegiate professorship as the Henry Pollack Early Career Professorship, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective December 1, 2020 (currently the Henry Pollack Endowed Professorship in Geological Sciences).

(6) Establishment of an endowed professorship as the Max Shaye Professorship in Public Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective December 1, 2020.

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

(1) Authorization for the president or the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs to approve necessary appointments, effective December 4, 2020 through February 17, 2021.

(2) Pinto, Rogério, change in title to associate dean for research and innovation, School of Social Work, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 (currently associate dean for research, also professor of social work, with tenure).

(3) Soellner, Matthew B., correction of effective dates, William R. Roush Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2023 (currently September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2022, also assistant professor of chemistry).
DEARBORN CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

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


   (2) Sollenberger, Mitchel A., associate provost for undergraduate education and student success, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 (also professor of political science, with tenure, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters).

   (3) Strandholm, Karen S., interim chair, Department of Management Studies, College of Business, effective January 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021 (also associate professor of strategic management, with tenure, College of Business).

FLINT CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

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

   (1) Bernstein, Stephen D., acting chair, Department of English, College of Arts and Sciences, effective January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 (also professor of English, with tenure, College of Arts and Sciences).

   (2) Thwaite, Sapna, interim dean, School of Education and Human Services, effective January 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021 (also associate professor of education, with tenure, School of Education and Human Services).

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
Recommendations for approval of reappointments

of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff
Reappointment of a Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

Ketra L. Armstrong

University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor, Professor of Kinesiology, with tenure, School of Kinesiology, and Professor of Women’s and Gender Studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Professor of Women’s and Gender Studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

January 1, 2021

On behalf of the Executive Committees of the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the School of Kinesiology, we are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Ketra L. Armstrong as professor of women’s and gender studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021.

Ketra Armstrong attended The Ohio State University where she received her doctorate in 1996. Following appointments in the world of sports management, broadcasting, and coaching, Professor Armstrong was appointed as an instructor of sports management at The Ohio State University (1995-1996) and promoted to associate professor, with tenure. She joined the faculty at the California State University, Long Beach as a professor and director of the graduate program in sports management in 2003, and then was appointed at Michigan as a professor of sports management, with tenure, in 2011.

Professor Armstrong’s scholarship converges on the topics of race, gender, and the social psychology of sport/leisure consumption and the management thereof. Her research has been featured in numerous journals (Journal of Sport Management, Sport Marketing Quarterly, Journal of Sport and Social Issues, Journal of Sport Behavior, Innovative Marketing, Journal of Black Psychology, Journal of Black Studies, Western Journal of Black Studies, and others). For her long-standing dedication to gender equity, the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport recognized Professor Armstrong as the “2010 NAGWS Honorary Guiding Woman in Sport.” As a testament to her commitment to diversity and social justice, she received the 2014 UM Harold L. Johnson Diversity Service Award, the 2015 Charles D. Henry Award from SHAPE America, and she was inducted as a fellow in the New Leadership Academy of the National Center for Institutional Diversity (2015).
We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Ketra L. Armstrong as professor of women’s and gender studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

Lori Ploutz-Snyder
Professor and Dean
School of Kinesiology

December 2020
The dean of the School of Nursing is pleased to recommend the reappointment of Debra Barton as associate dean for research, School of Nursing, for a three-year term, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

Debra Barton received her bachelor’s degree in social work from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana in 1979. She received her associate’s degree in nursing from Parkland College in 1985; her masters of science in nursing, adult health from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana in 1991; and her PhD in nursing from Indiana University in 2002. Professor Barton joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2014 as a professor of nursing, with tenure, in the School of Nursing, and as a professor of psychiatry, without tenure, in the Medical School. She was appointed as the Mary Lou Willard French Professor of Nursing in 2014 as well. In 2018, she was appointed as the associate dean for research in the School of Nursing.

Professor Barton is a consummate researcher who is highly committed to advancing the science of symptom management in patients with cancer. She has furthered the frontier of knowledge by examining the underlying physiology of symptom presentation, and she has tested pharmacologic, behavioral, and complementary treatments for reducing a variety of symptoms, including chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy, hot flashes, and fatigue. Professor Barton has conducted studies funded by the National Cancer Institute (NCI), its National Cancer Clinical Trials Network, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of Nursing Research, the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, and the Department of Defense.

Professor Barton has published over 134 papers in a wide array of journals, including some of the most respected journals in oncology: Journal of Clinical Oncology, Journal of National Cancer Institute, Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Cancer, Supportive Care in Cancer, and Oncology Nursing Forum; 10 book chapters; and 46 research abstracts and proceedings. She has a reputation for excellence as a researcher, and her work is recognized by her peers at the national and international level. She is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, an honor that is based on her contribution to the field. Professor Barton’s expertise as a scientist is
recognized by her appointment to multiple NIH federal review panels and her prior role as editor-in-chief for the *NCI PDQ® Supportive and Palliative Care* information summaries. She has given 31 national and 26 international presentations.

Professor Barton is an outstanding citizen of the nursing community and has made impressive contributions to the nursing profession, and to the broader scientific community. Most notably, she has established a track record as a leader in scientific organizations at the national level including being a peer reviewer for the NIH, and leader within the ONS. She served as a leader in the American Society of Clinical Oncology, an interdisciplinary scientific organization with more than 30,000 members, most recently as a member of the supportive care guidelines advisory group member. She has been active in the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology, a national clinical trials network sponsored by the NCI that consists of nearly 10,000 cancer specialists at hospitals, medical centers, and community clinics across the United States and Canada.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Debra Barton as associate dean for research, School of Nursing, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

Recommended by:  
Patricia D. Hurn  
Dean and Professor  
School of Nursing

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

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

December 2020
On behalf of the College of Pharmacy Executive Committee, we are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Karen B. Farris as the Charles R. Walgreen III Professor of Pharmacy Administration, College of Pharmacy, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.

The Charles R. Walgreen III Professorship in Pharmacy Administration was established in November 2006 through a generous gift from Charles R. Walgreen III, a 1958 graduate of the College of Pharmacy. The purpose of the professorship is to focus greater academic research effort on the socio-economics of health care, health care policy and regulation, and professional ethics through the appointment of distinguished faculty who are leading scholars in these fields. Appointments to this professorship may be any length and may be renewed.

Karen Farris received her BS in pharmacy from the University of Tennessee, Memphis, in 1986, her MPA in 1989 from the University of Memphis, and her PhD in pharmacy from the University of Michigan in 1993. She joined the faculty of pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences at the University of Alberta, Canada, as an assistant professor in 1993 and was promoted to associate professor in 1999. She joined the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy in 2000 as an associate professor of clinical and administrative pharmacy, and was given the additional appointment of associate professor of community and behavioral health in the College of Public Health in 2003. In 2005, she was appointed as an assistant head for post-professional education in her division at the College of Pharmacy, and in 2008 was promoted to professor in both colleges. Professor Farris joined the University of Michigan as the Charles R. Walgreen III Professor of Pharmacy Administration, professor of social and administrative sciences, with tenure, in the College of Pharmacy, and professor of health behavior and health education, without tenure, in the School of Public Health. In 2013, she became an associate chair in the Department of Clinical, Social, and Administrative Sciences, and was appointed as the interim chair in 2014, and chair from 2015-2020.

Professor Farris has earned a national reputation for her work on social theories to examine how older adults manage their medications and the roles of community pharmacists in influencing
medication use, including public health issues. She is a pioneer in the examination of the importance of the role of community pharmacists in public health, which is an emerging area that has gained recognition by experts in both public health and pharmacy. In 2019, she became the executive vice president and treasurer of The Rho Chi Society. She led a team of investigators who received the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Lyman Award for best publication in the *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education* in 2004 and was named a fellow of the American Pharmacists Association in 2006. She is an outstanding citizen of her profession, having significant impact by providing effective leadership and participation in key professional organizations. She is a member of the IPE 101 Task Force, which was the 2020 Awardee for the IPE Innovation and Excellence award. Professor Farris is a dynamic and dedicated educator and mentor who is successful at engaging students at every level. She was the 2016 recipient of the Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research (MICHR) Distinguished Clinical and Translational Research Mentor Award. She is the 2007 Outstanding Student Mentor Award in Biological and Life Sciences at the University of Iowa, and was selected as the Teacher of the Year by the 2006 P3 College of Pharmacy Class.

Professor Farris is an outstanding educator and scientist who has distinguished herself as a leader in her field and at the College of Pharmacy. We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Karen B. Farris as the Charles R. Walgreen III Professor of Pharmacy Administration, College of Pharmacy, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.

RECOMMENDED BY:  RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Bruce A. Mueller  Susan M. Collins
Interim Dean  Provost and Executive Vice
College of Pharmacy  President for Academic Affairs

December 2020
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Jeffrey A. Fessler

CURRENT TITLES: William L. Root Collegiate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with tenure, College of Engineering, Professor of Biomedical Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School, and Professor of Radiology, without tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: William L. Root Collegiate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, College of Engineering

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2026

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Jeffrey A. Fessler as the William L. Root Collegiate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, College of Engineering, for a five-year renewable term, effective March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2026.

This professorship was established by the Regents in February 2016 to honor William L. Root, a former faculty member of the college. The professorship is funded by the College of Engineering. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Jeffrey Fessler received his B.S. degree in electrical engineering (with highest distinction) from Purdue University in 1985. He received his M.S. (1986) in electrical engineering, an additional M.S. (1989) in statistics and his Ph.D. (1990) in electrical engineering from Stanford University. Remaining at Michigan following a post-doctoral fellowship in 1993, Professor Fessler was appointed as an assistant professor and an assistant research scientist in the Division of Nuclear Medicine. He was also appointed as an assistant professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering. In 1995, he joined the faculty in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 1998 and to professor in 2004. Professor Fessler continues to hold additional appointments as a professor in the Departments of Biomedical Engineering and Radiology.

Professor Fessler’s research group is developing computational algorithms for solving inverse problems faster and more effectively. One of his recent NIH-funded research grants focused on reducing the X-ray dose in medical CT scans by using more sophisticated data processing.
methods. Portions of previous work from Professor Fessler’s group has been licensed by the medical imaging industry and incorporated into clinical X-ray CT and SPECT scanners. His group is also developing methods for improving MRI scans, in collaboration with the UM functional MRI laboratory. He also collaborates with the Department of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences on 3D imaging of gamma rays for security applications. Methods inspired by machine learning algorithms are a current focus of his group.

Professor Fessler’s academic achievements fully merit his appointment. We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Jeffrey A. Fessler as the William L. Root Collegiate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, College of Engineering, for a five-year renewable term, effective March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2026.

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

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

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

December 2020
We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Ronald M. Gilgenbach as the Chihiro Kikuchi Collegiate Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.

This professorship was established in the Provost Office and was named the Chihiro Kikuchi Collegiate Professorship in Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences in October 2010 to honor Chihiro Kikuchi, a former faculty member in the Department of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences. The professorship is funded by the College of Engineering. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Ronald Gilgenbach earned his B.S. with honors (1972), his M.S. (1973), both from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and his Ph.D. from Columbia University (1978), all in electrical engineering. After serving as a research scientist at JAYCOR in Alexandria, VA from 1978-1980, he joined the University of Michigan as an assistant professor. Professor Gilgenbach was promoted to associate professor in 1984 and to professor in 1989. From 2010 to 2018, Professor Gilgenbach served as the chair of the Department of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences and in 2017, he was appointed as the Glenn F. and Gladys H. Knoll Department Chair.

