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

   (1) Banu, Mihaela, professor of mechanical engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2024.

   (2) He, Kevin, associate professor of biostatistics, with tenure, School of Public Health, effective January 1, 2024.

   (3) Maslowsky, Julie M., associate professor of nursing, with tenure, School of Nursing, effective January 1, 2024.

   (4) Reisner, Sari, associate professor of epidemiology, with tenure, School of Public Health, effective January 1, 2024.

   (5) Seo, Young-Ah, promotion to associate professor of nutritional sciences, with tenure, School of Public Health, effective September 1, 2023 (currently assistant professor of nutritional sciences).

   (6) Shi, Chengzhi, associate professor of mechanical engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2024.

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

   (1) Allen, Todd R., Glenn F. and Gladys H. Knoll Department Chair of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2024 through May 31, 2027 (also professor of nuclear engineering and radiological sciences, with tenure).

   (2) Bernitsas, Michael M., Mortimer E. Cooley Collegiate Professor of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025 (also professor of naval architecture and marine engineering, with tenure, and professor of mechanical engineering, without tenure).

   (3) Blaauw, David, Kensall D. Wise Collegiate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2029 (also professor of electrical engineering and computer science, with tenure).
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2. Reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.

(4) Cesnik, Carlos E., Clarence L. (Kelly) Johnson Collegiate Professor of Aerospace Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2029 (also Richard A. Auhll Department Chair of Aerospace Engineering, and professor of aerospace engineering, with tenure).

(5) Chopp, Debra, associate dean for experiential education, Law School, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 (also clinical professor).

(6) Lahann, Joerg, Wolfgang Pauli Collegiate Professor of Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2029 (also professor of chemical engineering, with tenure, professor of materials science and engineering, without tenure, professor of macromolecular science and engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, and professor of biomedical engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School).

(7) Markovits, Andrei S., Karl W. Deutsch Collegiate Professor of Comparative Politics and German Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 (also Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, professor of Germanic languages and literatures, with tenure, professor of political science, with tenure, and professor of sociology, without tenure).

(8) Ratner, Steven R., Bruno Simma Collegiate Professor of Law, Law School, effective February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2029 (also professor of law, with tenure).

(9) Sarter, Nadine B., Richard W. Pew Collegiate Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024 (also professor of industrial and operations engineering, with tenure, and professor of aerospace engineering, without tenure).

(10) Schwendeman, Steven P., chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 (also Ara G. Paul Professor 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) Traynor, John R., professor of medicinal chemistry, without tenure, College of Pharmacy, effective December 1, 2023 (also Edward F. Domino Research Professor of Pharmacology, and professor of pharmacology, with tenure, Medical School).

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

(1) Adar, Sara D., associate professor of global public health, without tenure, School of Public Health, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 (also associate professor of epidemiology, with tenure).

(2) Bagley, Nicholas, Thomas G. Long Professor of Law, Law School, effective December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2028 (also professor of law, with tenure).

(3) Burnstein, James S., John H. and Patricia Mitchell Professor of Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024 through December 1, 2028 (also professor of film, television, and media, with tenure).

(4) Buss, Sarah, James B. and Grace J. Nelson Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028 (also professor of philosophy, with tenure).

(5) Carter, Rona, associate professor of education, without tenure, Marsal Family School of Education, effective January 1, 2024 (also associate professor of psychology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).

(6) Chou, Kelvin Lin-Yu, Alexander S. and Gabriella Karp Professor of Neurology, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023, through August 31, 2028 (also clinical professor, Department of Neurology, and clinical professor, Department of Neurosurgery).

(7) Cokley, Kevin, professor of education, without tenure, Marsal Family School of Education, effective January 1, 2024 (also University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor, and professor of psychology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).

(8) Daugirdas, Kristina B., Francis A. Allen Collegiate Professor of Law, Law School, effective December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2028 (also professor of law, with tenure)
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3. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.

*(9) Dillard, Angela D., vice provost for undergraduate education, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028 (also Richard A. Meisler Collegiate Professor of Afroamerican and African Studies and in the Residential College, professor of Afroamerican and African studies, with tenure, professor of history, with tenure, and professor in the Residential College, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).

*(10) Fariss, Christopher, associate professor of information, without tenure, School of Information, effective August 28, 2023 (also associate professor of political science, with tenure, College of Literature, science, and the Arts).

(11) Giordano, Thomas J., School, Ronald Nishiyama, M.D. Research Professor, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023, through August 31, 2028 (also professor of pathology, with tenure, and professor of internal medicine, without tenure).

(12) Katz, Ellen D., associate dean for academic programming, Law School, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026 (also Ralph W. Aigler Professor of Law, and professor of law, with tenure).

(13) Kobayashi, Yuki, William R. Roush Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 (also assistant professor of chemistry).

(14) Mukherjee, Bhramar, Siobán D. Harlow Collegiate Professor of Public Health, School of Public Health, effective December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2025 (also John D. Kalbfleisch Distinguished University Professor of Biostatistics, chair, Department of Biostatistics, professor of biostatistics, with tenure, professor of epidemiology, without tenure, and professor of global public health, without tenure).

*(15) Pendse, Ravi, special advisor to the president for India, Office of the President, effective November 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028 (also vice president for information technology and chief information officer).

(16) Price, Melynda J., professor of political science, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024 (also professor of women’s and gender studies, with tenure).
ANN ARBOR CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

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

(17) Provost, Emily K., Ph.D., professor of psychiatry, without tenure, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023 (also professor of electrical engineering and computer science, with tenure, College of Engineering).

(18) Robert, Lionel P., professor of robotics, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2024 (also professor of information, with tenure, School of Information).

(19) Rosentraub, Mark S., Bickner Chair of Kinesiology, School of Kinesiology, effective January 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024 (also professor of kinesiology, with tenure, School of Kinesiology, and professor of urban and regional planning, without tenure, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning).

(20) Todd, Peter, professor of human genetics, without tenure, Medical School, effective February 1, 2024 (also Chester and Anne Alecks Sackett Endowed Professor, and professor of neurology, with tenure).

(21) Van den Bulck, Jan, chair, Department of Communication and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029 (also director, Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences, and professor of communication and media, with tenure).

(22) Wahl, Daniel R., associate professor of neurosurgery, without tenure, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023 (also associate professor of radiation oncology, with tenure).

(23) Whited, Toni M., Frederick G. L. Huetwell Professor, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028 (also professor of economics, with tenure).

(24) Wright, Aidan G. C., Phil F. Jenkins Research Professor of Depression, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023 through August 31, 2028 (also professor of psychology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).

(25) Yankah, Ekow N., associate dean for faculty and research, Law School, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025 (also Thomas M. Cooley Professor of Law, professor of law, with tenure, Law School, and professor of philosophy, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts).
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4. Leaves of absence for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff.

   (1) Hampshire, Robert C., extension of intergovernmental personnel assignment leave of absence, effective January 20, 2024 through January 19, 2025 (associate professor of public policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and associate professor of industrial and operations engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering).

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

   (1) Establishment of a research professorship as the Terry and Shelley Barr Research Professorship, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023.

   (2) Establishment of an endowed professorship as the Frederick G. L. Huetwell Professorship, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective December 1, 2023.

   (3) Establishment of a research professorship as the James Lynd, M.D. Research Professorship, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023.

   (4) Change in name of an existing collegiate professorship as the H. Marvin Pollard Collegiate Professorship in Gastroenterology IV, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023 (currently the H.Marvin Pollard Collegiate Professorship in Gastroenterology).

   (5) Establishment of a research professorship as the J. Griswold Ruth, M.D. and Margery Hopkins Ruth Research Professorship in Internal Medicine, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023.

   (6) Establishment of an endowed professorship as the John Searle Professorship, College of Pharmacy, effective December 1, 2023.


   (8) Establishment of an endowed professorship as the C.R. Walgreen, Jr. Professorship in Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy, effective December 1, 2023.
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6. Other personnel transactions for regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff.

(1) Authorization for the president or the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs to approve necessary appointments, effective December 8, 2023 through February 14, 2024.

(2) Huber-Stearns, Heidi, Theodore Roosevelt Visiting Professor of Ecosystem Management, School for Environment and Sustainability, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

(3) Mir, Farina, correction of title of an additional appointment, associate professor in the Honors Program, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024 (currently professor in the Honors Program, without tenure, also Richard Hudson Research Professor of History, and associate professor of history, with tenure).

*(4) Shireman, Scott, director, University of Michigan Center for Innovation in Detroit, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028.

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

(1) Dadey, Bryan C., vice chancellor for business affairs, Office of Business Affairs, effective February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2027.

(2) Freeman, Lee A., interim chair, Department of Management Studies, College of Business, effective January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 (also associate professor of information systems management, with tenure).

(3) Kocher, Claudia S., interim associate dean, College of Business, effective January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 (also associate professor of finance, with tenure).

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

(1) Agarwal, Mahesh K., chair, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, effective January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (also associate professor of mathematics, with tenure).

*Interim approval granted
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8. Joint or additional appointments or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected academic and administrative staff.

(2) Remski, Joan C., associate provost for integrative learning and faculty development, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028 (also chair, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, and professor of mathematics, with tenure, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters).

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

(1) Shumaker, Carrie E., vice chancellor for information technology and chief strategy officer, Office of Information Technology effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

FLINT CAMPUS – Recommendations for approval

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

(1) Malik, Khalid M., professor of computer science, with tenure, College of Innovation and Technology, effective January 1, 2024.

(2) Zytko, Douglas A., associate professor of computer science, with tenure, College of Innovation and Technology, effective January 1, 2024.

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

(1) Douglas, Chris C., acting associate dean for faculty affairs, College of Arts and Sciences, effective January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (also chair, Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, and professor of economics, with tenure).

(2) Kandogan, Yener, interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, effective January 1, 2024 (also interim dean, and professor of international business, with tenure, School of Management).

(3) Kelley, Keith J., associate dean, School of Management, effective January 1, 2024 (also associate professor of international business, with tenure).