Professor Gilgenbach’s research concerns experimental physics and engineering applications of high energy density plasmas and studies of particle beams. He is exploring innovative, new types of relativistic generators of high-power microwaves for advanced radar and other applications. His innovative Linear-Transformer-Driver z-pinch experiment has enabled studies of plasma instabilities at currents up to one-million amperes. Understanding and stabilizing
these plasma instabilities are considered crucial to the success of magnetized-target, nuclear-fusion energy. He has published some 200 refereed journal publications and book chapters and holds five U.S. patents. Professor Gilgenbach has received many honors and awards including being elected as a fellow (2006) and life fellow (2015) of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), fellow of the American Physical Society in 1996, and fellow of the American Nuclear Society in 2017. In 1984, he received the Presidential Young Investigator Award and in 1993 the College of Engineering Research Excellence Award. He received the 2017 Peter Haas Pulsed Power Award from the IEEE. From 2017 to 2018, he served on a National Academy of Sciences Panel on a strategic plan for magnetic confinement fusion.

Professor Gilgenbach’s academic achievements fully merit his reappointment. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Ronald M. Gilgenbach as the Chihiro Kikuchi Collegiate Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, College of Engineering, January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

December 2020
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment

NAME: Joseph A. Himle

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, Howard V. Brabson Collegiate Professor of Social Work, Professor of Social Work, with tenure, School of Social Work, and Professor of Psychiatry, without tenure, Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, School of Social Work

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023

With the approval of the Executive Committee of the School of Social Work, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Joseph A. Himle as associate dean for faculty affairs, School of Social Work, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Joseph Himle received a Ph.D. in social work and personality psychology in 1995, a M.S.W. in social work in 1984, and a Bachelor of Arts in psychology in 1983; all from the University of Michigan.

After completing his education and training, Professor Himle was appointed as an assistant professor in the School of Social Work and Department of Psychiatry in 2003. He was promoted to associate professor in 2009, and to professor in 2015. In 2017, he was appointed as the Howard V. Brabson Collegiate Professor of Social Work.

Professor Himle’s research interests focus on mental health intervention research with adults and youth. His current intervention projects include treatment development projects focused on bringing cognitive behavioral therapy to underserved populations. He is also involved in epidemiological research focused on anxiety disorders in Black Americans. Other areas of research/scholarly interest include the relationship between psychosocial interventions and neurobiological factors, mental disorders, and social work practice in mental health. Professor Himle is the principal investigator on a number of grants including the National Institute of Mental Health multi-site RO-1 grant; “A multi-site systems intervention for unemployed persons with social anxiety.”

In 2019, he received the Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research’s Distinguished Clinical and Translational Research Mentor Award and was recognized in the Top 100 Most Influential Contemporary Social Work Faculty as Assessed by the H-Index. In 2020, Professor Himle was named a fellow of American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare.
Professor Himle was appointed as the associate dean for faculty affairs in January 2017. Previously, he was the associate dean for research in the School of Social Work. Prior to that, he co-directed the Vivian A. and James L. Curtis School of Social Work Research and Training Center. He is a member of the School of Social Work’s senior management team; Executive Committee; Promotion and Tenure Committee; Search Committee; Emergency Preparedness Task Force; and the Technology Committee.

I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Joseph A. Himle as associate dean for faculty affairs, School of Social Work, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Recommended by: 

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Lynn Videka
Dean, School of Social Work

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

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

December 2020
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Additional Appointment

NAME: Rafael Meza Rodriguez

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Epidemiology, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Global Public Health, without tenure, School of Public Health

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Associate Professor of Global Public Health, without tenure, School of Public Health

TERM: Three Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the School of Public Health, we are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Rafael Meza Rodriguez as associate professor of global public health, without tenure, School of Public Health, for a three-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Rafael Meza Rodriguez received his Ph.D. in 2006 from the University of Washington. Following post-doctoral research fellowships at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center from 2006-2008 and at the University of British Columbia Centre for Disease Control from 2008-2011, he joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 2011 and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2017.

Professor Meza is interested in cancer risk assessment and the analysis of cancer epidemiology data using mechanistic models of carcinogenesis. He is also interested in the mathematical modeling of chronic and infectious disease dynamics and its applications in disease prevention public health policy design. He is currently developing models to evaluate the impact of screening and smoking cessation on lung cancer risk. Additional projects include the development of methodologies to investigate the effects of infectious disease dynamics on the risk of cancers with infectious disease etiology, particularly HPV-related cancers, assessing the acceptability of HPV screening in indigenous and minority populations in Latin America, and modeling the impact of policies on tobacco use. He has extensive experience conducting epidemiological studies in low- and middle-income countries, particularly in Latin America and Southeast Asia.

Professor Meza has also developed an international teaching portfolio, and frequently teaches courses in mathematical and epidemiological modeling in Mexico. Due to his research and academic activities, he was recognized with an honorary professorship at Mexico’s National
Institute of Public Health. He currently serves as the associate chair in Epidemiology and is the co-leader for the Cancer Epidemiology and Prevention Program at the UM Rogel Cancer Center.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Rafael Meza Rodriguez as associate professor of global public health, without tenure, School of Public Health, for a three-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

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

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

December 2020
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Additional Appointment

NAME: Richard L. Neitzel

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Environmental Health Sciences, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Global Public Health, without tenure, School of Public Health

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Associate Professor of Global Public Health, without tenure, School of Public Health

TERM: Three Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the School of Public Health, we are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Richard L. Neitzel as associate professor of global public health, without tenure, School of Public Health, for a three-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Richard Neitzel received his B.S. from the University of Southern California. He received his M.S. in environmental health in 1998, and his Ph.D. in environmental and occupational hygiene in 2009, both from the University of Washington, Seattle. Following several research-related positions, he joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 2011 and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2016. He served as the associate chair in the Department of Environmental Health Sciences from 2016-2020 and is now serving as the associate director of the Office of Global Public Health.

Professor Neitzel is an exposure scientist whose research focuses on the characterization of exposures to noise, heavy metals and other ototoxins, psychosocial stressors, and injury risk factors, as well as a range of adverse health effects associated with these exposures. His work, and the work of his team in the UM Exposure Research lab, takes place in occupational and community settings both domestically and aboard. He has conducted applied occupational health and safety research in Europe, Asia, South America, and Africa. He is particularly interested in incorporating new methodologies and exposure sensing technologies into research, and also has a strong interest in translating his research findings into occupational and public health practice. He directs the UM Risk Science Center and Human Health Certificate program, and is also the director of the Pilot Project Research Grant Program of the UM Center for Occupational Health and Safety Engineering.
Professor Neitzel has been involved in several teaching and training activities related to global health. He just completed mentorship of an SPH doctoral student with significant global occupational health aspect to her doctoral research. He has 16 published global health manuscripts since 2016, has taught several global health focused courses at the School of Public Health, and served on the Global Public Health Faculty Advisory Committee at the School of Public Health.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Richard L. Neitzel as associate professor of global public health, without tenure, School of Public Health, for a three-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

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

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

December 2020
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION  

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of a Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member  

NAME: Shobita Parthasarathy  

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Public Policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and Professor of Women’s and Gender Studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts  

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Professor of Women’s and Gender Studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts  

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2021  

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, we are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Shobita Parthasarathy as professor of women’s and gender studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021.  

Shobita Parthasarathy completed her doctorate in science and technology at Cornell University in 2003. Following post-doctoral appointments at Northwestern University (2002-2004) and the University of California, Los Angeles (2004-2005), she was appointed to the tenure track in the Ford School in 2005, promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2011, and to professor in 2018. Professor Parthasarathy has been a guest lecturer in the Women’s and Gender Studies undergraduate curriculum and offers cross-listed courses on gender and health policy. She has also built ties between the Ford School and the department.  

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Shobita Parthasarathy as professor of women’s and gender studies, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021.  

RECOMMENDED BY:  

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:  

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

Michael S. Barr  
Joan and Sanford Weill Dean of Public Policy  
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy  

December 2020
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Steven P. Schwendeman

CURRENT TITLES: Ara G. Paul Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, with tenure, College of Pharmacy, and Professor of Biomedical Engineering, without tenure, Medical School and College of Engineering

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Ara G. Paul Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025

On behalf of the College of Pharmacy Executive Committee, we are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Steven P. Schwendeman as the Ara G. Paul Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy, and effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.

Steven Schwendeman earned his BSE in chemical engineering in 1986 and his PhD/MS in pharmaceutics in 1992, all from the University of Michigan. After a brief training period as a post-doctoral associate in the Department of Pediatrics, University of Michigan Medical School, Professor Schwendeman joined the Department of Chemical Engineering at MIT, where he served as a post-doctoral fellow through 1995. He was appointed as an assistant professor at The Ohio State University in 1995, a position which he held through 2000, when he transferred to the University of Michigan as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 2002 and to professor in 2008. He was appointed as the Ara G. Paul Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and became the chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2011. He received a joint appointment as professor of biomedical engineering in the Medical School and the College of Engineering in 2013.

Professor Schwendeman is a highly distinguished scientist who is a world-renowned leader in the area of protein stability. He combines polymer science, microencapsulation techniques, and protein stability in order to address the fundamental physical and chemical properties of the microenvironment of the PLGA-based carriers in delivering macromolecular drugs such as protein drugs and vaccines. Professor Schwendeman is also a very effective and innovative teacher who participates in the professional degree and graduate degree programs at the College of Pharmacy. He is well-received by our students and recognized as an outstanding mentor. Professor Schwendeman has made significant service contributions to his profession, having served as a member of several professional societies and as a reviewer for numerous journals, advisory boards, and granting organizations. He is an outstanding citizen of the college and
university, and is currently serving as a thrust leader within the Biointerfaces Institute in addition to his responsibilities as department chair. His leadership and insight on the strategic direction of his department and the college are highly valued. Professor Schwendeman was elected as a fellow of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2015; elected to the College of Fellows in the Controlled Release Society in 2016; and elected to the National Academy of Inventors in 2020.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Steven P. Schwendeman as the Ara G. Paul Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy, and effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.

RECOMMENDED BY:  

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Bruce A. Mueller  
Interim Dean  
College of Pharmacy

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:  

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

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

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

December 2020
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Eric P. Swanson

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Philosophy, with tenure, and Professor of Linguistics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Professor of Linguistics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2021

With the approval of the executive committees of the Department of Linguistics and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the Department of Philosophy, we are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Eric P. Swanson as professor of linguistics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021.

Eric Swanson completed his doctorate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2006 and was appointed as an assistant professor at Michigan that same year. He was promoted to associate professor in 2012, and to professor in 2019. Professor Swanson is a philosopher who specializes in the philosophy of language, particularly in what is known as constraint semantics, a branch of formal semantics that seeks to motivate sentence meaning through constraints rather than propositions. He has played an active role in the Department of Linguistics where he co-proposed and co-taught “Discourse of Anaphora” as part of the Marshall M. Weinberg Fund for Graduate Seminars in Cognitive Science. There is a growing synergy in graduate courses between students in philosophy and linguistics and this additional appointment for Professor Swanson has been a fruitful mechanism for continuing to support those relationships.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Eric P. Swanson as professor of linguistics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

December 2020
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  
RENGTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Megan S. Ankerson

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Communication and Media, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2021

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Digital Studies Institute and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the Department of Communication and Media, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Megan S. Ankerson as associate professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021.

Megan Ankerson completed her doctorate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2010. Following appointments as an adjunct instructor and lecturer, Professor Ankerson was appointed as an assistant professor of communication studies at Michigan in 2010 and promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2018.

Professor Ankerson’s research interests include new and emerging media, web history, and visual culture. Her recent book, Dot-com Design: The Rise of a Usable, Social, Commercial Web (2018), historicizes the development of a commercial web design industry during the 1990s dot-com bubble by mapping formal shifts in the web’s visual style and dominant discourses of “quality” design to the changing modes of production, financing, and industrial logics that cohered around the notion of a New Economy. In addition to her book, Professor Ankerson has published numerous journal articles, book chapters, and electronic publications.

Professor Ankerson has been listed as a Digital Studies Institute (DSI) faculty member in recent years and her participation in teaching, research, and service has been foundational to the institute’s formation. Within the Department of Communication and Media, Professor Ankerson teaches seminar courses on the subjects of History and Theory of New Media, Internet Studies, and Media, Time, and Digital Life. Undergraduate and graduate students can apply these courses toward the Digital Studies minor or graduate certificate. Digital Studies has a growing enrollment in these degree programs and there is great student demand for the classes Professor Ankerson teaches.
Professor Ankerson plays an important role in mentoring students and providing expertise in media and cultural studies, politics of design and software, internet histories, and time and memory, which are not covered by other faculty in DSI. She makes an important contribution to the institute’s development and growth while enhancing collaboration among other researchers and students.

We are very pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Megan S. Ankerson as associate professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

December 2020
ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Rosina M. Bierbaum

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Natural Resources and Environment, with tenure, School for Environment and Sustainability

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Climate and Space Sciences and Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2021

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering, and with the endorsement of the School for Environment and Sustainability, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Rosina M. Bierbaum as professor of climate and space sciences and engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2021.

Rosina Bierbaum received her B.A. in English and her B.S. in biology from Boston College in 1974. She received her Ph.D. in ecology and evolution from the State University of New York, Stony Brook in 1985. Professor Bierbaum’s career began in Washington, D.C. in 1980 when she was awarded a Congressional Fellowship. She continued working in the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA), helping various committees of the Congress tackle the emerging science and policy concerns posed by acid rain, marine pollution, urban smog, ozone depletion, energy production, and climate change. From 1993 to 2001, Professor Bierbaum was with the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy in various roles ending with her appointment as acting director. In 2001, she was appointed as the dean (until 2011) and as a professor in the School of Natural Resources and Environment (now the School for Environment and Sustainability). Since 2016, Professor Bierbaum has also held an appointment as the Roy F. Weston Chair in Natural Economics at the University of Maryland.

Professor Bierbaum serves as the chair of the Scientific and Advisory Panel (STAP) of the Global Environment Facility (GEF); STAP provides strategic advice on GEF projects that will both protect the Global Commons and advance the goals of the Rio environmental treaties. She is a senior adviser to the Global Commission on Adaptation set up by Bill Gates, the World Bank, and Ban Ki-moon. During her time as dean, Professor Bierbaum facilitated the creation of a new undergraduate Program in the Environment; developed new dual Master’s tracks to link engineering, architecture, urban planning, and natural resources; tripled research activity; and expanded the mission of the school to include global change.

Professor Bierbaum is a member of the National Academy of Sciences. She is also a board member of the Wildlife Conservation Society, the Federation of American Scientists, the Environmental and Energy Study Institute, the Climate Reality Project, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Gordon E. and Betty I. Moore Foundation, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences Publication Committee. She is a member of the International Advisory Board for the
journal *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment* and the Executive Committee for the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement. Professor Bierbaum also serves on the Morgan Stanley Institute for Sustainability Investment.

Professor Bierbaum is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Ecological Society of America (ESA). She has been recognized with the American Geophysical Union’s Waldo Smith Award for ‘extraordinary service to Geosciences’, the Environmental Protection Agency’s Climate Protection Award, the ESA’s Distinguished Service Citation, and the University of Michigan’s President’s Award for National and State Leadership.

The Department of Climate and Space Sciences and Engineering (CLaSP) has been leading an effort to develop a College of Engineering-wide graduate-level Climate Change Solutions certificate program. Professor Bierbaum has been instrumental in the program development and she will take part in the teaching activities. Her research interests concern climate change adaptation and mitigation and their implications on the society. CLaSP climate science is a highly valuable background for those efforts. The societal impact aspect Professor Bierbaum brings to CLaSP and the certificate program complement the existing expertise and will allow CLaSP science to take directions that have the largest societal significance.

We are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Rosina M. Bierbaum as professor of climate and space sciences and engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

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

December 2020
ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Amy S.B. Bohnert

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Anesthesiology, with tenure, and Associate Professor of Psychiatry, without tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Professor of Epidemiology, without tenure, School of Public Health

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2021

With the support of the Executive Committee of the School of Public Health, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Amy S.B. Bohnert as associate professor of epidemiology, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective January 1, 2021.

Amy Bohnert received her B.A in psychology and English from the University of Maryland in 2002. She received her M.H.S. in mental health in 2005 and her Ph.D. in public health in 2008, both from the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University. She was a post-doctoral fellow in health services research at the Veterans Affairs Center for Clinical Management in 2008 and became a research investigator there in 2010, a position she continues to hold. She joined the University of Michigan Medical School Department of Psychiatry in 2008 as a research fellow and became an assistant professor in 2010. In 2016, she became an associate professor in psychiatry at the Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Health Care System. In 2020, she became an associate professor of psychiatry, with tenure, at the University of Michigan Medical School. She currently holds an additional appointment as an associate professor, without tenure, in anesthesiology at the University of Michigan Medical School (2020).

Professor Bohnert is a clinical epidemiologist and health services researcher. Her research focuses on using patient care datasets for clinical epidemiology, policy analysis and surveillance, preventing mortality related to substance use, developing and evaluating brief counseling and mobile health interventions for behavioral and mental health and pain, and improving care for substance use disorders and pain through policy and education.

Professor Bohnert has served on dissertation committees and as a mentor for epidemiology students and would expand these interactions with students in the Department of Epidemiology including providing opportunities for students to work on projects related to the opioid crisis in her research lab. She will also provide students with content expertise related to addiction epidemiology and methodological expertise related to the use of medical administrative data as
well as survey-based research with hard-to-reach populations such as the homeless and those
with substance use disorders. In addition, she would be a guest lecturer in epidemiology courses
and participate in presenting department seminars.

We are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Amy S.B. Bohnert as professor of
epidemiology, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective January 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

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

December 2020
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: N.M. Mosharaf Kabir Chowdhury

CURRENT TITLE: Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, College of Engineering

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Morris Wellman Faculty Development Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, College of Engineering

TERM: Two Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering are pleased to recommend the appointment of N.M. Mosharaf Kabir Chowdhury as the Morris Wellman Faculty Development Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

The Morris Wellman Faculty Development Assistant Professorship in Computer Science and Engineering was established in March 2001. A second professorship was established in March 2011. Michael P. Wellman, professor of electrical engineering and computer science, endowed this professorship in his grandfather’s name. Morris Wellman was an engineer who worked for most of his career as a civil servant of the City of New York. The professorships are awarded to a junior faculty member to recognize outstanding contributions to teaching and research. Appointments to this professorship may be up to two years.

Mosharaf Chowdhury received his B.S.E. (2007) from the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, his M.S. (2009) from the University of Waterloo, and his Ph.D. (2015) from the University of California, Berkeley. In 2016, Professor Chowdhury joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as an assistant professor.

The future of computing is increasingly data-driven with data being used to help create models for machine translation, chatbots and personal assistants, image captioning, medicine, and autonomous systems. Professor Chowdhury’s work examines design of software and hardware stacks to such computing in both small-scale and datacenter-scale systems, addressing bottlenecks at both infrastructure level and at the application level. One of his early contributions was to co-create open source Apache Spark infrastructure and invented the coflow programming abstraction to help developers build distributed data-parallel applications. This
open source infrastructure is widely used by thousands of researchers and now major companies including Google, Facebook, Amazon, and IBM sponsor its development. Professor Chowdhury has continued to innovate with research on reducing memory latency in data centers, improving scheduling of computations to achieve higher performance, and managing GPU clusters to allow efficient shared use. His work has appeared at top-tier venues in Network Systems Research. Since joining the University of Michigan, he has published at ACM SIGCOMM and NSDI multiple times – the top venues for networking research. He has also actively published at other top venues in broader computer systems research including Usenix OSDI, EuroSys, Usenix Annual Technical Conference, and the ACM SIGMOD conference. He received a Best Paper Award at the Usenix Annual Technical Conference (2020) for work on reducing memory latencies in modern data-intensive applications, leading to performance improvements in applications of over 10x compared to state-of-the-art methods - an amazing achievement. He has successfully raised $2.8M external funding (his share), including an NSF Career Award, a VMware Early Career Faculty Award, a Google Faculty Research Award, as well as a significant sum from internal sources.

Professor Chowdhury’s contributions to education are of strategic importance to CSE. His extensive revisions to EECS 489: Computer Networks, have revitalized the course, yielding strong student evaluation ratings from its first incarnation. Enrollment has doubled after remaining flat for many years. His new graduate-level course, Systems for Big Data and AI, is introducing many CSE and non-CSE graduate students to networked computing systems to support large-scale data-intensive applications every year. He is currently advising seven Ph.D. students and he has advised several undergraduate/master’s students, all who have contributed to his research projects.

Professor Chowdhury has a promising record as a teacher and scholar and is a highly appropriate choice. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of N.M. Mosharaf Kabir Chowdhury as the Morris Wellman Faculty Development Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

December 2020
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Barry J. Fishman

CURRENT TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Professor of Information, with tenure, School of Information, and Professor of Education, with tenure, School of Education

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2021

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Digital Studies Institute and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, with the endorsement of the School of Information and School of Education, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Barry J. Fishman as professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021.

Barry J. Fishman completed his doctorate at Northwestern University in 1996. Following an appointment as a research scientist at Northwestern University, Professor Fishman was appointed as an assistant professor at Michigan in 1997 and promoted through the ranks to professor, with tenure, in 2014.

Professor Fishman’s research is centered around learning environments with an emphasis on transformative teaching and learning enabled by technology. His current research focuses on video games as models for these learning environments, the design of mastery and competency-based programs in higher education, and the development of sustainable learning innovations through design-based implementation research. Professor Fishman has authored and co-authored three books and numerous journal articles. He has been the recipient of many honors and awards. Most recently, he was selected as a fellow of the International Society of the Learning Sciences (2018) and named Distinguished Professor of the Year by the Michigan Association of State Universities (2017).

Professor Fishman teaches seminars in the School of Education that undergraduate students can apply toward the Digital Studies minor or graduate certificate. He provides expertise in mobile media and communication, wireless infrastructure, and interpersonal mediated communication, which are not covered by other faculty in Digital Studies. Digital Studies has a growing enrollment in these degree programs and there is great student demand for Professor Fishman’s courses.
In addition to mentoring undergraduate and graduate students, Professor Fishman has served on countless committees. He has served as an editorial board member for *The Journal of the Learning Sciences* since 2013 and is currently a member of four national advisory boards and six university-wide advisory boards and councils.

We are very pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Barry J. Fishman as professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021.

Recommended by:

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

Thomas A. Finholt
Dean, School of Information

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

December 2020
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST:  Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME:  Scott E.L. Greer

CURRENT TITLES:  Professor of Health Management and Policy, with tenure, School of Public Health, and Professor of Political Science, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE:  Professor of Global Public Health, without tenure, School of Public Health

TERM:  Three Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES:  January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the School of Public Health, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Scott E.L. Greer as professor of global public health, without tenure, School of Public Health, for a three-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Scott Greer received his B.A. in political science from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee in 1996 and his Ph.D. in political science from Northwestern University in 2003. From 2002-2004, he served as a research fellow, Constitution Unit, University College, London, and from 2004-2005, he was a lecturer, School of Public Policy, University College, London. Professor Greer joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor of health management and policy in 2005, was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2011, and to professor in 2017.

Professor Greer has dedicated his career to global health, with a special focus on comparing and learning from the politics and systems of the advanced industrial democracies of Europe. His research has contributed to our understanding of health politics and systems in the United Kingdom, Spain, Germany, France, Canada, and the European Union itself.

Since his last appointment, he published 13 global health manuscripts and was first author on seven, participates actively in setting up international internships, and has regularly served on SPH global health committees. Professor Greer continues to serve in a leadership/advisory role on four international committees. He has been working, and succeeding, at the top levels of global public health to achieve this status as an expert in European health systems and policies recognized by the Europeans themselves.
We are very pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Scott E.L. Greer as professor of global public health, without tenure, School of Public Health, for a three-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Recommended by:

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

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

December 2020
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Robert D. Gregg IV

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2021

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering, I am pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Robert D. Gregg IV as associate professor of mechanical engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2021.