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

*Interim approval granted
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

Recommendations for approval of new appointments
and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks,
with tenure
On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Mihaela Banu as professor of mechanical engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2024.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Mihaela Banu received her M.S. and B.S. (1993) and her Ph.D. (2000) from Dunarea de Jos University of Galati, Romania. She also completed a post-doctoral research fellowship in 2000 at the RIKEN Institute of Physical and Chemical Research, Saitama, Japan.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Professor Banu returned to Dunarea de Jos University of Galati as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2003, and to professor in 2007. She also served as the chair of the Manufacturing Science and Engineering Department from 2009 to 2012. She joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as a research associate professor in 2013 and was promoted to research professor in 2021. Professor Banu was appointed as the Collegiate Research Professor in 2022 and she currently serves as an associate chair for Integrative Systems and Design within the College of Engineering.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Banu has established an international reputation as a global leader in advancing knowledge in manufacturing to impact society in the main areas of transportation and health care. She has more than 40 research grants, with the last 19 at UM totaling over $15M and has been the UM PI 13 times. She is the core contributor of the $147M DoD award through which the American Lightweight Material Innovation Institute (LIFT) was established in Detroit in which UM is one of the three co-founders. Her research focuses on three areas: 1) green and sustainable manufacturing; 2) multi-scale modeling of manufacturing processes; and 3)
intelligent dental implant technologies. She is a pioneer in the concept of bamboo fibers as reinforcement for composites, has developed advanced models for understanding the mechanisms of forming and joining lightweight materials, and has introduced unique smart features in manufacturing technologies to increase dental implant efficiency and performance. Professor Banu is a pioneer in the design and manufacturing of innovative functionally-graded titanium structures. Her research in manufacturing processes of light weight and sustainable materials has broad societal impact, and contributions from her research have been regularly transitioned to practice in industry. She has an impressive list of publications and is highly respected as a national and international leader in the fields of materials, mechanics, and manufacturing.

Professor Banu’s work has been recognized with several awards including the Robert M. Caddell Memorial Award for Research (2021 and 2023), the Willie Hobbs Moore Achievement Award (2021), and the Research Faculty Achievement Award (2019)

PUBLICATIONS


EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWS

REVIEWER A: “Prof. Banu is truly an outstanding scholar who has made significant impact in lightweight material forming processes through innovative approaches to understand fundamental mechanisms of structure-property-performance, and consequently, enabling weight reduction of manufactured parts, reducing the carbon footprint of manufacturing processes and impacting society through an enhanced consideration of manufacturing concepts with people at the center. She is nationally and internationally recognized as a leading member of the manufacturing community.”
REVIEWER B: “Mihaela is gaining a remarkable reputation in the international manufacturing technology community, demonstrated by her membership in the Editorial Board of high-quality journals in the field, membership in the scientific committee of a number of international conferences of the sector, service in boards/study panels, and her acting as evaluator of projects funded by EU.”

REVIEWER C: “…Dr. Banu has demonstrated an excellent track-record of research productivity and scholarship as evidenced in high-quality publications, a large amount of research funding, and continued service contributions to the manufacturing research community. She has also demonstrated contribution to education and workforce development through classroom teaching and graduate students advising, as reflected in her success in advising students to the completion of their academic degree studies.”

REVIEWER D: “Her record goes well beyond impressive publications, to include leadership roles in Romania, her significant role in the LIFT Institute, and her leadership at Michigan at the ISD and CRL, both of which emphasize her strong collaboration with industry.”

REVIEWER E: “She is an outstanding researcher, a wonderful member of our scientific community, an excellent speaker, and a great colleague who is always helping and mentoring the next generation of engineers with particular dedication to diversity.”

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

Professor Banu has a proven record of research excellence and a strong record of collegial interactions with peers. We are presented with a unique opportunity to hire a truly outstanding candidate whose research is in areas of strategic importance to the Department of Mechanical Engineering. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Mihaela Banu as professor of mechanical engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

December 2023
On the recommendation of the chair of the Department of Biostatistics, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the School of Public Health, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Kevin He as associate professor of biostatistics, with tenure, School of Public Health, effective January 1, 2024.

Academic Degrees:
Kevin He earned a B.M. in clinical medicine from Dalian Medical University in 2002. He earned a M.S. in epidemiology in 2004 followed by his B.S. in statistics in 2006, both from Queen’s University. In 2008, he earned his M.S., followed by his Ph.D. in 2012, both in biostatistics and both from the University of Michigan.

Professional Record:
In 2012, Professor He was appointed as a post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Biostatistics at the University of Michigan School of Public Health. He was appointed as a research assistant professor in the Department of Biostatistics at the University of Michigan School of Public Health in 2014 and was promoted to research associate professor in 2020.

Summary of Evaluation:
Teaching: While on the research track, Professor He has made valuable contributions to the department’s academic programs. He has taught the following courses: BIOS 511-Computer Packages; BIOS 600-Introduction to Biostatistics; BIOS 610-Readings in Biostatistics; BIOS 651-Theory and Application of Generalized Linear Models; and BIOS 800-Seminar in Biostatistics. Evaluations of his teaching have been overwhelmingly positive, especially over the last couple of years. Professor He has also served as an instructor and guest lecturer for the department’s Big Data Summer Institute (BDSI). He has chaired or co-chaired the dissertations of nine Ph.D. students and has served on the committees of five other biostatistics Ph.D. students. In addition, he has served on
doctoral committees for two non-biostatistics students. Professor He has also been an active graduate student research assistant supervisor supervising six Ph.D. students and three masters’ students. The students he has advised have won numerous research awards.

Research: Professor He’s research has focused on the development of statistical methods for large scale biomedical data, and he has been recognized for the impact of his work in this area. In particular, he has focused on three areas of methodologic research: healthcare provider profiling; data integration of complex time-to-event data; and statistical optimization for analyzing large-scale disease registries and claims data. In this work he has maintained a balance of methodological and collaborative research. Professor He currently has 94 publications, with 55 since 2020. According to Google Scholar (July 17, 2023), Professor He has 6,930 citations, with an h-index of 21 and i10-index of 38. Many of his methodology publications have appeared in very good statistical journals, such as *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, *Biometrics*, and *Statistics in Medicine*, and his collaborative research has been published in reputable clinical journals. Professor He is also active in software development having released 10 software packages (one Python package and nine R packages). He has been invited to present his research both domestically and internationally. Professor He has also played a key role in the success of the Kidney Epidemiology Cost Center (KECC). Professor He has an excellent research funding record. He is currently the principal investigator (PI) for an R01 on improving statistical methods for profiling healthcare providers ($1.6 million in funding, project years 2022-2027). In addition, he has served as the PI or statistical PI for several grants, some which are quite large (>18 million), including awards from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Professor He also serves as co-investigator on many other grants.

Service: Professor He has been an excellent member of the University and professional community. At the university, he is currently serving on the Provost’s Faculty Advisory Committee, Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center (KECC) Executive Faculty Committee, and the department’s Student Awards Committee. Previously, Professor He participated on KECC’s Strategic Planning Committee (2016-2021) and the department’s Faculty Search Committee (2020-2021), Seminar Committee (2015-2017), Curriculum Committee (2014-2015), and Computing Committee (2014-2015). Externally, Professor He is currently the statistical section editor for the *Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation* and was previously a guest editor for *Genes*. Professor He has also served as an organizer or chair for many academic conferences including sessions at Eastern North American Region International Biometric Society, Joint Statistical Meetings, International Chinese Statistical Association, and the Statistical Society of Canada.

Recent and Significant Publications:


**External Reviewers:**

**Reviewer A:** “Dr. He has clearly developed a highly productive and influential methodological research program that addresses real world analytical challenges. Notably, his work has formed the standard method for evaluating the performance of dialysis facilities and transplant centers nationwide by CMS. In summary, it is evident that Dr. He is an accomplished researcher, teacher, and scientific collaborator, and has established himself as a valuable asset for your institution. I firmly believe that Dr. He is a highly deserved candidate to be offered Associate Professor with Tenure at your institution as well as any other reputable Biostatistics departments in the nation, including my own department.”

**Reviewer B:** “I am very impressed by his achievement…his research interests are very broad, encompassing many important biostatistical paradigms. I am confident to say that Dr. He has established himself as an outstanding researcher in the field of statistical methods for large-scale disease registries and for profiling of health care providers…It is clear that Dr. He’s accomplishments and contributions in the areas of teaching, research, and service are commensurate promotion to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure. I highly recommend Dr. He to be an Associate Professor with tenure.”

**Reviewer C:** “Another impressive theme that cut across Dr. He’s methodology works are the innovative solutions he proposed for solving computational challenges that were considered infeasible previously. In summary, Dr. He has shown impressive achievements in impactful research areas, continuous extramural funding, and effective graduate student mentoring, which are all on exceptional increasing trajectories and which show no sign of leveling. On this current path he will be among the next generation of recognized top statistician-scientists in my assessment. Without reservation, based on his accomplishments to date, I would confidently say that Dr. He would be appointed/promoted to Associate Professor Step IV or Full Professor Step I with tenure at [my institution].”
Reviewer D: “It is rare to have a biostatistician who displays both breadth and depth at the level demonstrated by Dr. He so early in their career. This perfect balance between research output in the areas of statistical/biostatistical methodology and collaborative work is exemplary and is the foundation for a very successful career in biostatistics. His record of achievement compares very highly to other junior faculty at top-tiered research universities across the U.S. If Dr. He was under consideration for tenure at my institution, I would whole-heartedly support his nomination. Based on Dr. He’s achievement trajectory, I have no reservations in stating that he will be one of the leading figures in biostatistics.”

Reviewer E: “His methodological papers appear in good statistical journals. His collaboration papers are published in high-profile disease-specific journals. These are outstanding achievements for tenure consideration… Dr. He undoubtedly should be approved for tenure if considered in my institution. As such, I highly recommend his promotion.”