Robert Gregg received his B.S. from the University of California, Berkeley in 2006. He received his M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 2007 and 2010, respectively. Following graduation, Professor Gregg completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Northwestern University in 2011. From 2011 to 2013, he was with the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago as a research scientist. In 2013, Professor Gregg was appointed as an assistant professor at the University of Texas at Dallas. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as an associate professor in 2019.

Professor Gregg studies the design and control of wearable robotic systems, with an emphasis on control theoretic descriptions of human locomotion, including fundamental advancements of phase variable approaches. A significant portion of his research program involves mechanical engineering principles. His work includes the development of legged robotic systems (e.g. bipeds, exoskeletons, prostheses), which requires design analysis, computer aided design, and implementation of ‘low level’ servocontrol. These skills are both important and of interest to doctoral students in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. His work has been recognized with several distinctions and awards including the NIH New Innovator Award and the NSF CAREER Award. During his time at the University of Texas at Dallas, Professor Gregg was the recipient of a Bioengineering Undergraduate Teaching Award and the Provost’s Award for Faculty Excellence in Undergrad Research Mentoring.
With this additional appointment, Professor Gregg is ideally suited to assist the Department of Mechanical Engineering by his active involvement with research and students. I am pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Robert D. Gregg IV as associate professor of mechanical engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDED BY:  

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:  

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

December 2020
With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Teri A. Grieb, Ph.D. as associate dean for research strategy, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020.

Teri A. Grieb received her Ph.D. in genetics in 2000 from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. She completed the Rudi Ansbacher Women in Academic Medicine Leadership Scholars Program in 2017. She was appointed to faculty at the University of Michigan, Department of Anesthesiology, as a research assistant professor in December 2020.

Dr. Grieb has held numerous leadership positions in industry and academia including: director of Tissue Biologics at Clearant, Inc., director of the Office of Research, University of Michigan Medical School (2008-2010), managing director of the Michigan Institute for Clinical Health (2010-2016), and her current position as the senior director for research of the UM Office of Research (2010-present). Dr. Grieb also has a substantial record of service contributions. Dr. Grieb is on the Research Board of Directors for the University of Michigan and is a member of Institutional Review Board Leadership.

Dr. Grieb will serve as the associate dean and will guide the research efforts of the Medical School and will serve as a key advisor to the executive vice dean for research/chief scientific officer (EVDR/CSO) and is an integral partner to the executive vice president for medical affairs and dean, executive vice dean for academic affairs, and the executive vice dean for clinical affairs for research and other departments to enhance the quality and quantity of externally sponsored research. She will coordinate and administrate activities related to the strategic advancement of the Medical School research portfolio; setting the strategic goals and objectives for the research enterprise, while monitoring key metrics that will guide programmatic decisions.
I am, therefore, pleased to recommend the appointment of Teri A. Grieb, Ph.D. as associate dean for research strategy, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

December 2020
With the approval of the Executive Committee of the School of Public Health, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Alexis J. Handal as associate professor of global public health, without tenure, School of Public Health, for a three-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Alexis Handal received her Bachelor of Science at University of Colorado in 1998. She attended the University of Michigan where she completed her Master in Public Health in 2002 and Doctorate in 2006. She joined our faculty as an associate professor in the Department of Epidemiology in 2019.

Professor Handal is the GHE track leader for the GHE students in the Epidemiology Program. She is also a member of the GHE faculty and has met several times since starting at UM regarding the GHE curricula. Professor Handel is the department’s representative on the Office of Global Public Health advisory committee.

Professor Handal has dedicated her research career to working globally, specifically in Latin America. The majority of her research to date has been in Ecuador, where she began building her research program over 17 years ago. She has obtained several NIH grants to support her research in Ecuador, and currently has a NIESH funded R01 grant supporting this research. Since arriving at UM, she has also begun a research program in Michigan with Latinx immigrant workers, which may be considered an important extension of her global occupational health research. Finally, she is a Global Burden of Disease contributor and has contributed to various publications analyzing GBD data.

While at the University of New Mexico, Professor Handal did not explicitly teach global health, as that was not a focus of the program. However, she routinely used examples of her work in Ecuador in her teaching. She also involved students in the research, whenever possible. Since 2019, she has taken on more of a role with the GHE students. Specifically, she is the lead...
instructor on one of the core GHE courses, Field Methods in Developing Countries (EPID 664) and she meets regularly with other GHE faculty members to discuss the track and the curriculum. She has been appointed the GHE faculty track leader starting Fall 2020. Professor Handal was a founding member of the International Society Children’s Health and the Environment and was elected as Council Member from 2016-2019. She also is an active member of ISEE, and is an active member of the ISEE LAC subgroup, which consists of members from across Latin America and the Caribbean.

We are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Alexis J. Handal as associate professor of global public health, without tenure, School of Public Health, for a three-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Recommended by:  Recommendation endorsed by:

F. DuBois Bowman. Ph.D.  Susan M. Collins
Dean, School of Public Health  Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

December 2020
On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Digital Studies Institute and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the School of Information, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Libby M. Hemphill as associate professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021.

Libby Hemphill completed her doctorate at the University of Michigan in 2009. Following an appointment as a research fellow, Professor Hemphill was appointed as an assistant professor at the Illinois Institute of Technology and promoted to associate professor in 2016. She began her career at Michigan as an associate professor, without tenure, in 2017.

Professor Hemphill’s research focuses on social media, digital curation, political communication, and feminist data science. She studies politicians, non-profit organizations, and television fans to understand how people use social media to organize, discuss, and enact social change. She also studies data curation, including how we evaluate the impacts of data reuse and investments in curating and disseminating research data. Professor Hemphill has published a book review, many book chapters, and numerous articles. Her most recent work, an article entitled “Two Computational Models for Analyzing Political Attention in Social Media” (2020) has been accepted for publication at the International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media.

Professor Hemphill is expected to teach a seminar course in the School of Information on digital curation and computational methods in critical digital inquiry that undergraduate and graduate students can apply toward the Digital Studies minor or graduate certificate. She currently leads efforts to curate and preserve social media data and data about minority populations in her role within the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research. There is great student demand for Professor Hemphill’s courses.
Professor Hemphill plays an important role in mentoring students and providing expertise in digital curation, feminist data science, and political communication, which are not covered by other faculty in Digital Students. She makes an important contribution to the institute’s development and growth while enhancing collaboration among other researchers and students.

We are very pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Libby M. Hemphill as associate professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

Thomas A. Finholt
Dean, School of Information

December 2020
ACTUAL REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Laura D. Hirshbein

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of History, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2021

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of History and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Laura D. Hirshbein as professor of history, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021.

Laura D. Hirshbein received her doctor of medicine degree from the University of Michigan in 1997. She received her doctorate from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in 2000 and completed her residency in general adult psychiatry at the University of Michigan in 2001. Professor Hirshbein joined the Michigan faculty as a clinical instructor in 2001 and was promoted through the ranks to professor, with tenure, in 2019.

Professor Hirshbein’s academic field of study is the history of medicine and psychiatry. Specifically, her research interests include the history of: children’s mental health; age, gender, and psychiatric diagnosis; smoking and mental illness; and psychiatry and neurology in Michigan. Professor Hirshbein has been the recipient of many awards including the Nancy Roeske Award for Excellence in Teaching Medical Students from the American Psychiatric Association (2009) and the Irma Bland Award for Excellence in Teaching Residents from the American Psychiatric Association (2008). She was honored in 2019 as an Alpha Omega Alpha Visiting Professor at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Professor Hirshbein developed and teaches medical history interactive sessions in the Medical Humanities Pathway of Excellence as well as a course in the history of psychiatry for resident students. She hopes to teach an advanced undergraduate course within the Department of History on the topic of general history of mental health and history of psychiatry. Professor Hirshbein also plans to actively advise and mentor students within the history discipline.

Professor Hirshbein is a member of many professional societies including the American Association for the History of Medicine (since 1990), the Organization of American Historians (since 1999), Association for Academic Psychiatry (since 2003) and the American Psychiatric Association (since 1998), where she has served as a fellow since 2018. She is also the editor-in-
chief of the *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* and has been since 2018. The Department of History is looking forward to Professor Hirshbein’s participation as a dissertation committee member for graduate students.

We are very pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Laura D. Hirshbein as professor of history, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021.

**RECOMMENDED BY:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:**

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

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

December 2020
On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Digital Studies Institute and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Osman Khan as associate professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021.

Osman Khan completed his Master of Fine Arts degree at the University of California, Los Angeles in 2004. He joined the Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in the Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design (STAMPS) in 2009, and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2015.

Professor Khan is an artist interested in using technology to construct artifacts and experiences for social criticism and aesthetic expression. His work explores certain themes to see how technology fabricates and subverts understanding of identity, communication, and public space through interactive installations and site-specific interventions. Professor Khan’s work has been shown internationally and articles about his work have appeared in Artforum, Artweek, LA Times, and The Wall Street Journal.

Professor Khan teaches studio courses in STAMPS that undergraduate and graduate students can apply toward the Digital Studies minor or graduate certificate. These courses cover creative coding, physical computing, adaptive art, and digital fabrication. He mentors students and provides expertise in art and technology, interactive installation, decolonizing technology, and hacking. Digital Studies has a growing enrollment in these degree programs and there is great student demand for the classes that Professor Khan teaches.

Professor Khan has been involved in numerous committees and advisory groups during his time at Michigan. He was the co-founder of Indus Detroit, Artist Residency as well as co-founder and board member of Gathering All Muslim Artists (GAMA). Professor Khan makes an important
contribution to the institute’s development and growth while enhancing collaboration among other researchers and students.

We are very pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Osman Khan as associate professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

December 2020
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Meredith Morgan, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Radiation Oncology, with tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Theodore S. Lawrence, M.D., Ph.D., and Patricia Krause Research Professor of Radiation Oncology, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: December 1, 2020 through August 31, 2025

On the recommendation of Reshma Jasgsi, M.D., D.Phil., the Newman Family Professor and deputy chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Meredith Morgan, Ph.D. as the Theodore S. Lawrence, M.D., Ph.D., and Patricia Krause Research Professor of Radiation Oncology, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020 through August 31, 2025.

The Theodore S. Lawrence, M.D., Ph.D., and Patricia Krause Research Professorship in Radiation Oncology was established in July 2016 through an estate gift from Patricia Krause. The intent of this professorship is to give hope to cancer patients by providing continuous support for innovative research in new treatments for liver and pancreas cancer and brain tumors using image-guided therapy and combination chemoradiation with molecularly targeted therapies. The holder will be a faculty member of the Department of Radiation Oncology. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Meredith Morgan completed her Ph.D. in biology and one year of post-doctoral training at West Virginia State University. She completed three additional years of post-doctoral training in the lab of Dr. Theodore Lawrence in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Division of Radiation and Cancer Biology at the University of Michigan. Dr. Morgan joined the Radiation Oncology faculty as a research investigator in 2005, and rose through the ranks to an associate professor, with tenure, in 2018. In 2020, she was appointed as the associate chair for Radiation and Cancer Biology in the Department of Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Morgan leads a research program with the overarching goal of translating basic laboratory studies to clinical trials with a specific focus on using experimental therapeutics targeting the DNA damage response to sensitize cancers to radiation therapy and immunotherapy. She has published over 60 peer-reviewed papers on this research in top-tiers journals, including Molecular Cell, Cancer Research, Nucleic Acids Research, and Cancer Discovery. While the number and quality of papers she has published are objective measures of the impact of her research, even more significant is the impact that her laboratory studies have had on the lives of pancreatic cancer
patients at Michigan Medicine. Dr. Morgan led the laboratory studies combining DNA damage response inhibitors with chemoradiation in pancreatic cancer. These studies resulted in multiple publications and a Phase I and II clinical trial conducted in the Rogel Cancer Center combining a novel DNA damage response inhibitor with chemoradiation. Of the 34 patients enrolled in this trial, the median overall survival was nearly double that of historical control patients treated with standard chemoradiation. Dr. Morgan has collaborated both with industry and University of Michigan investigators to understand the role of DNA damaging agents combined with radiation therapy in stimulating the immune response. Because of her strong translational background, she is participating in the design of the next generation of clinical trials using immune checkpoint blockading agents.