Reviewer F: “He has been productive and published many peer-reviewed papers in reputable statistical journals such as Statistics in Medicine, Biometrics and Lifetime Data Analysis. I served as a reviewer for Dr. He's promotion...and I noticed that he has published 50+ papers since 2019, among them many were published in leading journals such as Biometrics, Statistics in Medicine, and JASA, as well as some of the reputable Public Health or Medicine journals. In general, I consider Dr. He a very productive biostatistician who contributes evenly and substantially to statistical methodological research and scientific collaborative research. I give my full support to Dr. He’s appointment at the rank of Associate Professor with tenure in the Department of Biostatistics, the University of Michigan School of Public Health.”

Summary of Recommendations:
Professor He’s research on the development of statistical methods for large-scale biomedical data will continue to add tremendous depth and strength to the current expertise of the Department of Biostatistics faculty. He has an excellent record of teaching and both internal and external service. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Kevin He as associate professor of biostatistics, with tenure, School of Public Health, effective January 1, 2024.

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

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

December 2023
With the endorsement of the Executive Committee of the School of Nursing, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Julie M. Maslowsky as associate professor of nursing, with tenure, School of Nursing, effective January 1, 2024.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Julie Maslowsky received her Bachelor of Science degree in human development and psychological sciences from Northwestern University in 2004. She received her Master of Social Work, Master of Arts in developmental psychology, and Doctorate of Philosophy in developmental psychology from the University of Michigan (UM) in 2005, 2008, and 2012, respectively.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Professor Maslowsky’s academic appointments have included a post-doctoral fellowship in population health from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholars at the University of Wisconsin from 2012-2014. She was a faculty research associate at the Population Research Center (2014-2021) and was appointed as an assistant professor of health behavior and health education at the Department of Kinesiology and Health Education (2014-2020) and the Department of Population Health, Dell Medical School (2018-2020) at the University of Texas at Austin. She was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in both departments in 2020. She currently holds two positions (since 2021) as core faculty at the Center for Excellence on Maternal and Child Health and as an associate professor, with tenure, in community health science at the University of Illinois Chicago.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Maslowsky has a strong teaching and mentoring portfolio that includes both graduate and undergraduate courses in combination with increasing roles as an advisor and member of
dissertation committees, including mentorship of post-doctoral fellows. The courses she taught
have included an emphasis on public health and population health perspectives that include the
use of an anti-racist pedagogy within the classroom. The teaching evaluations that were
provided document the quality of the classroom experience and overall course quality was noted
to be rated as very good to excellent and Professor Maslowsky was positively evaluated as a
classroom instructor. She has provided high-quality education in the classroom and is
progressing in her role as an advisor and mentor to a growing number of students. Her doctoral
program mentees have already been making an impact with their scholarship in the areas of
adolescent reproductive health having chaired three dissertation committees and supporting two
post-doctoral mentees.

Professor Maslowsky is educated as a developmental psychologist with a focus on adolescent
sexual and reproductive health using a health equity perspective that employs both qualitative
and quantitative methodologies with primary expertise in the use of large population health data
sets. She has authored 49 peer-reviewed publications since 2009, with 16 publications since
2020 (when she was promoted at her current institution to associate professor, with tenure) that
have been in a variety of high-impact journals including Developmental Psychology (4.497),
Journal of Adolescent Health (5.57), JAMA Pediatrics (26.1) and Obstetrics and Gynecology
(7.63). Professor Maslowsky’s expertise is also indicated by invited presentations and media
appearances for national outlets including NPR, Washington Post, CNN, and Boston Globe,
invitations to participate on scientific review committees, leadership roles on Society of Health
and Medicine consensus statements, and honors and awards which include an Outstanding
Adolescent Health Initiative Award for their organization, Youth Reproductive Equity.

Professor Maslowsky has had consistent funding to support her research/scholarship trajectory including
current external funding as the principal investigator (PI) for a National Institutes of Health
(NIH) grant: Development of a digital decision support tool to facilitate developmentally
appropriate adolescent contraceptive counseling in primary care (NICHD R21); and a William T.
Grant Foundation, Scholars Award Preventing unintended repeat births to Hispanic adolescents,
as well as a co-investigator (Co-I) on Amplifying the voices of marginalized adolescents on the
perceived impact of a post-Roe landscape: A mixed methods study. The current R21 project is
an intervention-level investigation, translating her prior studies into a novel application for use
by healthcare providers to support adolescent counseling. This application is informed by her
prior quantitative and qualitative studies noting an absence of developmentally appropriate
counseling and a high degree of coercion during the process for adolescents.

Professor Maslowsky has demonstrated an increasingly prominent level of service within
academic settings and at the national level. Her contributions have been substantiated in two
key national organizations that are associated with her areas of scholarship and research, the
Society of Family Planning (SFP) and the Interdisciplinary Association of Population Health
Science (IAPHS). At the national level, Professor Maslowsky provided leadership and editorial
services on three editorial boards, the SFP’s Journal of Research on Adolescence, PLOS One,
and the Interdisciplinary Association for IAPHS blog. Additional service is provided as a peer
reviewer for over 25 journals in her field, completing 15-20 manuscript reviews annually.
Professor Maslowsky’s contributions as an academic, researcher, and leader in the field have
been recognized with several honors and awards that include the 2023 Outstanding Adolescent
Health Initiative- Group Award presented to Youth Reproductive Equity by the University of Michigan Adolescent Health Initiative; an award in 2022 for Public Voices Fellow, The Op-Ed Project; and the Joe R. & Teresa Lozano Long Endowed Faculty Fellow a UT College of Education award (2020-2021).

PUBLICATIONS


EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Reviewer (A) “…I would consider [Professor] Julie Maslowsky to be in the top 5% of mid-career researchers integrating across disciplines to address adolescent policy and population health.”

Reviewer (B) “It is my opinion that [Professor Maslowsky] is ranked in the top 5% of her peer group focused on the promotion of adolescent health, and particularly on adolescent SRH and health equity.”

Reviewer (C) “These service contributions to the profession indicate that colleagues identify [Professor Maslowsky] as an expert in population health, health disparities, and adolescent reproductive health.”

Reviewer (D) “Relative to peers, [Professor] Maslowsky is clearly in the top decile.”

Reviewer (E) “[Professor] Maslowsky has an established and influential program of research, a strong track record of funding and publications, impressive service in and outside of academic settings, and is a motivated and well-regarded teacher.”
SUMMARY

Professor Maslowsky is a solid researcher and educator. We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Julie M. Maslowsky as associate professor of nursing, with tenure, School of Nursing, effective January 1, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Patricia D. Hurn
Dean and Professor
School of Nursing

December 2023
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Sari Reisner

TITLE: Associate Professor of Epidemiology, School of Public Health

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2024

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the chair of the Department of Epidemiology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the School of Public Health, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Sari Reisner as associate professor of epidemiology, with tenure, School of Public Health, effective January 1, 2024.

Academic Degrees:

Professional Record:
In 2016, Professor Reisner was appointed as a post-doctoral research fellow in the Department of Infectious Disease Epidemiology at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. He became a member of the faculty in the Department of General Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School in 2015 where he was appointed as an assistant professor in 2016. In 2016, Professor Reisner was also appointed as an assistant professor in the Department of Epidemiology at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. He was appointed as an adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Mental Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in 2018. In 2020, Professor Reisner was appointed as an assistant professor in the Department of Medicine at Harvard Medical School.

Summary of Evaluation:
Teaching: Professor Reisner has developed and taught courses at both the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Harvard Medical School for the past several
years on the health of transgender and gender diverse people. These classes receive extremely high ratings by students (4.8-4.9 out of 5.0). Professor Reisner also is an active mentor to doctoral and masters students, post-doctoral researchers, and junior faculty. He has been the primary mentor to one doctoral student and has also been on eight other dissertation committees. These students have ended up co-authoring with Professor Reisner on many papers.

Research: Professor Reisner has developed an international reputation as a leading, if not the leading, scholar in transgender health. His research is generally about transgender health, but he also studies health inequities in marginalized populations, including LGBTQ+ people and those in racial or ethnic minorities. He specifically studies mental health and infectious diseases (like HIV) in these populations. Professor Reisner’s research is often global (including Latin and South America) and utilizes a participatory population perspective to help ensure that his work is responsive to the needs of the communities he works with. His research tries to improve social justice and health equity and improve the health of underserved populations. AcademyHealth awarded him the Early Career Disparities Scholar Award in 2019. Professor Reisner has an extraordinarily high level of research productivity. As of October 16, 2023, he has more than 25,000 citations on Google Scholar, an h-index of 86, and more than 300 peer-reviewed publications (including 266 research investigations and 40 non-research peer-reviewed publications). He is the first author on eight of his 20 most-cited papers. Since being appointed as an assistant professor in 2016, Professor Reisner has published 185 peer-reviewed research papers and another 33 non-research publications. His most-cited publications are published in highly regarded journals such as Social Science & Medicine, The Lancet, American Journal of Public Health, International Journal of Transgender Health, and Health Services Research. Professor Reisner has been highly funded. He has been the principal investigator (PI) or multiple PI on six National Institutes of Health funded grants, including two R01s, and twice has been the PI on a Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) grant. He has also been a co-investigator on many other funded grants.

Service: Professor Reisner serves on a number of department and university committees at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Harvard Medical School. He also provides important service to the wider academic community. He is an associate editor of Transgender Health and has reviewed grants for the PCORI. He is a board member and scientific member of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH), the leading global organization on transgender health. He currently serves as an abstract reviewer for the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association and the WPATH Biennial International Symposium.

Recent and Significant Publications:
Reisner, S.L., Poteat, T., Keatley, J., Cabral, M., Mothopeng, T., Dunham, E., Holland, C.E., Max, R., Baral, S.D. (2016) “Global health burden and needs of


**External Reviewers:**

**Reviewer A:** “In my opinion, Dr. Reisner is the leading expert and thought leader in transgender health in the world. Compared to colleagues in peer institutions, as well as my assessment having served in promotion decisions at several academic institutions … Dr. Reisner would meet criteria for tenure at the Associate Professor or Professor ranks.”

**Reviewer B:** “It is not an overstatement to say that he has been the leading contributor to the contemporary field of transgender health. He meets the criteria for Full Professor at my institution.”

**Reviewer C:** “In short, Dr. Reisner is one of the nation’s leading scholars on transgender health through work he has undertaken in observational and intervention based studies. Dr. Reisner is one of the most significant scholars in LGBTQ health particularly transgender health and is fully worth of appointment at Associate Professor with tenure.”

**Reviewer D:** “He has established himself as a leading investigator in transgender health. He is tremendously generous, collaborative, and kind; any institution would be lucky to attract and retain him.”
Reviewer E: “His research helped to establish the breadth of the global disease burden impacting transgender populations (Reisner et al., 2016) and is pioneering HIV prevention research among transgender men — a long-neglected population (Reisner et al., 2019). I recommend him for this faculty appointment without hesitation and give him my highest and most sincere recommendation.”

Summary of Recommendations:
Professor Reisner is an internationally recognized expert in transgender health. His addition to the Department of Epidemiology would greatly enhance their research program in LGTBQ+ health. He has an excellent record of teaching and service. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Sari Reisner as associate professor of epidemiology, with tenure, School of Public Health, effective January 1, 2024.

Recommended by: Recommendation endorsed by:

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

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

December 2023
It is recommended that Young-Ah Seo, assistant professor of nutritional sciences, School of Public Health, be promoted to associate professor of nutritional sciences, with tenure, School of Public Health, effective September 1, 2023.

Academic Degrees:
Ph.D. 2012 Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA
B.S. 2004 Ewha Womans University, Seoul, South Korea

Professional Record:
2016 - Present Assistant Professor, Department of Nutritional Sciences, School of Public Health, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Summary of Evaluation:
Teaching: Since being appointed as an assistant professor at the School of Public Health in 2016, Professor Seo has taught three courses: Vitamin and Mineral Metabolism (2018-2022), Research Topics in Nutritional Sciences (2017-2022), and Nutrigenomics (2017). Her course ratings have been good to excellent, especially considering that most of her teaching has been of required courses, with means of Q1 (excellent course) of 4.31 and Q2 (excellent instructor) of 4.46. Professor Seo has also been an active guest lecturer in courses offered in the Department of Nutritional Sciences Environmental Research Seminar at the School of Public Health.

Professor Seo supervised one Ph.D. student from a German university starting in 2019. She currently co-mentors a Ph.D. student in nutritional epidemiology and serves on a doctoral
committee for a student in epidemiology. She has mentored four M.S. students who completed their thesis under her supervision and served as a member of one additional M.S. thesis committee. Professor Seo has mentored/co-mentored two post-doctoral fellows, and a new fellow recently joined her laboratory.

**Research:** Professor Seo seeks to understand the mechanistic basis by which evidence-based therapeutics can be developed. Her research focuses on two essential trace metals, iron and manganese, required for the activity of numerous cellular enzymes and for the functioning of physiological processes. Professor Seo focuses on new roles of metal ion transporters that are mutated in intestinal and neurological disorders, using reverse genetics and phenotyping of mice, primary organoid cultures derived from genetically engineered mice, cell culture models of neuronal development, and functional genomics. She seeks to address: (1) the roles of manganese in the intestine and inflammatory bowel disease (IBD); (2) the role of manganese in the brain and neurological disorders; and (3) the use of a small molecule iron transporter to understand and treat iron overload disorders. Professor Seo has received several awards for her research. These include the American Society for Nutrition Stokstad Outstanding Young Investigator Award for excellent fundamental research in nutrition, a Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research (MICHR) Pathway to Independence Award, and an Early-Career Faculty Investigator Award from the Neurodegeneration of Brain Iron Accumulation (NBIA) Association.

Professor Seo has a solid publication record. Her vita lists 25 peer-reviewed research papers, 16 as first or senior author or as second author with her trainee as first author. Since joining the Michigan faculty in 2016, she has published 15 peer-reviewed research papers, including 10 as first or senior author or as second author with her trainee as first author. This number of publications is deemed high given Professor Seo’s focus on basic science. According to Google Scholar (July 18, 2023), her papers have been cited 1,171 times, yielding an h-index of 19 and an i10-index of 20. Her work has been published in strong journals, including *Science, Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology Journal*, and the *Journal of Immunology*. Professor Seo has an outstanding record of grant support. Since 2016, she has obtained ten grants as the principal investigator, four externally funded including a National Institutes of Health (NIH)/National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases R01, a NIH/National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke R21, a NIH/National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences K99/R00, and a NBIA Disorders Association Foundation grant. She also served as a co-investigator on a NIH/National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute R01 with a major subcontract.

**Recent and Significant Publications:**


**Service:** Professor Seo’s service record is solid. She has served on the Department of Nutritional Sciences Admissions and Recruitment Committees, the School of Public Health Research Council, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, and the Rackham Faculty Allies. She has served as reviewer editor for Pharmacology of Ion Channels and Channelopathies Section of *Frontiers in Pharmacology*, and as the secretary/treasurer of the Vitamins and Minerals Research Interest Section for the American Society of Nutrition. She has been active in grant review for the NIH and various institutions. She also has reviewed manuscripts for an appropriate range of journals.

**External Reviewers:**

Reviewer A: “Based upon her contributions to the field of metal biology, I can say with confidence that Young is one of the field’s bright [junior] stars. Her science is well-conceived, thoughtful, and well-executed. Young’s accomplishments would easily exceed the requirements for someone being considered for promotion with tenure at [my institution]. I can think of no other junior faculty currently in our field that is more deserving.”

Reviewer B: “Dr. Seo is a rising star in the field of metal ion transporters and their relationship to human health and disease, and she is making major contributions to the field. Her research accomplishments to date has been remarkable and her upward trajectory for future research success and impact is clear. I give my complete and enthusiastic support for promotion of Dr. Seo to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure.”

Reviewer C: “She has developed a productive and independent research program. Based primarily on Dr. Seo’s research and her establishment of a national reputation, I recommend that Dr. Seo be promoted to Associate Professor with tenure.”

Reviewer D: “Dr. Seo...is well known nationally as an independent investigator, who has made significant contributions to our understanding of the role of manganese in human biology, and specifically intestinal and brain function. Dr. Seo is reasonably well published for an Assistant Professor who has been at that rank for 5 years. Her publications have had a major impact on the overall field of nutrition and the more niche area of manganese biology as it relates to intestinal and brain health. She meets the criteria for promotion to Associate Professor with tenure set out by University of Michigan and would also be promoted at [my institution]. I wholly support her candidacy.”
Reviewer E: “In the field of manganese metabolism and transport, Dr. Seo ranks among the top Assistant Professors. Given her research accomplishments and funding record, I have no doubt that Dr. Seo would qualify for tenure and promotion to Associate Professor here at [my institution].”

Reviewer F: “Dr. Seo'[s] most notable work includes the studies of manganese metabolism and their role in human disorders. The functional analysis of mutations in SLC39A8 published in 2018 in Scientific Reports is a particularly impactful and outstanding paper. I can say with certainty that given her research output, proven ability to secure research funding, track record in teaching and service, she is an outstanding and deserving candidate for promotion to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure.”

Reviewer G: “Dr Seo is among the upper tier of faculty at a similar stage of career, and I believe she will become one of the leading figures in the trace metals field over the next several years. I believe she would be readily promoted to Associate Professor with tenure at my institution.”

Reviewer H: “Dr. Seo has an outstanding record of external completed and current funding, which speaks to the excellence of her research and her recognition by peers. In conclusion, this is a strong P&T file by a top talent scientist. I have no doubt that Dr. Seo would pass the promotion and tenure process at my institution with flying colors. The University of Michigan is to be congratulated for attracting Dr. Seo to its faculty.”

**Summary of Recommendation:** Professor Seo has an excellent record in research, working to understand how evidence-based therapeutics can be developed. She has a very good record in teaching and service. It is with the support of the School of Public Health Executive Committee that I recommend Young-Ah Seo for promotion to associate professor of nutritional science, with tenure, School of Public Health, effective September 1, 2023.

**Recommended by:**

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

**Recommendation endorsed by:**

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

December 2023
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Faculty Appointment Approval

NAME: Chengzhi Shi

TITLE: Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering

TENURE STATUS: With Tenure

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2024

APPOINTMENT PERIOD: University Year

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Chengzhi Shi as associate professor of mechanical engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2024.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Chengzhi Shi received his B.S. (2010) and his M.S. (2013) in mechanical engineering from the Shanghai Jiao Tong University. He received his Ph.D. (2018) in mechanical engineering from the University of California, Berkeley.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Following graduation, Professor Shi was appointed as an assistant professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Professor Shi’s research uses tools from dynamics and vibrations to advance new technology for medical imaging and communications. He studies fundamental acoustics and wave physics, with uses in neural imaging, therapeutic ultrasound, hemo-fluidics, metamaterials, and underwater data transfer. One technique he has developed recently is a sonothrombolysis (i.e. clot busting) method that leverages vortex ultrasound to break down a clot during a stroke. He has been awarded over $2M in research funding from the NSF and Department of Defense, as well as industrial partners (e.g. Novelis).

Professor Shi has published 27 papers, including works in Science, Nature Communications, and PNAS. His work has been recognized with the NSF CAREER Award (2022) and the ONR Young Investigator Program (2022).
PUBLICATIONS


EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL REVIEWS

REVIEWER A: “In summary, with Dr. Shi’s distinguished performances in research, teaching, and services, he definitely deserves to be an Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering with tenure at the University of Michigan. He is truly a rising star in the field of dynamics and acoustics with significant impacts in physics, bioengineering, and biomedical engineering.”

REVIEWER B: “...I am confident that Chengzhi will soon become one of world’s leading experts in acoustics, dynamics, and ultrasound imaging and therapy.”

REVIEWER C: “Chengzhi’s record clearly points to a successful academic career and to an excellent trajectory as a faculty member. I believe that Chengzhi has all the qualities to succeed at any institution, including the University of Michigan.”