Dr. Morgan’s service to the institution is highlighted by her long-standing commitment to the Biomedical Research Council, which ultimately resulted in her role as the chair from 2018-2019. She has served on the Medical School Faculty Awards Committee, and most recently she was elected to the Faculty Senate Assembly as a medical school representative. Nationally, she has been a member of numerous committees, including the Radiation Sciences Working Group of the American Association of Cancer Research.

Dr. Morgan is an outstanding researcher and educator who has received continuous funding through the National Institutes of Health. She has made significant strides in the treatment of patients with pancreatic cancer, which aligns with the intent of this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment Meredith Morgan, Ph.D. as the Theodore S. Lawrence, M.D., Ph.D., and Patricia Krause Research Professor of Radiation Oncology, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020 through August 31, 2025.

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

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

December 2020
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Bhramar Mukherjee

CURRENT TITLES: John D. Kalbfleisch Collegiate Professor of Biostatistics, Chair, Department of Biostatistics, Professor of Biostatistics, with tenure, and Professor of Epidemiology, without tenure, School of Public Health

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Global Public Health, without tenure, School of Public Health

TERM: Three Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the School of Public Health, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Bhramar Mukherjee as professor of global public health, without tenure, School of Public Health, for a three-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Bhramar Mukherjee received a Ph.D. in statistics from Purdue University in 2001 and joined the Department of Statistics at the University of Florida as an assistant professor in 2002. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor of biostatistics in 2006, was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2009, and to professor in 2013. She received an additional appointment as a professor of epidemiology, without tenure, in 2014, was appointed as the John D. Kalbfleisch Collegiate Professor of Biostatistics in 2015, and became chair of the Department of Biostatistics in 2018.

Professor Mukherjee has been a long-time contributor to the school’s global public health efforts. Her teaching and training interests are in building biostatistics and epidemiology capacity in developing countries. While India and China both have a rich tradition of mathematical statistics, the culture of true biomedical collaboration has not been adopted in the statistics training system. Through development of online teaching modules, accompanied by onsite instructors a new model for hybrid flipped classroom teaching through biostatistics bootcamps can be an effective strategy. She served a number of years as the co-director of Global StatCore with an intention to enhance the support of global public health research by biostatisticians internationally. She is interested in developing new training methods that are effective in developing nations and in analyzing genetic and environmental data jointly and understanding variation. During the COVID-19 pandemic she was involved in modeling the effect of non-pharmaceutical interventions in India.
Professor Mukherjee has been an active researcher in global public health as demonstrated by her publication and funding record. She has a strong research footprint in India, with several prior collaborations in methodological biostatistics, cancer research and environmental health with researchers at the Indian Statistical Institute, Tata Memorial Center for cancer Research, All India Institute of Medical Sciences and Public Health Foundation of India. She has conducted her own study on maternal and child health in India supported by a Diamond M-cubed grant supported by the Trehan Foundation. Two senior author papers resulted from the study.

With the COVID-19 outbreak, Professor Mukherjee and her team have made a profound impact on influencing pandemic policies in India through accurate forecasting and an app covind19.org that has become a go to destination for policymakers and journalists. Her work was quoted as a critical piece of evidence in determining the national lockdown and from March 23-August 1 and generated 550 media clips with a reach of 2.6 billion. In a recent New York Times article, the work was quoted as an example of rigorous data science done in a nimble manner to influence policy by two stalwarts in the field: Professor Eisen from UC Berkeley and Professor Tibshirani from Stanford University. Three papers have resulted from this work in a quick timeframe (one published, one in revision and one under submission).

We are very pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Bhramar Mukherjee as professor of global public health, without tenure, School of Public Health, for a three-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

December 2020
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Brahmajee K. Nallamothu, M.D., M.P.H.

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Stevo Julius Research Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: December 1, 2020 through August 31, 2025

On the recommendation of John M. Carethers, M.D., the C. Richard Boland Distinguished University Professor, the John G. Searle Professor, and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Brahmajee K. Nallamothu, M.D., M.P.H. as the Stevo Julius Research Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020 through August 31, 2025.

The Stevo Julius Research Professorship in Cardiovascular Medicine was established in June 2019 through a generous gift from an anonymous donor. Stevo Julius investigated early phases of human hypertension. The appointee to this professorship will be a faculty member in the Department of Internal Medicine. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Brahmajee K. Nallamothu, completed his M.D. degree from Wayne State University in 1995. He completed a residency at the University of Michigan, a fellowship in general medicine at the Agency for Health Care Policy in 2000, and a fellowship in interventional cardiology in 2004. Dr. Nallamothu joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2000 as a lecturer and rose through the ranks to associate professor in 2015.

Dr. Nallamothu is an interventional cardiologist and cardiovascular outcomes researcher in the Department of Internal Medicine. He has a long-standing interest in improving the use of specialized cardiovascular services in high-risk patients; particularly those with heart attacks or suffering cardiac arrest. His most recent work has focused on combining “Big Data” tools with qualitative approaches. Dr. Nallamothu is the editor-in-chief of *Circulation: Cardiovascular Quality and Outcomes*, a journal of the American Heart Association. He has also served as a member of the Steering and Research and Publications committees of the American College of Cardiology’s D2B Alliance. Dr. Nallamothu’s research has been continuously funded through the National Institutes of Health, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Veterans Affairs Health, Services Research and Development, and the American Heart Association. He has published 430 peer-reviewed articles, and one book.
Dr. Nallamothu is an excellent clinician-scientist and educator, and a fitting candidate for this prestigious professorship. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Brahmajee K. Nallamothu, M.D., M.P.H. as the Stevo Julius Research Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020 through August 31, 2025.

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

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

December 2020
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Goutham Narla, M.D., Ph.D.

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Human Genetics, without tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2020

On the recommendation of Anthony Antonellis, Ph.D., the James V. Neel Collegiate Professor and chair of the Department of Human Genetics, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Goutham Narla, M.D., Ph.D. as professor of human genetics without tenure, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020.

Goutham Narla completed his M.D. and Ph.D. degrees in 2006 at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Dr. Narla completed a residency in internal medicine in 2008 and a fellowship in medical genetics from 2008-2011 at Mount Sinai. He was appointed as an instructor in genetics and genomic sciences and medicine at that institution in 2008. Dr. Narla was promoted to an assistant professor in 2009. He was concurrently appointed as an assistant professor in internal medicine in 2009 and in medical education in 2010. He was appointed as an assistant professor at Case Western Reserve University in 2012, and was promoted to an associate professor, with tenure, in 2016. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2018 as an associate professor, and in 2020, was promoted to professor.

Dr. Narla is an outstanding medical geneticist and scientist. His research program focuses on identifying tumor suppressor genes in human cancer, characterize tumor suppressor gene inactivation in cancer progression, and developing strategies to reactive tumor suppressor gene function as a potential therapy. A joint appointment in Human Genetics will provide Dr. Narla with access to scientific and educational environment. He and his lab will receive feedback on their research projects from our faculty and trainees. Furthermore, he will have access to the Ph.D. program in genetics and genomics; students in the program will be welcome to join Dr. Narla’s laboratory for their training. Dr. Narla will bring needed expertise in cancer genetics and medical genetics to the department. Potential contributions from him include attending faculty and student presentations and providing feedback, serving on departmental committees, and teaching a course on the molecular mechanisms of inherited disease (HG542).
This appointment will be essential to solidify relationships between the Departments of Human Genetics and Internal Medicine, and for developing collaborations on the diagnosis and etiology of inherited disease. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the additional appointment of Goutham Narla, M.D., Ph.D. as professor of human genetics, without tenure, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020.

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

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

December 2020
ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Mark H. Nornes

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Film, Television, and Media, with tenure, and Professor of Asian Languages and Cultures, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Art and Design, without tenure, School of Art and Design

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Interim Chair, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021

The Dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, with the endorsement of the School of Art and Design, are pleased to recommend the appointment of Mark H. Nornes as interim chair, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

Mark Nornes received his B.A. from St. Olaf College in 1986. He attended the University of Southern California, where he completed his M.A. in 1990 and Ph.D. in 1996. Professor Nornes began his teaching career as a lecturer at Colby College (1995) and at Vanderbilt University (1996). That same year, he joined the University of Michigan as an assistant professor in the Program in Film and Video Studies and the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures. In 2001, he was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, and to professor in 2007.

Professor Nornes is a scholar in the field of Japanese cinema. He has served as the associate chair of the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures and as the chair of the Department of Film, Television, and Media (then the Department of Screen Arts and Cultures); he has also served on executive committees of the Departments of Asian Languages and Cultures and Film, Television, and Media. Professor Nornes’s most recent book is Rediscovering Classical Japanese Film Theory, a co-edited reader (Yumani, 2018), and his upcoming monograph, Brushed in Light, is on calligraphy in East Asian cinema (University of Michigan Press, 2021).
We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Mark H. Nornes as interim chair, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

December 2020

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

Gunalan Nadarajan
Dean and Professor,
Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: James J. Prescott

CURRENT TITLES: Henry King Ransom Professor of Law, and Professor of Law, with
tenure, Law School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Economics, without tenure, College of Literature,
Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2021

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Economics and the
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the Law School, we are
pleased to recommend the joint appointment of James J. Prescott as professor of economics,
without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021.

James Prescott received his doctorate in economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology
in 2006. He was a research assistant at the Brookings Institute (1996-1997) and clerked for a
federal appeals court judge (2002-2003) before being appointed as an assistant professor in the
Law School in 2006. He was promoted to professor, with tenure, in 2011. He is also a faculty
affiliate of the Population Studies Center in the Institute for Social Research.

Professor Prescott’s research focuses on law and economics, an area that he has significantly
strengthened since 2006. He is a co-director of the Program in Law and Economics and is a co-
organizer of the law and economics workshop. He occasionally participates in the public
finance, labor, and applied microeconomics seminars in the Department of Economics. He has
served on the doctoral committees of six Ph.D. students in economics, including three current
students. He has expressed an interest in teaching “Economic Analysis of Law” at the
undergraduate level or at the graduate level in a joint J.D./Ph.D. class, if there is sufficient
student interest. Professor Prescott is an associate editor of the International Review of Law and
Economics, a member of the editorial board of the American Law and Economics Review, and a
member of the Board of Directors of Innovations for Poverty Action. At the Law School, he is a
co-director of the Program in Law and Economics, a co-director of the Empirical Legal Studies
Center, and one of the regular organizers of the law and economics workshop.

Professor Prescott is a productive researcher who is making important contributions to the
intersection of law and economics. He actively and constructively contributes to the intellectual
life of the Department of Economics.
We are very pleased to recommend the joint appointment of James J. Prescott as professor of economics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

Mark D. West
Dean, Law School
Nippon Life Professor of Law

December 2020

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Susan M. Collins
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Nilton O. Rennó

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Climate and Space Sciences and Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Aerospace Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2021

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering, I am pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Nilton O. Rennó as professor of aerospace engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2021.

Nilton Rennó received his B.S. in civil and environmental engineering in 1983 from the University of Campinas, Brazil. He received his Ph.D. in 1992 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He remained at MIT as a post-doctoral associate until 1993. From 1993 to 1994, he was with the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as a post-doctoral scholar. From 1994 to 1995, he was with the California Institute of Technology as a research fellow. In 1995, Professor Rennó was appointed as an assistant professor at the University of Arizona, and he was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2002. In 2002, Professor Rennó joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor. In 2008, he was promoted to professor, with tenure.

Professor Rennó is the director of the Master of Engineering in Space Engineering Program, and the lead teacher of the program’s two core classes on systems engineering for space systems. He has chaired and co-chaired more than a dozen Ph.D. committees, including students at universities in Brazil, Italy, France, Germany and Spain. He has mentored more than 100 master students. Professor Rennó has more than 100 peer reviewed journal publications and seven patents.