REVIEWER D: “...Professor Shi has an excellent track record of teaching and student mentoring and his portfolio reveals a consistent and commendable level of professional service. He is a very active member of several professional societies (ASME, ASA, SPIE), organizer of technical sessions and symposia at a variety of conferences, and a frequent reviewer for some of the most respected journals in the field of mechanical engineering.”

REVIEWER E: “In view of his research achievements, Dr. Shi is a rising star and an academic leader in his research fields. The breadth and depth of his research achievements have been very well recognized through awards, research funds, and publications.”
SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

Professor Shi has a proven record of research excellence and a strong record of collegial interactions with peers. We are presented with a unique opportunity to hire a truly outstanding candidate whose research is in areas of strategic importance to the Department of Mechanical Engineering. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Chengzhi Shi as associate professor of mechanical engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2024.

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

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

December 2023
Recommendations for approval of reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff
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ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Endowed Department Chair

NAME: Todd R. Allen

CURRENT TITLES: Glenn F. and Gladys H. Knoll Department Chair of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, and Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, with tenure, College of Engineering

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Glenn F. and Gladys H. Knoll Department Chair of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2024 through May 31, 2027

I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Todd R. Allen as the Glenn F. and Gladys H. Knoll Department Chair of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2024 through May 31, 2027.

Todd Allen received his B.S. (1984) in nuclear engineering from Northwestern University. He received his M.S. (1991) in information management from George Washington University. He received another M.S. (1993) and his Ph.D. (1997) in nuclear engineering from the University of Michigan.

Professor Allen has, during a career that includes working in academia, national laboratories, the military, and policy think tanks, demonstrated excellence in material science and public policy research, national leadership, advancing national policy, and mentoring. His research record is stellar with over 175 refereed publications, 18 national laboratory reports, and 10 book chapters. His work is highly cited with over 12,700 career citations, an h-index of 61, and an i-index of 187 (all from Google scholar). He has one patent. His scholarly leadership includes producing seminal work in understanding radiation-induced segregation (RIS) and the synergy between RIS and void swelling, performing some of the earliest work on stability of oxide particles in ODS steels, and establishing scientific leadership in the study of how systems of grain boundaries, created through grain boundary engineering, could mitigate corrosion and radiation damage in metals used in a nuclear reactor.

Professor Allen’s international leadership includes leading a major basic science effort on thermal transport in nuclear fuels as the director of the Center for Material Science of Nuclear Fuels, a DOE BES Energy Frontier Research Center. He developed the framework for the Advanced Test Reactor National Scientific User Facility (ATR NSUF, now the Nuclear Science User Facilities NSUF) and developed the partnership program that now has extended beyond the
Idaho National Laboratory to include the capability of 18 partner institutions. He was part of the leadership team for the Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy Generation IV Roadmap that re-established a nuclear energy research program in the United States in the early 2000s. He led all scientific and technical research efforts at the Idaho National Laboratory as the deputy lab director for Science and Technology for three years from 2013 through 2015. As a naval officer, he served on a nuclear submarine while on active duty and he was the commanding officer of three separate naval reserve units.

Since 2019, Professor Allen has served as the chair of the Department of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences at Michigan. Within his first four months here, he launched the Fastest Path to Zero Initiative, a cross-disciplinary project aimed at developing the optimal technical, economic, policy, and social pathways towards reducing carbon released into the atmosphere. Fastest Path was influential in establishing socio-technical studies within the Department of Energy Office of Nuclear Energy research portfolio. Since 2019, he has been running an international program for the Office of Economic Cooperation Development Nuclear Energy Agency NEST program that allows students to work through the technical, economic, regulatory, and social elements of advanced nuclear reactor deployment scenarios. Since December 2022, he is co-leading the University of Michigan’s hydrogen initiative (MI Hydrogen).

Professor Allen has significant policy experience. He developed and executed a series of five simultaneous workshops on the need for innovation in nuclear energy. This initiative led to the current DOE Gateway for Accelerated Innovation in Nuclear (GAIN) program, a White House initiative launched in 2015. He co-authored a policy paper on nuclear innovation that was named one of the top 50 worldwide policy study-reports produced by a think tank in 2016. In 2016, he testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce on developing an innovation culture in nuclear energy and briefed the State of Arkansas Joint Committee on Energy about nuclear energy. In 2021, he testified before the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Judicious Spending to Enable Success at the Office of Nuclear Energy. He was recently a committee member on the National Academy of Engineering study titled “Laying the Foundation for New and Advanced Nuclear Reactors in the United States” that was initiated in 2021 and was released in 2023. In 2022, he was integral in the inclusion of nearly a billion dollars of authorized funding for new nuclear reactor infrastructure at universities in the CHIPS+ law.

Professor Allen mentored 18 students to Ph.D. degrees over a ten-year period at the University of Wisconsin. Four of those students now hold academic positions, seven are at national laboratories, and six work in industry research positions. During that time, he also mentored twelve post-doctoral fellows or visiting scientists. Three now hold academic positions, six are at national laboratories, and one works in industry research positions.
Professor Allen has demonstrated that he possesses the experience, ability, and commitment to fulfill the important responsibilities of a department chair in the College of Engineering. I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Todd R. Allen as the Glenn F. and Gladys H. Knoll Department Chair of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2024 through May 31, 2027.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

December 2023
I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Michael M. Bernitsas as the Mortimer E. Cooley Collegiate Professor of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

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

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

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

In 2006, Professor Bernitsas, a leading authority in offshore engineering, redirected his efforts towards harnessing of marine hydrokinetic energy. He invented and patented, through the University of Michigan, the VIVACE Converter, a fish-inspired hydrokinetic energy converter, which provides an environmentally compatible alternative to water-turbines. Without using
blades or dams, it harnesses energy even from slow flows not accessible by other technologies. Funded by ONR, NSF, and DOE, among others, Professor Bernitsas has been conducting research in the Marine Renewable Energy Laboratory, which he directs, and field-tests in collaboration with a start-up company he founded to commercialize VIVACE.

The VIVACE concept has initiated world-wide research by universities and laboratories with over 3,400 citations of Professor Bernitsas’ papers just in the past five years. He holds eleven USA and EU patents and has published over 120 papers on this topic in journals with impact factors 8-17 since 2006.

I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Michael M. Bernitsas as the Mortimer E. Cooley Collegiate Professor of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

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ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: David Blaauw

CURRENT TITLES: Kensall D. Wise Collegiate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with tenure, College of Engineering

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Kensall D. Wise Collegiate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2029

We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of David Blaauw as the Kensall D. Wise Collegiate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, effective March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2029.

The Kensall D. Wise Collegiate Professorship in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science professorship was established February 2019 to honor Kensall D. Wise, a former faculty member in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. The professorship is funded by the College of Engineering. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

David Blaauw received his B.S. in 1986 from Duke University. He received his M.S. and Ph.D. in computer science from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 1989 and 1992, respectively. From 1992 to 1993, Professor Blaauw was with the IBM Corporation in Austin, TX as a development staff member. From 1993 until 2001, he worked for Motorola, Inc. in Austin, TX, where he was the manager of the High Performance Design Technology group and won the Motorola Innovation Award.

Professor Blaauw has published over 550 papers, has received numerous best paper awards and nominations, and holds 60 patents. His research has a threefold focus. He has investigated adaptive computing to reduce margins and improve energy efficiency using a new approach he pioneered, called Razor, for which he received the Richard Newton GSRC Industrial Impact Award and IEEE Micro annual Top-Picks award. He has extensive research in ultra-low-power computing using subthreshold computing and analog circuits for millimeter sensor systems and for high-end servers. His research group and collaborators introduced so-called near-threshold computing, which has become a common concept in semiconductor design. This work also led to a complete computing system design with record low power consumption (nW level) enabling the world’s first mm-scale computers. This work was selected by the MIT Technology Review as one of the year’s most significant innovations and the mm-scale computers are on display at
the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, California. Most recently, he has pursued research in cognitive computing using analog, in-memory neural-networks and acceleration of computation for gene sequencing for precision health. He was the general chair of the IEEE International Symposium on Low Power, the technical program chair for the ACM/IEEE Design Automation Conference, and serves on the IEEE International Solid-State Circuits Conference’s technical program committee. He is an IEEE fellow and received the 2016 SIA-SRC faculty award for lifetime research contributions to the U.S. semiconductor industry. Professor Blaauw currently serves as the director of the Michigan Integrated Circuits Lab.

Professor Blaauw’s distinguished career exemplifies the highest standards in all aspects of academic performance. His research and teaching will continue to contribute significantly to the excellent reputation of the college and university. We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of David Blaauw as the Kensall D. Wise Collegiate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2029.

RECOMMENDED BY:  

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:  

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

December 2023
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Carlos E. Cesnik

CURRENT TITLES: Richard A. Auhll Department Chair of Aerospace Engineering, Clarence L. (Kelly) Johnson Collegiate Professor of Aerospace Engineering, and Professor of Aerospace Engineering, with tenure, College of Engineering

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Clarence L. (Kelly) Johnson Collegiate Professor of Aerospace Engineering, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2029

We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Carlos E. Cesnik as the Clarence L. (Kelly) Johnson Collegiate Professor of Aerospace Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2029.

This Clarence L. (Kelly) Johnson Collegiate Professorship in Aerospace Engineering was established in January 2005 to honor Clarence L. “Kelly” Johnson, one of the most distinguished graduates of Aerospace Engineering. The professorship is funded by the College of Engineering. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Carlos Cesnik is the founding director of the Active Aeroelasticity and Structures Research Laboratory and was the director for the Airbus-Michigan Center for Aero-Servo-Elasticity of Very Flexible Aircraft until last year. Prior to his appointment as an associate professor, with tenure, at the University of Michigan in 2001, Professor Cesnik was the Boeing Associate Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has also worked as a research engineer at Embraer S.A.

Professor Cesnik is an expert in multi-fidelity, multi-physics modeling, design, simulation, and experimentation of aeronautical systems. His research has focused on computational and experimental aeroelasticity of very flexible aircraft in support to sustainable aviation; aero-thermo-elastic modeling, analysis, and simulation of hypersonic vehicles; active vibration and noise reductions in helicopters; and structural health monitoring for damage detection in metallic/composite structures and metamaterials.