Professor Rennó’s research interests include astrobiology, aerosols, instrument development, planetary science, thermodynamics, and systems engineering. He studies the physical processes that control the habitability of the Earth and other planets, and works on the design and fabrication of instruments for this purpose. In addition, he translates some of his basic research into commercial products such as a vision system for autonomous vehicles. He has received numerous awards for his research and as a member of space missions, including the Space Foundation John L. “Jack” Swigert Jr. Award for Space Exploration, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Foundation’s Award for Excellence, and the National Aeronautic
Associations 2012 Robert J. Collier Trophy for work on the Mars Science Laboratory. In addition, his students have won numerous prestigious awards.

Professor Rennó has served on many national-level committees, including the National Academies’ Committee on Strategy to Search for Life in the Universe, Planetary Protection for Mars Special Regions, Panel on Earth Sciences, NASA Discovery Downselect Panel, Organizing Committee of the National Research Council Workshop on “Searching for Life Across Space and Time,” and on NASA’s Europa Lander Executive Committee.

I am pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Nilton O. Rennó as professor of aerospace engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

December 2020
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Christian E. Sandvig

CURRENT TITLES: H. Marshall McLuhan Collegiate Professor of Digital Media, Professor of Information, with tenure, School of Information, Professor of Communication and Media, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and Professor of Art and Design, without tenure, Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2021

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Digital Studies Institute and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the School of Information and Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Christian E. Sandvig as professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021.

Christian Sandvig received his doctorate from Stanford University in 2002. Following his time as an assistant professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Professor Sandvig joined the Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 2008 and was promoted to professor in 2016.

Professor Sandvig’s research investigates the consequences of algorithmic systems that curate and organize culture, especially social media. He published his first book, Digital Research Confidential: The Secrets of Studying Behavior Online, in 2015 and his second book is being prepared for publication. In addition to his books, he has published numerous journal articles, book chapters, and conference papers. Professor Sandvig has also been invited to give many high-profile lectures; most recently, he gave a lecture called “Your Favorite Web Site May Be Discriminating Against You” at the annual meeting of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Professor Sandvig’s labor was foundational to the formation of the Digital Studies Institute and he has been listed as a faculty member in recent years. He teaches seminar courses in the Department of Communication and Media and the School of Information that undergraduate and graduate students can apply toward the Digital Studies minor or graduate certificate. Professor Sandvig mentors students and provides expertise in code studies, digital feminism, digital media theory, and game studies, which are not covered by other faculty in Digital Studies. Digital
Studies has a growing enrollment in these degree programs and there is great student demand for the classes he teaches.

In addition to serving on various editorial boards reviewing articles and manuscripts, and serving as an external reviewer for promotion and tenure reviews, Professor Sandvig has served on multiple committees throughout the years. He was an elected member of the Digital Studies Institute Executive Committee from 2018-2020 and served on the Dean’s Advisory Committee for the School of Information in 2019. Professor Sandvig currently serves on the Faculty Council for the Center for Social Media Responsibility as well as the Laboratory Committee in the Department of Communication and Media.

We are very pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Christian E. Sandvig as professor in the Digital Studies Institute, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

Thomas A. Finholt
Dean, School of Information

Gunalan Nadarajan
Dean and Professor,
Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design

December 2020
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Unendowed Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Anna A.S. Schwendeman

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, with tenure, College of Pharmacy

ADDITIONAL TITLE: William I. Higuchi Collegiate Professor of Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the College of Pharmacy, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Anna A.S. Schwendeman as the William I. Higuchi Collegiate Professor of Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy, for a five-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.

This professorship was established in the Provost Office and was named the William I. Higuchi Professorship in August 2014 in honor of William Higuchi, a pioneer in the area of drug formulation and delivery. Professor Higuchi was a distinguished member of the faculty at the University of Michigan, College of Pharmacy from 1962 through 1982 and received an honorary degree from the University of Michigan in 2013. The professorship is funded by College of Pharmacy resources. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Anna Schwendeman received her BS in chemical physics from the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology in 1994 and a PhD in pharmaceutical chemistry from The Ohio State University in 2000. Upon obtaining her doctorate, Professor Schwendeman spent 12 years working in industry, gaining leadership and executive skills in addition to scientific experience, at Esperion Therapeutics (2000-2004), Pfizer Global Research and Development (2004-2005), and Cerenis Therapeutics (2006-2011). She joined the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy in 2012 as a research assistant professor in the Department of Medicinal Chemistry and converted to assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences in 2015. She was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2018.

Professor Schwendeman is an outstanding scientist and has established a very successful research program to develop and understand the pharmaceutical properties of synthetic high-density lipoproteins (HDL) products and translate them to the clinic. She has made key contributions to the field of nanomedicine with application to atherosclerosis/cardiovascular disease, cancer, lupus, and infectious disease. Her ability to develop collaborations with Medical School and other faculty is impressive and makes possible the translational and engineering aspects of her research. She and her collaborators have recently received a large center grant from the Food and Drug Administration, and she has assumed leadership of the Cellular Biotechnology Training Program grant for graduate students that was previously managed in the College of Engineering. She received the American
Heart Association Scientist Development Grant in 2013 and won a translational science competition in 2015 (Biomedical Innovation Shark Tank hosted by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation). The company co-founded by Professor Schwendeman (EVOQ Therapeutics) was selected as the winner of the Michigan Innovation Cup in 2019.

Professor Schwendeman is a very committed teacher and an outstanding mentor. She has taught classes for PharmD students as well as graduate students, bringing innovative teaching methods that engage students in learning the science that drives biopharmaceutical product formulation, development, and approval. Her scientific inquiry and innovation translates into the classroom where she has also given guest lectures on biopharmaceutical manufacturing, biosimilar analysis, and regulatory requirements for clinical drug development and approval in the Departments of Chemical Engineering, Biophysics, Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Medicinal Chemistry. Professor Schwendeman has mentored 52 students and trainees since 2012, and many of them received competitive fellowships and awards while in her group. She recently made significant contributions to our teaching mission through her participation in establishing and implementing a new curriculum for the college’s revised BS in pharmaceutical sciences program.

Professor Schwendeman is an outstanding citizen of the College of Pharmacy and her profession. In addition to serving on many important college committees, she serves as a faculty diversity ally for Graduate Education and participates in other service activities related to increasing program diversity. Professor Schwendeman is currently a member of several professional societies and has been active in organizing national conferences and moderating sessions. She is recognized as a leader in her field, serving as a grant reviewer for many national and international organizations and as associate editor or editorial board member for three highly regarded journals.

We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Anna A.S. Schwendeman as the William I. Higuchi Collegiate Professor of Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy, for a five-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Bruce A. Mueller
Interim Dean
College of Pharmacy

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

December 2020
On behalf of the College of Pharmacy, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Emily E. Scott as the F.F. Blicke Collegiate Professor of Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.

This professorship was established in the Provost Office and was named the F.F. Blicke Collegiate Professorship in Pharmacy in May 2008 in honor of F.F. Blicke, who was a distinguished alumnus and an accomplished faculty member of the College of Pharmacy from the 1920s through 1961. He successfully established the first doctoral study program in medicinal chemistry in the United States, and his research and educational contributions had a considerable impact on the field of medicinal chemistry, bringing him national recognition as a leader in synthetic organic pharmaceutical chemistry. The professorship is funded from College of Pharmacy resources. Distinguished faculty may be appointed for up to five years, and appointments may be renewed.

Emily Scott completed her B.S. in marine biology at Texas A&M University at Galveston in 1992 and her Ph.D. in biochemistry and cell biology at Rice University in 1998. She remained at Rice for one year as a post-doctoral research fellow before completing a post-doctoral fellowship in pharmacology and toxicology at the University of Texas Medical Branch in 2004. At that time, she joined the University of Kansas as an assistant professor of medicinal chemistry. She was promoted to associate professor in 2010 and to professor in 2015. The University of Kansas also granted her courtesy faculty appointments in the Department of Molecular Biosciences and the Department of Chemistry in 2007 and 2008 respectively. In 2016, she was appointed as a professor of medicinal chemistry, with tenure, Department of Medicinal Chemistry, University of Michigan College of Pharmacy.

Professor Scott is an outstanding scientist, educator, mentor and role model. Her research involves solving the crystal structures of the mammalian P450 enzymes that play an important role in drug metabolism. She has made several significant contributions in this field and has earned an international reputation as a drug metabolism scientist and structural biologist. In 2019, Professor Scott was elected as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), and her work has also been recognized by an exceptionally prestigious NIH MERIT award. She is highly visible at the national and international levels and is serving, or has served, on advisory boards and awards committees for national and international professional organizations. She has also been invited to chair or co-chair
sessions at numerous national and international conferences and meetings, and she currently serves on the editorial boards for four journals. She has served as the faculty director of the University of Michigan BioNMR Core since 2017 and is involved in many other service activities on campus.

Professor Scott is a very dedicated and effective educator, having mentored 25 Ph.D. students and 15 post-doctoral trainees in addition to several undergraduate students. Her students and trainees have been successful in competing for appointments on NIH-sponsored training grants and individual grants such as the NIH NRSA and the NIH Pathway to Independence Award. Professor Scott employs innovative teaching methods in the classroom and is very well received by students in the didactic setting.

Professor Scott is a highly valued and gifted member of our faculty who has distinguished herself as a teacher, scholar, and colleague. We are delighted to recognize her talents and achievements. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Emily E. Scott as the F.F. Blice Collegiate Professor of Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Bruce A. Mueller
Interim Dean
College of Pharmacy

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

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

December 2020
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Collegiate Research Professorship

NAME: Ananda Sen

CURRENT TITLES: Research Professor, Department of Family Medicine, Medical School, and Research Professor, Department of Biostatistics, School of Public Health

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Lee A. Green Collegiate Research Professor, UM Office of the Vice President for Research

EFFECTIVE DATES: November 1, 2020 through August 31, 2025

With approval from the Research Faculty Award Advisory Committee, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Ananda Sen as the Lee A. Green Collegiate Research Professor, UM Office of the Vice President for Research, effective November 1, 2020 through August 31, 2025.

Lee A. Green retired as a professor of the Department of Family Medicine in the Medical School in 2012 and served on the faculty at the University of Michigan for over 20 years.

Ananda Sen received a Bachelor’s degree and a Master’s degree in statistics from the Indian Statistical Institute. Professor Sen also received a Ph.D. in statistics from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

This award is given to recognize exceptional scholarly achievement and impact on advancing knowledge in science, engineering, health, education, the arts, the humanities, or other academic fields of study. In the opinion of the awards committee, Professor Sen has clearly met this criterion.

Professor Sen is an exceptional researcher with an established career record as a statistician. He has made significant research contributions to address fundamental issues related to quality of life, cancer prevention, and women’s health. Professor Sen has authored more than 120 papers in peer-reviewed journals, and has made numerous presentations at national and international scientific meetings.

Professor Sen was elected as a fellow of the American Statistical Association for outstanding research contributions in reliability, exemplary leadership in the dissemination of statistical practice in the medical sciences, mentorship of junior clinical researchers, and service to the profession. He is also an elected member of the International Statistical Institute.
Professor Sen’s national and international recognition in methodological biostatistical expertise, his exceptional scholarly achievements, and the impact of his research make him an outstanding candidate for this award. I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Ananda Sen as the Lee A. Green Collegiate Research Professor, UM Office of the Vice President for Research, effective November 1, 2020 through August 31, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Rebecca M. Cunningham, M.D.
Vice President for Research
William G. Barsan Collegiate Professor
of Emergency Medicine

December 2020
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Lonnie D. Shea, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Steven A. Goldstein Collegiate Professor of Biomedical Engineering, William and Valerie Hall Department Chair of Biomedical Engineering, Professor of Chemical Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, and Professor of Biomedical Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2020

On the recommendation of Justin B. Dimick, M.D., M.P.H., the Frederick A. Coller Distinguished Professor and chair of the Department of Surgery, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Lonnie D. Shea, Ph.D. as professor of surgery, without tenure, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020.