Professor Cesnik is a fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), the Vertical Flight Society, and the Royal Aeronautical Society. He was the director for the Aerospace Design and Structures Group in AIAA’s Technical Activities Division (2017-2021), as well as an elected member of AIAA’s Council of Directors. He has over 350 publications as
archival journal and conference papers, a recent book in dynamics of flexible aircraft, and several invited lectures in the areas of aeroelasticity, smart structures, structural mechanics, and structural health monitoring. Professor Cesnik has been an active private pilot since 1981.

Professor Cesnik’s distinguished career exemplifies the highest standards in all aspects of academic performance. His research and teaching will continue to contribute significantly to the excellent reputation of the college and university. We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Carlos E. Cesnik as the Clarence L. (Kelly) Johnson Collegiate Professor of Aerospace Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2029.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

December 2023
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment

NAME: Debra Chopp

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Dean for Experiential Education, and Clinical Professor, Law School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Associate Dean for Experiential Education, Law School

TERM: Three Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027

The Law School is pleased to recommend the reappointment of Debra Chopp as associate dean for experiential education, Law School, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

Debra Chopp received her Bachelor of Arts in 1997 from the University of Michigan and her J.D. in 2002 from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where she was a senior editor of the *Journal of Constitutional Law*. Before joining the University of Michigan faculty, she served as a staff attorney in the University of Michigan’s Pediatric Advocacy Initiative and as a volunteer attorney for the Sanctuary for Families: Center for Battered Women’s Legal Services. Professor Chopp joined our faculty in 2007 and was promoted to clinical professor in 2017.

Professor Chopp directs the Pediatric Advocacy Clinic at the University of Michigan Law. Her research, teaching, and legal practice focus primarily on education law, family law/domestic violence, and cross-cultural communication. She also serves as the Law School’s faculty representative to the Child Health Evaluation and Research (CHEAR) Unit at the University of Michigan.

We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Debra Chopp as associate dean for experiential education, Law School, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Mark D. West
David A. Breach
Nippon Life Professor of Law
Law School

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

December 2023
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Joerg Lahann

CURRENT TITLES: Wolfgang Pauli Collegiate Professor of Chemical Engineering, Professor of Chemical Engineering, with tenure, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, without tenure, Professor of Macromolecular Science and Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering, and Professor of Biomedical Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering and Medical School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Wolfgang Pauli Collegiate Professor of Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2029

I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Joerg Lahann as the Wolfgang Pauli Collegiate Professor of Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2029.

Joerg Lahann received his B.S. from the University of Saarland in 1993. He received his M.S. and his Ph.D. from RWTH Aachen, Germany in 1995 and 1998, respectively. Following graduation, Professor Lahann was a post-doctoral associate until 2001 at MIT. He then completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Harvard-MIT between 2002 and 2003. Professor Lahann joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2003 as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 2008 and to professor in 2012. Professor Lahann is the founding and current director (since 2012) of the University of Michigan Biointerfaces Institute. It is the objective of the Biointerfaces Institute to bridge between Engineering, the Physical Sciences, and Medicine and thus to facilitate translational research. Professor Lahann also serves on leadership committees for the University of Michigan Forbes Institute for Cancer Discovery, the Rogel Cancer Center, the Michigan Materials Research Institute, and the RNA Biomedicine Center.

The impact of Professor Lahann’s work is clearly recognizable by his 320+ publications, 50+ patents and patent applications, and an h-index of 68 (Google Scholar), which is truly outstanding for a mid-career researcher. Professor Lahann currently serves on the editorial board of several journals, such as Advanced Materials or Macromolecular Rapid Communications, and is an executive editor of Beilstein Journal of Nanotechnology. He contributed to the materials research community by co-editing half a dozen special issues on topics ranging from nanoparticles to vapor-based polymerization. His contributions to materials research and service have been recognized by the Nanoscale Science and Engineering Award from AICHE, an NSF-CAREER award, and a DOD IDEA award. Professor Lahann is an elected fellow of the National Academy of Inventors, the American Association of the Advancement of Sciences, and the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering.
Specifically, Professor Lahann has pioneered the field of particle engineering by developing a method to prepare multicompartmental nanoparticles via electrohydrodynamic co-jetting (Nature Materials 2005, Nature Materials 2009). He has since developed multicompartmental nanoparticles for delivery of combination therapies in a range of medical applications including cancer (Advanced Materials 2012, ACS Nano 2022). For example, a recent collaborative project has demonstrated the enormous potential of these nanoparticles for systemic delivery of small interfering RNA sequences into brain cancers (Nature Communications 2020).

Professor Lahann edited the first textbook dedicated to click chemistry for life sciences and materials entitled Click chemistry for materials science and biotechnology published by Wiley Publishers in 2009. The ten-year averages of his teaching evaluations are 4.71/5.00 for the quality of the teacher (Q2) and 4.54/5.00 for the quality of the class (Q1). Beyond classroom teaching, he is highly dedicated to undergraduate research. During his tenure at UM, he has mentored more than 170 undergraduate research students, several of which have contributed to publications based on research they performed in the Lahann Lab. Undergraduate researchers from the Lahann Lab have joint graduate programs at a range of US institutions, such as MIT, Berkeley, University of Chicago, and Harvard.

Professor Lahann’s academic achievements fully merit his reappointment. I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Joerg Lahann as the Wolfgang Pauli Collegiate Professor of Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2029.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

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

December 2023
ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Unendowed Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Andrei S. Markovits

CURRENT TITLES: Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Karl W. Deutsch Collegiate Professor of Comparative Politics and German Studies, Professor of Germanic Languages and Literatures, with tenure, Professor of Political Science, with tenure, and Professor of Sociology, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Karl W. Deutsch Collegiate Professor of Comparative Politics and German Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024

With the endorsement of the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Andrei S. Markovits as the Karl W. Deutsch Collegiate Professor of Comparative Politics and German Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024.

This professorship was established through the Provost Office and named the Karl W. Deutsch Collegiate Professorship in Comparative Politics and German Studies in June 2003. Karl W. Deutsch was a visiting professor at the University of Michigan in 1977. A stipend funded from college resources accompanies this professorship. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Andrei Markovits attended Columbia University where he earned his Bachelor of Arts in 1969, Master of Business Administration in 1971, Master of Arts in 1973, Master of Philosophy in 1974, and his doctorate in 1976. Following a research associate appointment at Harvard University, Professor Markovits began his instructional career as an assistant professor at Wesleyan University in 1977. He was appointed an associate professor, with tenure, at Boston University in 1983 and as a professor at the University of California, Santa Cruz in 1992. He joined our faculty as a professor in 1999.

Professor Markovits specializes in the politics of Western Europe generally and Germany more specifically. During the past five years, he has authored or co-authored three books: Women in American Soccer and European Football: Different Roads to Shared Glory (2019); The Boundaries of Pluralism: The World of the University of Michigan’s Jewish Students from 1897 to 1945 (co-authored with Kenneth Garner, Ann Arbor: Maize Books 2020); and The Passport as
Home: Comfort in Rootlessness (Budapest and Vienna: Central European University Press, 2021), which also appeared in German as Der Pass mein Zuhause: Aufgefangen in Wurzellosigkeit (Berlin: Neofelis Verlag, 2022). Professor Markovits has also authored or co-authored fourteen journal articles and contributed to edited anthologies. He also delivered twenty-seven lectures at various conferences, symposia, conventions, and other academic forums across the United States and Canada, as well as in Germany, the Netherlands, the U.K., and Hungary.

Professor Markovits continues to teach several important courses on a regular basis, including “German Politics in Europe since 1945,” “The German and European Left in the 20th Century,” and “Sports, Politics, and Society.” He has supervised undergraduate honors projects and served on numerous dissertation committees both at UM and at institutions abroad, including the Universität Göttingen and the Freie Universität Berlin.

Professor Markovits served on several lecturer review committees in the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures. He has been a member of the advisory board of the Internationales Forschungszentrum Kulturwissenschaften (IFK) in Vienna, Austria since 1999. He is also a frequent referee for scholarly articles, manuscripts, book proposals, and project proposals.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Andrei S. Markovits as the Karl W. Deutsch Collegiate Professor of Comparative Politics and German Studies, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective September 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024.

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

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

December 2023
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to an Unendowed Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Steven R. Ratner

CURRENT TITLES: Bruno Simma Collegiate Professor of Law, and Professor of Law, with tenure, Law School

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Bruno Simma Collegiate Professor of Law, Law School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2029

The Law School is pleased to recommend the reappointment of Steven R. Ratner as the Bruno Simma Collegiate Professor of Law, Law School, for a five-year renewable term, effective February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2029.

Steven Ratner earned his A.B., magna cum laude, from Princeton University in 1982. He received his M.A. from the Institut Universitaire de Hautes Etudes Internationales, Geneva in 1983, and his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1986. After graduation, Professor Ratner worked as an attorney-advisor in the Office of the Legal Adviser at the U.S. Department of State, and was an international affairs fellow for the Council on Foreign Relations. In 1993, Professor Ratner joined the University of Texas School of Law as an assistant professor in 1993. He was promoted to professor in 1997 and became the Albert Sidney Burleson Professor of Law in 1999. Professor Ratner joined our faculty in September 2004.

This professorship was established in the Provost Office and was named the Bruno Simma Collegiate Professorship in December 2008. Recognized throughout Europe as one of the two or three leading figures in public international law, Bruno Simma, German jurist, returned to the Law School in 2012 after having served a nine-year term as a judge at the International Court of Justice. Professor Simma originally came to the Law School in 1986 as a visiting professor. From 1987 to 1992, he held a joint appointment on the faculty while also serving on the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and as vice president of the German Society of International Law. In 1995, Professor Simma was both a visiting professor at the Law School and a lecturer at the Hague Academy of International Law. From 1997 to 2012, he was a member of the Law School’s Affiliated Overseas Faculty, more recently as a William W. Cook Global Law Professor. He is now a part-time professor of law, currently serving as one of the three third-party judges/arbitrators of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal at the Hague.
Professor Ratner is an internationally respected scholar and teacher of international law, with specific expertise in human rights, the law of war, terrorism, international organizations, and ethnic conflict. In addition to a prolific scholarly record in these fields, Professor Ratner has served as a Fulbright Scholar at the Hague, as a member of the board of editors of the *American Journal of International Law*, a member of the United Nations Secretary-General’s three-person Group of Experts for Cambodia, and more recently as a member of the UN’s three-person Panel of Experts on Accountability in Sri Lanka. Professor Ratner also established and directs the Law School’s externship program in Geneva.