Dr. Shea joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2014 as the William and Valerie Chair and professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering. He was appointed as the Steven A. Goldstein Collegiate Professor of Biomedical Engineering in 2018. Dr. Shea’s research focuses on regenerative medicine, drug and gene delivery, and immune engineering. He has been well-funded through the NIH, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and industry. He has published 255 articles, and 116 presentations regionally, nationally and internationally.

Dr. Shea’s research and expertise will enable the Department of Surgery to better address the development of surgically implanted devices and cell based therapies. His work provides novel tools designed at the cellular and molecular level that are able to impact tissue function and have the opportunity to change the way we innovate and ultimately deliver care to patients. Dr. Shea is an excellent educator who will provide new and continued opportunities for students in the Department of Surgery. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the additional appointment of Lonnie D. Shea, Ph.D. as professor of surgery, without tenure, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020.

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

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

December 2020
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: John Varga, M.D.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2020

On the recommendation of Christopher K. Bichakjian, M.D., professor and chair of the Department of Dermatology, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of John Varga, M.D. as professor of dermatology, without tenure, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020.

Dr. Varga joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2020 as a professor of internal medicine and division chief of rheumatology. He is a physician-scientist, renowned for pioneering translational research focusing on fibrosis, tissue repair and regeneration in inflammatory and autoimmune diseases. His research seeks to identify genetic risk factors and biomarkers in order to discover and validate novel targets for effective anti-fibrotic interventions. Dr. Varga utilizes an integrated systems biology multidisciplinary approach, using human tissue, genetic materials and animal models, as well as cell biology and computational methods to advance our understanding of the cells, molecules, pathways and genes that underlie the development, progression, and resolution of fibrosis. He has published more than 265 peer-reviewed articles in high impact journals and four books.

Dr. Varga’s joint appointment in the Department of Dermatology will facilitate his collaboration with dermatology faculty members in both patient care and translational research, as well as participation in dermatology department lectures, seminars, and other activities. He will be an active member of the UM-SBDRc where he will help to build new multidisciplinary collaborations and foster early career investigators in translational autoimmune and skin disease research. Additionally, it will support future development of a multidisciplinary clinical program to enhance care for patients with cutaneous autoimmune disease, and teaching for both dermatology and rheumatology learners. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the additional appointment of John Varga, M.D. as professor of dermatology, without tenure, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020.

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

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

December 2020
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Herbert G. Winful

CURRENT TITLES: Joseph E. and Anne P. Rowe Professor of Electrical Engineering, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, and Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with tenure, College of Engineering

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Physics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2021

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Physics and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the College of Engineering, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Herbert G. Winful as professor of physics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021.

Herbert G. Winful received his doctorate in electrical engineering from the University of Southern California in 1981. He joined the Michigan faculty as an associate professor, with tenure, in 1987 and was promoted to professor in 1992. He was appointed as an Arthur F. Thurnau Professor in 1993 and as the Joseph E. and Anne P. Rowe Professor of Electrical Engineering in 2019.

Professor Winful has made fundamental contributions to nonlinear fiber optics, nonlinear optics in periodic structures, nonlinear dynamics of laser arrays, the propagation of single-cycle pulses, and the physics of tunneling. The results of his work are published mainly in physics and optics journals with approximately 8,500 citations and an h-index of 46 on Google Scholar. Professor Winful holds two patents. His many awards include the State of Michigan Teaching Award, the College of Engineering Teaching Excellence and Service Excellence Awards, the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Outstanding Achievement (EECS) Award, the EECS Professor of the Year Award (twice), the Presidential Young Investigator Award, and the Tau Beta Pi Distinguished Professor Award.

For the past 30 years, Professor Winful has taught the graduate courses “Optical Waves in Crystals” and “Nonlinear Optics,” which are taken by large numbers of physics graduate students who conduct research in atomic, molecular, and optical physics. These courses provide the foundational knowledge required to pursue independent theoretical and experimental research in optics. Professor Winful has supervised the doctorate research of graduate students in physics.
and applied physics and plans to continue this supervision as a member of the Department of Physics.

Professor Winful has served on a long list of committees, including the EECS Department Executive Committee and Rackham Executive Board. He has served as an undergraduate counselor as well as faculty advisor for Eta Kappa Nu. Professor Winful has also been the chair of the OSA Conference on Nonlinear Optics. He is a fellow of the National Society of Black Physicists and carries out recruitment activities for historically Black colleges and universities, such as Morehouse College, as well as helping to recruit students from Africa for Ph.D. studies in applied physics at Michigan. For many years, Professor Winful has carried out a number of service activities for the Department of Physics and physics community in general, including designing conference programs and coordinating symposia.

We are very pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Herbert G. Winful as professor of physics, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

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

December 2020
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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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: Satinder S. Baveja

CURRENT TITLES: Toyota Professor of Artificial Intelligence, and Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with tenure, College of Engineering

TYPE OF LEAVE: Personal Leave

DATES OF CURRENT LEAVE: January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

TIME EXTENSION REQUESTED: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

It is recommended that Satinder S. Baveja be granted an extension of leave of absence, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Professor Baveja has been on leave at Google DeepMind building and leading a team to tackle the most ambitious problem in his field, that of Artificial General Intelligence (AGI). This is the type of problem that requires Google-scale resources and DeepMind is at the forefront of this research effort. Professor Baveja’s team is designing large-scale evaluation infrastructure as well as developing cutting-edge AI algorithms and architectures for AGI. 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 Satinder S. Baveja.

RECOMMENDED BY: RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Alec D. Gallimore, Ph.D. Susan M. Collins
Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering Provost and Executive Vice
College of Engineering President for Academic Affairs

December 2020

Approved by the Regents
December 3, 2020
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic and administrative positions.
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Naming of an Existing Unendowed Collegiate Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Stanley Berent, Ph.D. Collegiate Professorship in Psychology, Department of Psychiatry, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2020

On the recommendation of Gregory W. Dalack, M.D., the Daniel E. Offutt, III Professor and chair of the Department of Psychiatry, and the and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of the Stanley Berent, Ph.D. Collegiate Professorship in Psychology, Department of Psychiatry, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020.

This professorship was established through the Provost Office. Stanley Berent, Ph.D. joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor of psychology in the Department of Psychiatry in 1979, and was promoted to professor in 1990. He received additional appointments in the Departments of Psychology (1981), Neurology (1986), and Environmental and Industrial Health (1994). The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

A distinguished administrator, Dr. Berent created one of the premier neuropsychology programs in any medical center. He initiated post-doctoral training programs in psychology and in neuropsychology and served as chief of psychology in the Department of Psychiatry. Active in faculty affairs, he served as the chair of the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs, chair of the Senate Assembly, and presiding officer of the Faculty Senate. He was also a key leader at the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Medical Center, where he initiated and oversaw the development of an accredited internship program, established a post-doctoral training program, served as chief of the psychology service, and founded and directed the neuropsychology program.

Dr. Berent received numerous research grants and is the author of over 100 manuscripts, books, and book chapters. His awards include a “Merit Authorship Award” from the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine in recognition of exemplary service and outstanding contributions to the field of occupational medicine, and election as a fellow of the American Psychological Association. Dr. Berent was appointed as a professor emeritus in June 2005. He passed away on August 25, 2015.
This professorship will honor the legacy of Dr. Berent and continue research in psychology in the Department of Psychiatry. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the establishment of the Stanley Berent, Ph.D. Collegiate Professorship in Psychology, Department of Psychiatry, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020.

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

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

December 2020
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Deanship

PROPOSED NAME: David A. Breach Dean in Law, Law School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2020

The Law School is pleased to recommend the establishment of the David A. Breach Dean in Law, Law School, effective December 1, 2020.

The school has been the recipient of a generous gift of $5,000,000 from the Breach Family Foundation to establish the David A. Breach Dean in Law. The deanship will be used at the discretion of the dean of the Law School to support the David A. Breach Deanship.

Appointments to the David A. Breach Deanship will be each individual appointed by the Regents as dean of the Law School. Appointment periods may be up to five years and may be renewed.

In recognition of this significant gift from the Breach Family Foundation, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the David A. Breach Deanship in Law, Law School, effective December 1, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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

December 2020
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: George G. Cameron Professorship in Ancient Near Eastern Civilization and Languages, Department of Middle East Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2020

With the approval of the dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the George G. Cameron Professorship in Ancient Near Eastern Civilization and Languages, Department of Middle East Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective December 1, 2020.

George G. Cameron, founder of the University of Michigan’s Department of Near Eastern Studies, renamed as the Department of Middle East Studies in June 2018, and a renowned scholar of ancient Persia, died in September 1979. The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts wishes to establish in his honor an endowed professorship of Ancient Near Eastern Civilization and Languages in the Department of Middle East Studies. Establishment of this professorship will recognize the achievements of Professor Cameron and will provide a sound financial base to insure the continuation of the unique philosophy of Assyriological and ancient Iranian teaching which he developed. Appointments to this professorship will be up to five years and may be renewed.

This endowed professorship honors a distinguished emeritus professor and provides a valuable endowment in an important intellectual area. An anonymous donor offered an immediate contribution of $500,000 to establish the professorship and volunteered to participate in the identification and solicitation of family members and close friends to secure a minimum additional $250,000 with the goal of securing a total of $1,000,000. The current market value of this endowment has reached $8.7 million and is sufficient to support a second appointment.

We are pleased to recommend the establishment of the George G. Cameron Professorship in Ancient Near East Civilization and Languages, Department of Middle East Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective December 1, 2020.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

December 2020
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST:  Change in Intent of an Existing Collegiate Professorship

CURRENT TITLE:  Cameron Haight Collegiate Professorship in Thoracic Surgery, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE:  December 1, 2020

On the recommendation of Justin B. Dimick, M.D., M.P.H., the Frederick A. Coller Distinguished Professor and chair of the Department of Surgery, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend a change in the intent for the Cameron Haight Collegiate Professorship in Thoracic Surgery, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020.

The Cameron Haight Collegiate Professorship in Thoracic Surgery was established in 2011. The intent of this professorship is to support the clinical efforts of a tenured member of the Section of Thoracic Surgery within in the Department of Surgery. As the number of faculty has increased in the Section of Thoracic Surgery, the intent should be changed to provide support for the clinical and research efforts for a faculty member on any track, within the Section of Thoracic Surgery in the Department of Surgery.

I am pleased, therefore, to recommend a change in the intent for the Cameron Haight Collegiate Professorship in Thoracic Surgery, Medical School, effective December 1, 2020.

Recommended by:  Recommendation endorsed by:

Marschall S. Runge, M.D., Ph.D.  Susan M. Collins
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs  Provost and Executive Vice
Dean, Medical School  President for Academic Affairs

December 2020
ACTION REQUEST: Change in Name of an Existing Endowed Professorship

CURRENT TITLE: Henry Pollack Endowed Professorship in Geological Sciences, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Henry Pollack Early Career Professorship, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2020

We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing endowed professorship from the Henry Pollack Endowed Professorship in Geological Sciences, to the Henry Pollack Early Career Professorship, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective December 1, 2020.

The Henry Pollack Endowed Professorship in Geological Sciences was established by the Regents in September 2005. Henry N. Pollack came to the University of Michigan in 1960 where he earned his doctorate in 1963, and joined the Michigan faculty as assistant professor of geological sciences in 1964. Professor Pollack’s principal research addressed the Earth’s internal heat and how the Earth has cooled over its long history. He served the department as chair, founder and chief organizer of the Alumni Advisory Board, editor of the newsletter, and the public face of Michigan geological sciences. He was an advisor to the National Science Foundation, testifying before Congress and advising the White House, and he served as a leader in international efforts to coordinate research in global climate change.

The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts is proposing that the purpose of the professorship be modified to allow the College to use the fund to support one or more non-tenured faculty with the academic rank of assistant professor or associate professor. The college’s request is based on the past pattern and practice regarding the use of the funds to recruit and support early career faculty and the current need for available funding to recruit early career faculty to the department, rather than support more senior faculty, as well as the growth of the fund.