We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Steven R. Ratner as the Bruno Simma Collegiate Professor of Law, Law School, for a five-year renewable term, effective February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2029.

RECOMMENDED BY:  RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Mark D. West  Laurie K. McCauley
David A. Breach Dean of Law  Provost and Executive Vice
Nippon Life Professor of Law  President for Academic Affairs
Law School

December 2023
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Nadine B. Sarter

CURRENT TITLES: Richard W. Pew Collegiate Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering, Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering, with tenure, and Professor of Aerospace Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Richard W. Pew Collegiate Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering, College of Engineering

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024

We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Nadine B. Sarter as the Richard W. Pew Collegiate Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024.

This Richard W. Pew Collegiate Professorship in Industrial and Operations Engineering was established in February 2019 to honor Richard W. Pew, a former faculty member in the Department of Psychology. The professorship is funded by the College of Engineering. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Nadine Sarter received her B.S. in psychology and her M.S. in applied and experimental psychology from the University of Hamburg in 1981 and 1983, respectively. She received her Ph.D. in industrial and systems engineering in 1994 from The Ohio State University. Following graduation, Professor Sarter was appointed as an assistant professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She was then appointed at The Ohio State University as an assistant professor (1999) and was promoted to associate professor (2002). Professor Sarter joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as an associate professor in IOE in 2004 and was promoted to professor in 2011. She also served as the director for the Center for Ergonomics from 2015-2023 and as the director for the Occupational Safety Engineering and Ergonomics Program from 2017-2020.

Professor Sarter’s primary research interests include (1) human-machine teaming, (2) operator trust in autonomous systems, (3) adaptive function allocation, (4) attention/interruption management, (5) multimodal interface design, and (6) the design of decision aids for high-tempo operations. She has conducted her work in a variety of application domains, most notably aviation and space, medicine, military operations, and the automotive industry. Her research has
been funded primarily by NSF, various NASA Research Centers, the United States Army and Air Force, the FAA, and the Toyota Research Institute.

Professor Sarter was elected to the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) in 2019. She is a fellow of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society and serves as an associate editor for *Human Factors*, the society’s flagship journal. She has received numerous awards for her work, including an NSF CAREER award. She has contributed as an invited member on numerous government and scientific committees, most recently the board on Human-Systems Integration (BOHSI) of the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM; 2023-2025), the National Academies Transportation Research Board (TRB) Study on ‘Emerging Trends in Aviation Safety’ (2021-2023), and the Army Research Laboratory Technical Assessment Board (ARLTAB; 2021-2023). She also served as an expert witness in the National Transportation Safety Board Investigative Hearing on Asiana Flight 214.

Professor Sarter’s distinguished career exemplifies the highest standards in all aspects of academic performance. Her research and teaching will continue to contribute significantly to the excellent reputation of the college and university. We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Nadine B. Sarter as the Richard W. Pew Collegiate Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering, College of Engineering, effective March 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024.

**RECOMMENDED BY:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:**

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

December 2023
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment

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: Chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

On behalf of the College of Pharmacy Executive Committee, we are pleased to recommend the reappointment of Steven P. Schwendeman as chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

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 a professor of biomedical engineering in the Medical School and the College of Engineering in 2013.

Professor Schwendeman’s performance as the chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences has been excellent, and the College of Pharmacy will benefit greatly from his continued leadership. His dedication to stewardship of the department and its graduate program, along with his commitment to service at all levels, have been outstanding and contribute to the College of Pharmacy’s success in achieving its goals and accomplishing its mission.
We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of Steven P. Schwendeman as chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

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

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

December 2023
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

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

NAME: John R. Traynor, Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Edward F. Domino Research Professor of Pharmacology, Professor of Pharmacology, with tenure, Medical School, and Professor of Medicinal Chemistry, without tenure, College of Pharmacy

TITLE BEING RENEWED: Professor of Medicinal Chemistry, without tenure, College of Pharmacy

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2023

We are pleased to recommend the reappointment of John R. Traynor, Ph.D. as professor of medicinal chemistry, without tenure, College of Pharmacy, effective December 1, 2023.

John Traynor received his B.Sc. in pharmacy and his Ph.D. in medicinal chemistry from the University of Aston, U.K. in 1970 and 1973, respectively. He continued his training as a pharmacy resident at King’s Mill Hospital, Mansfield, U.K. for one year prior to completing a two-year post-doctoral research fellowship at the Max-Planck Institute for Experimental Medicine in Germany. Dr. Traynor joined the University of Loughborough, U.K. as an assistant professor of pharmacology in 1976, was granted tenure in 1979, and was promoted to associate professor in 1986. He came to the University of Michigan Medical School in 1996 as a senior associate research scientist in the Department of Pharmacology. He was promoted to associate professor in 2002 and to professor in 2005. Dr. Traynor served as the director of the Substance Abuse Research Center (2008-2012). In 2015, he was appointed as both the Edward F. Domino Research Professor of Pharmacology and as the associate chair for research in the Department of Pharmacology. In 2018, Dr. Traynor was appointed as professor of medicinal chemistry, without tenure, College of Pharmacy.

Dr. Traynor is an internationally recognized pharmacologist in the area of opioid drugs. His work focuses on the clinical use of these drugs for the management of moderate to severe pain; their side effects; long-term use which can lead to addiction, abuse, and the use of heroin or related street drugs; and the development of medications for improved management of pain and/or for treatment of opioid and other substance abuse. He is highly regarded for his ground-breaking work as evidenced by his selection for a National Institute on Drug Abuse Merit Award, service as the president of the International Narcotic Research Conference, election as the president of the Neuropharmacology Division of the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, and election as a fellow of the British Pharmacological Society. Dr. Traynor has numerous publications and invited presentations to...
his credit and has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to his profession and
dedication to teaching.

Dr. Traynor is highly collaborative and has partnered with faculty in the Medicinal Chemistry
Department for the past 25 years with many research collaborations and co-authored papers. He
is also a dedicated teacher who has co-mentored many students and trainees with colleagues in
the Medicinal Chemistry Department. His continued participation in these and other activities
related to teaching and research is highly valued and will serve to strengthen the connection
between the Departments of Pharmacology and Medicinal Chemistry.

We are very pleased to recommend the reappointment of John R. Traynor, Ph.D. as professor of
medicinal chemistry, without tenure, College of Pharmacy, effective December 1, 2023.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

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

December 2023
Recommendations for approval of joint or additional appointments
or transfers of regular associate or full professors and selected
academic and administrative staff
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Sara D. Adar

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Epidemiology, with tenure, School of Public Health

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

TERM: Three Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026

With the approval of the Executive Committee of the School of Public Health, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Sara D. Adar as associate professor of global public health, without tenure, School of Public Health, for a three-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

Sara D. Adar received her Bachelor of Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1996. She attended Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and completed a Master of Health Sciences in environmental health science and engineering in 1998. She attended the T.H. Chan Harvard School of Public Health and completed a Doctor of Science degree in environmental exposures, epidemiology, and risk in 2005. Professor Adar joined our faculty as a research assistant professor in 2010 and was promoted in 2011 to the John G. Searle Assistant Professor and finally as an associate professor in the Department of Epidemiology in 2017. She also serves as the associate Chair for the Department of Epidemiology.

Professor Adar has been conducting research since 2014 in a global forum, starting in Israel in 2014, then to India in 2017, and now with collaborators across ten nations worldwide. Her work in these projects focuses on understanding the role of air pollution, noise, and other environmental exposures as risk factors for cognitive decline and dementia. This work is largely being performed within the context of the Health and Retirement Study and its International Network of Studies. She has assembled a highly collaborative and global team for these projects to add harmonized exposures and statistical analysis plans to 11 large (average size > 25,000), nationally representative, longitudinal cohort studies across North America, South America, Europe, and Asia. These projects have resulted in over $20M in research funding as PI/MPI, manuscripts already published with data from India, Mexico, China, and the United States, and capacity-building efforts for collaborators worldwide.
As part of her research projects, Professor Adar aims to create curated and globally harmonized datasets on aging that will become accessible to all researchers. She and her partners are developing workshops and training materials to promote their use and build capacity in partner countries to support researchers globally. Professor Adar was also an active participant in two workshops for the Health Effects Sponsored CAPHER network, which aims to support the capacity building of environmental health researchers in India. She has also worked in one-on-one collaborations to mentor and support a student and faculty member from the International Institute for Population Sciences in Mumbai to publish a manuscript on air pollution and stunting in India. She also supported another junior faculty member in India, helping her to access data and apply for a grant as a PI to study temperature and cognitive function in India. Finally, she has mentored ILE student projects to conduct research in India, including investigating air pollution as a risk factor for TB.

We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Sara D. Adar as associate professor of global public health, without tenure, School of Public Health, for a three-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

December 2023
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Nicholas Bagley

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Law, with tenure, Law School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Thomas G. Long Professor of Law, Law School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2028

The Law School is pleased to recommend the appointment of Nicholas Bagley as the Thomas G. Long Professor of Law, Law School, for a five-year renewable term, effective December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2028.