We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing endowed professorship from the Henry Pollack Endowed Professorship in Geological Sciences, to the Henry Pollack Early Career Professorship, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective December 1, 2020.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

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ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Max Shaye Professorship in Public Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2020

With the approval of the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the Max Shaye Professorship in Public Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective December 1, 2020.

The College of Literature, Science, and the Arts has received a generous gift of $2,500,000 from Robert K. Shaye for the purpose of establishing a professorship to focus on issues, including but not limited to: global climate change, refugee crises, privacy protection in the age of social media and big data, conflicts over global economic integration and immigration, democratic backsliding, corruption, and the prospect of AI-induced mass unemployment. In addition, the Shaye Professor will consider matters of justice, democracy, public policy, and ethical conduct in political affairs and offices of public trust. This professorship is to be held by distinguished scholars in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and will come with an annual salary stipend and annual research funds. Appointments to this professorship will be made by the dean upon the recommendation of the chair of the department and with the approval of the college Executive Committee.

In recognition of this significant gift from Robert K. Shaye, we recommend that the Regents formally establish the Max Shaye Professorship in Public Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective December 1, 2020.

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

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

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Regents Communication

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Recommendations for approval of other personnel transactions

for regular instructional staff and selected

academic and administrative staff
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ACTION REQUEST: Recess appointment approval for the period between regularly scheduled meetings

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorization for approving necessary appointments

EFFECTIVE DATES: December 4, 2020 through February 17, 2021

During the period between this board meeting and the next regularly scheduled board meeting, it is requested that the Regents authorize the president or the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs to make such recess appointments and/or changes as may become necessary. All such appointments will be reported to the Regents at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


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

December 2020
With the approval of the Executive Committee of the School of Social Work, I am pleased to recommend a change in title for Rogério Pinto from associate dean for research, to associate dean for research and innovation, School of Social Work, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Rogério Pinto earned a M.S.W from Yeshiva University in 1997 and a Bachelor of Science from Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais in Brazil in 1986. He received a Master of Philosophy in 2002, and a Ph.D. in social work in 2003 from Columbia University. Professor Pinto was appointed as an assistant professor in 2006, and was promoted to associate professor in 2010 at Columbia University. He joined the University of Michigan School of Social Work in 2010 as an associate professor, with tenure, and was promoted to professor in 2016. Professor Pinto has served as the School of Social Work’s associate dean for research since 2018.

Professor Pinto’s community-based participatory research aims to improve access to social work public health services, particularly those services in the intersection of health and wellbeing. He examines how transdisciplinary collaboration and practitioners’ involvement in research improves delivery of evidence-based services. He also studies factors that influence ethnic and sexual minority women’s involvement in research and health care. Professor Pinto is the principal investigator on the projects Community Wise: An innovative multi-level intervention to reduce alcohol and illegal drug use; Brazil Theater Exchange: Innovation for social work education. He is a co-investigator on the projects Virtual Job Interview Training for Transition Age Youth with ASD and CBPR: Extending the Use of Innovative Methodologies in the Behavioral & Social Sciences. He is interested in social justice and the arts.

Professor Pinto was named a fellow of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) in 2013, a fellow of the Center for Healthcare Research and Transformation (CHRT) from 2017-2018, and a fellow of the Academic Leadership Program (ALP) of the Big Ten Academic Alliance from 2018-2019. In 2020, he was awarded the Carol Hollenshead Inspire Award for Excellence in Promoting Equity and Social Change, sponsored by CEW+.
In 2015-2016, Professor Pinto was a member of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, which had oversight of the president’s DE&I Initiative under the Office of the Vice Provost for Equity, Inclusion and Academic Affairs. He co-chairs the School of Social Work’s Faculty Allies for Diversity Committee, and is a member of the School of Social Work’s senior management team and the Executive Committee.

I am pleased to recommend a change in title for Rogério Pinto from associate dean for research, to associate dean for research and innovation, School of Social Work, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Recommended by:

Lynn Videka
Dean, School of Social Work

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

December 2020
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Correction of Effective Dates

NAME: Matthew B. Soellner

CURRENT TITLE: Assistant Professor of Chemistry, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: William R. Roush Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2022

In the September 2020 Regents Communication requesting Matthew B. Soellner’s appointment as the William R. Roush Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, the effective dates were incorrect. We request the following correction:

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2023

We respectfully request this correction of Matthew B. Soellner’s appointment as the William R. Roush Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Recommended by: Recommendation endorsed by:

Anne Curzan, Dean Susan M. Collins
Geneva Smitherman Collegiate Professor of Provost and Executive Vice
English Language and Literature, Linguistics, President for Academic Affairs
and Education
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor
College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

December 2020
Recommendations for approval of reappointments

of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment

NAME: Ann Yolanda Lampkin-Williams

CURRENT TITLE: Dean, College of Education, Health, and Human Services

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Dean, College of Education, Health, and Human Services

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021

On the recommendation of the provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Ann Yolanda Lampkin-Williams as dean, College of Education, Health, and Human Services, effective January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

Ann Yolanda Lampkin-Williams holds a B.S.W. and M.S.W. from the Indiana University School of Social Work and a Ph.D. from Clark Atlanta University. Her doctoral dissertation addresses issues in the field of educational technology. She is a specialist in policy, planning, administration, and the use of technology in post-secondary education. She brings to this position a wealth of knowledge and a proven commitment to equity and inclusion. She has successfully served in a variety of interim roles during her time at the university and worked productively with faculty, staff, students, and administrators in a number of capacities across the campus. The leadership she provided on the Global Learning Advisory Council represents only one of her many contributions to important academic initiatives.

As dean, Ms. Lampkin-Williams has successfully provided intellectual, academic, fiscal, and operational leadership for the college. This has been achieved by her steadfast commitment to establishing a sense of common purpose across all stakeholders and authentically partnering with her colleagues in the conceptualization, articulation, and implementation of the faculty and staff's vision for the college.

Going forward, her continued leadership will ensure continuity as the college continues to establish and enhance campus-wide, external community, UM-Flint, and UM-Ann Arbor partnerships. Priorities include the further development and implementation of a shared compelling vision for the college. This vision emphasizes the strategic planning that aligns with the direction of the university, and cultivating graduate program pathways with the UM-Flint and UM-Ann Arbor campuses.
I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Ann Yolanda Lampkin-Williams as dean, College of Education, Health, and Human Services, effective January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

Recommended by:

Domenico Grasso, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

December 2020
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment

NAME: Mitchel A. Sollenberger

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and Student Success, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Professor of Political Science, with tenure, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and Student Success, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023

On the recommendation of the provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Mitchel A. Sollenberger as associate provost for undergraduate education and student success, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Mitchel Sollenberger received his B.A. in politics in 2000 from Fairfield University and his M.A. in politics in 2001 from Catholic University. His Ph.D. in politics was awarded with Distinction in 2006 from Catholic University. Prior to coming to UM-Dearborn, Professor Sollenberger served on the faculty at Bowling Green University and George Mason University as well as working as a research analyst at the Congressional Research Service in Washington, D.C. In 2008, Professor Sollenberger joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn as an assistant professor in the Department of Social Sciences. He was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2012 and to professor in 2016.

I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Mitchel A. Sollenberger as associate provost for undergraduate education and student success, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Recommended by:

Domenico Grasso, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

December 2020
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ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment

NAME: Karen S. Strandholm

CURRENT TITLES: Interim Chair, Department of Management Studies, Associate Dean, and Associate Professor of Strategic Management, with tenure, College of Business

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Interim Chair, Department of Management Studies, College of Business

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021

On the recommendation of the dean of the College of Business, and the provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Karen S. Strandholm as interim chair, Department of Management Studies, College of Business, effective January 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021.

Karen Strandholm earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 1978, a Juris Doctorate from the University of Michigan in 1983, and a Ph.D. in strategic management from Indiana University in 1996. She joined the College of Business in 1997 and is currently an associate professor of strategic management. She served as the chair of the Department of Management Studies from 2013 to 2019 and is currently serving as the associate dean since July 2019.

In addition to her excellent administrative performance as both department chair and associate dean, Professor Strandholm is a dedicated scholar who has served the university well in research, teaching, and service. She has published in top-tier journals including the Journal of Business Research and Entrepreneurship, Theory, and Practice. Professor Strandholm played a leadership role in the revision of the BBA, MS-BA, and MS-SCM curricula, and in the development of the business studies secondary major.

I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Karen S. Strandholm as interim chair, Department of Management Studies, College of Business, effective January 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021.

Recommended by:

Domenico Grasso, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

December 2020
Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff
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ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Stephen D. Bernstein

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Acting Chair, Department of English, College of Arts and Sciences

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Michigan-Flint, with the endorsement of the Department of English, are pleased to recommend the appointment of Stephen D. Bernstein as acting chair, Department of English, College of Arts and Sciences, effective January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

Stephen D. Bernstein earned his Ph.D. in English from the University of Wisconsin. His scholarship of the past decade has largely been focused on Nobel Prize winning Canadian short story author Alice Munro. Professor Bernstein has a long and distinguished record of service. Most notably, he has twice served as the chairperson for the English Department, is currently serving as the chairperson of the College of Arts and Sciences Academic Standards Committee, and is a member of the University of Michigan-Flint's Research and Creative Activities Committee.

We believe that Professor Bernstein will prove to be an effective leader. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Stephen D. Bernstein as acting chair, Department of English, College of Arts and Sciences, effective January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

Recommended by:

Susan Gano-Phillips, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

Debasish Dutta, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

December 2020
We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Sapna Thwaite as interim dean, School of Education and Human Services, effective January 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021.

Sapna V. Thwaite earned her Ph.D. in educational psychology from Michigan State University in 2001 and her B.A. degree in psychology and English from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in 1996. She joined the faculty at the University of Michigan-Flint in 2000 as a lecturer, was appointed as an assistant professor of education in 2001, and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2006.

Since becoming the associate dean in 2015, Professor Thwaite has led the school’s efforts to internationalize the curriculum. She has built solid programming for our partnerships with multiple countries. She was instrumental in administering the LEO contract on behalf of the school. She created all of the processes related to teaching, annual reviews, interim reports, and major reviews of lecturers. At the university level, she represented our campus in the last round of collective bargaining. She has been the key person in the dean’s office responsible for course scheduling in the school. Her leadership in this area has led to more efficient use of resources to deliver a strong curriculum.

Professor Thwaite’s administrative appointments included serving as the interim chair of the social work department, an assignment in which she has found a great deal of success that has only deepened her expertise and her leadership skills. As associate dean, Professor Thwaite has provided oversight of the operation of the Center for Educator Preparation, a support system for teacher candidates and pre-education majors. She supervised the director of the center and serves on the Education Council, representing the dean’s office in all matters related to teacher preparation. Furthermore, she managed the accreditation processes for the Department of Education. She has also worked with the School of Education and Human Services (SEHS), the College of Arts and Sciences programs, and the Department of Education to establish policies and procedures related to assessment. Professor Thwaite has served on the Higher Learning
Commission committee for re-accreditation and represented the interests of SEHS and the rest of Academic Affairs. In addition, she most recently served as a member of the Provost Search Advisory Committee.

Professor Thwaite has been integral to the major strategic planning effort in SEHS. Serving on the strategic planning leadership team, a group that monitors and carries out the planning, collaboration with faculty and staff, and implementation of the plan, her leadership has been invaluable throughout this process, especially in the current implementation efforts to increase enrollment and retention in the school.

During the 2019-2020 academic year, Professor Thwaite was named a Fulbright Scholar and she traveled to Germany to participate in a US-German delegation where she engaged in work that has helped us understand and collaborate with our German partners on international academic leadership. Since that experience, Professor Thwaite has been invited to be a Fulbright application reviewer.

Professor Thwaite has demonstrated her ability to be a strong leader. We enthusiastically recommend the appointment of Sapna Thwaite as interim dean, School of Education and Human Services, effective January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY: Debasish Dutta, Chancellor University of Michigan-Flint

December 2020