The Thomas G. Long Professorship in Law was established in the Law School in July 1998 by Elizabeth A. Long, daughter of Thomas G. Long, a member of the Law School Class of 1901. The professorship is funded by an endowment from Elizabeth A. Long’s estate. The appointment periods may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Nicholas Bagley received his B.A. from Yale University in 2000 and his J.D. from the New York University School of Law in 2005. After graduation, Professor Bagley was a law clerk for Judge David S. Tatel, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit from 2005-2006 and Justice John Paul Stevens, United States Supreme court from 2006-2007. He then practiced law as an attorney with the appellate staff at the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, in Washington D.C. from 2007-2010. Professor Bagley joined the University of Michigan Law School in 2010. He was promoted to professor of law, with tenure in 2015.

Professor Bagley is an expert in administrative law and health law. In 2020 and 2022, he served as special counsel and then chief legal counsel to Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. His academic work has been published widely, including in the Harvard Law Review and the Columbia Law Review, and he contributes frequently to popular outlets, including The New York Times and The Atlantic.
We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Nicholas Bagley as the Thomas G. Long Professor of Law, Law School, for a five-year renewable term, effective December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2028.

RECOMMENDED BY:

[Signature]
Mark D. West
David A. Breach Dean of Law
Nippon Life Professor of Law
Law School

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

December 2023
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: James S. Burnstein

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Film, Television, and Media, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: John H. and Patricia Mitchell Professor of Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2024 through December 1, 2028

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Film, Television, and Media and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of James S. Burnstein as the John H. and Patricia Mitchell Professor of Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024 through December 1, 2028.

The John H. and Patricia Mitchell Professor of Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media was established in October 2023 as a result of a generous gift from the Patricia W. Mitchell Trust. This professorship was created to support the creative side of ethics in leadership in entertainment. Incumbents shall have a demonstrated understanding of and actively practice ethics in leadership and be at the rank of associate professor or professor, with tenure. Appointments to this professorship will be up to five years and may be renewed.

James Burstein attended the University of Michigan where he earned his Bachelor of Arts, with high distinction, in English in 1972 and his Master of Arts in English in 1974. He was appointed at Michigan as a lecturer II (1995-1997), lecturer III (2004-2005), and lecturer IV (2005-2018), and was named a collegiate lecturer in 2015. Professor Burnstein was appointed as a professor, with tenure, in 2018.

Professor Burnstein is a Hollywood screenwriter who is widely recognized as a master of the well-developed, carefully plotted narrative that has been at the core of Hollywood’s changing conventions and commercial successes for more than a century. As a member of the Screen Writers’ Guild of America, he has had several of his scripts produced, and he has authored and sold dozens more. His screen credits include Renaissance Man, the 1994 comedy directed by Penny Marshall and starring Danny DeVito; D3: The Mighty Ducks; and Love and Honor, starring Liam Hemsworth and Teresa Palmer, co-written with Garrett K. Schiff of Los Angeles. His other work with Garrett K. Schiff includes Naughty or Nice starring George Lopez (ABC); Ruffian starring Sam Shepard (ABC/ESPN); and Ham-let, a graphic novel published by Dark Horse Comics in 2022. Professor Burnstein also served as the executive producer of the award-winning independent 2008 film, Ocean of Pearls, directed by Dr. Sarab Neelam and written by V. Prasad.
Professor Burnstein’s deep familiarity and ongoing experience with these conventions has shaped his teaching and his approach to the screenwriting curriculum, which he has developed and refined during his career at Michigan. Professor Burnstein established and was the inaugural director of the department’s screenwriting program in 1998—and continues to serve as director to this day. Unlike other programs around the country that train students to write individual scenes, this rigorous and highly demanding sub-major in screenwriting requires students to write and re-write a full-length screenplay. Some subsequently get produced in the department’s upper-level capstone production course, and regularly go on to garner prestigious Hopwood awards at the annual UM competition. Professor Burnstein’s unflagging commitment to student success is reflected in his consistently exceptional teaching evaluations and his nominations for the Golden Apple Teaching Award in 2015 and 2017.

Professor Burnstein has maintained a remarkable level of service to the university and the profession. During his time as director of the screenwriting program he has successfully raised millions of dollars for the program and the department, and has coordinated internship opportunities and student participation at film festivals. He was instrumental in creating the department’s prodigious Donald Hall Library and the Hatcher Library’s Screen Mavericks Collection. Professor Burnstein has served on the Knight-Wallace Board for almost a decade and actively advised the university’s Bicentennial Office, garnering a prize for Best Special Event from the Historical Society of Michigan. Professor Burnstein has worked tirelessly at the department, the college, and the state levels to create opportunities and advocate not just for screenwriting but for film and television as creative industries and as key facets of a liberal arts education. He has done so with a consistent eye on the ethics of leadership, on access for underrepresented minorities, and on diversity in representation, whether demographic or aesthetic.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of James S. Burnstein as the John H. and Patricia Mitchell Professor of Entertainment, Department of Film, Television, and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024 through December 1, 2028.

RECOMMENDED BY: 

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

December 2023
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Sarah Buss

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: James B. and Grace J. Nelson Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Philosophy and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Sarah Buss as the James B. and Grace J. Nelson Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028.

The James B. and Grace J. Nelson Endowment for the Teaching of Philosophy was established in 1940 by a generous gift from James B. Nelson and increased by subsequent gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Julia Jean Nelson Stokes. The James B. and Grace J. Nelson Professorship in Philosophy was established in September 1991 to support an incumbent with an outstanding reputation for learning and teaching ability in philosophy. A second professorship incumbent was approved in July 1999. Appointments to this professorship are up to five years and may be renewed.

Sarah Buss attended Yale University where she completed her Bachelor of Arts in 1981 and doctorate in 1989. She began her teaching career as an assistant professor at Princeton University in 1989. She was a visiting assistant professor at the University of Iowa (1997-1999), then appointed as an assistant professor in 1999 and promoted to associate professor in 2007. Professor Buss joined the Michigan faculty as an associate professor, with tenure, in 2007, and was promoted to professor in 2013.

Professor Buss is an internationally recognized moral philosopher whose research interests lie at the intersection of metaphysics and ethics. She explores interrelated issues of autonomy, moral responsibility, practical rationality, and respect for persons. In her work, she has developed accounts of weakness of will, our moral obligations to the needy, the rationality of our concern for our own happiness, the relationship between intentional action and evaluative commitments, the relevance of childhood deprivation to assignments of blame, the moral importance of etiquette, and the metaphysical significance of illness. Professor Buss’s current projects address the normative significance of formal principles of practical rationality, the nature of reasons for
action, the will’s contribution to action, and the moral implications of certain basic human capacities. In 2020-2021, she was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship in recognition of her research excellence.

Professor Buss has made significant contributions to the department’s curriculum and graduate program. She is a highly sought after dissertation advisor and committee member and has been a member of thirty-three dissertation committees, ten of which she served on as chair or co-chair. In 2023, she was recognized with the D’Arms Faculty Award for Distinguished Mentoring in the Humanities. In 2013, she was awarded the John Dewey Award for excellence of undergraduate teaching and was also nominated for a Golden Apple Award.

Professor Buss has an extensive service record to her department, the university, and her profession. Most recently, she began a three-year term on the LSA Executive Committee, served as chair of her department’s third-year review committee, and finished serving as the co-chair of the Cognitive Science Implementation Advisory Group (2022-2023). Professor Buss has been active in the American Philosophical Association and has served as member of several external review committees for other universities. She was the associate editor of *Ethics* from 2008-2016 and frequently serves as a referee for leading journals, books, foundations, and many tenure and promotion cases.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Sarah Buss as the James B. and Grace J. Nelson Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

December 2023
ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Rona Carter

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Professor of Education, without tenure, Marsal Family School of Education

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2024

With the support of the Executive Committees of the Marsal Family School of Education and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Rona Carter as associate professor of education, without tenure, Marsal Family School of Education, effective January 1, 2024.

Rona Carter received her A.A. in psychology from Miami Dade Community College. She then received her B.A. in psychology (2001), her M.A. in developmental psychology (2005), and her Ph.D. in applied life span developmental psychology (2009) from Florida International University. From 2009-2011, she engaged in post-doctoral training in the University of Michigan Department of Psychology and Institute for Social Research. She was appointed as an assistant professor in the University of Michigan Department of Psychology in 2011, and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2019.

Professor Carter’s research examines the important role that pubertal timing can play in the well-being of adolescent girls. She is one of the only scientists in the world to investigate this issue in ethnic minority youth. Her scholarship includes two main threads: exploring parallel developmental tasks such as ethnic-racial identity development and psychologically threatening experiences (e.g., ethnic-racial and gender discrimination) that create resilience or vulnerability to puberty-linked outcomes like depression and delinquency, and investigating how interpersonal experiences with adults and peers such as exclusion by peers and contextual conditions such as the racial composition of schools help or hinder off-time pubertal effects. Her research draws upon both secondary data analysis and original data collection and is guided by the central tenets of social development theory which emphasize that individual development occurs within a social and cultural context, which itself develops and perpetually interacts with the developing individual.
Given her professional identity and research expertise, Professor Carter has become an important member of the Marsal community. She advises education students, teaches valuable education courses, and participates in numerous committees in the Combined Program in Education and Psychology.

We are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Rona Carter as associate professor of education, without tenure, Marsal Family School of Education, effective January 1, 2024.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

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 2023
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION  

ACTION REQUEST:  Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship  
NAME:  Kelvin Lin-Yu Chou, M.D.  
CURRENT TITLES:  Clinical Professor, Department of Neurology, and Clinical Professor, Department of Neurosurgery, Medical School  
ADDITIONAL TITLE:  Alexander S. and Gabriella Karp Professor of Neurology, Medical School  
EFFECTIVE DATES:  December 1, 2023 through August 31, 2028  

On the recommendation of Dawn Kleindorfer M.D., the Robert W. Brear Professor and chair of the Department of Neurology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Kelvin Lin-Yu Chou, M.D. as the Alexander S. and Gabriella Karp Professor of Neurology, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023, through August 31, 2028.  

The Alexander S. and Gabriella Karp Professorship in Neurology was established in October 2023 and stems from gifts from the Karp Family Foundation. This professorship will recognize the achievements of a faculty member within the Department of Neurology, Parkinson’s Disease and Movement Disorders Division. This professorship is to be held by a faculty member with a primary appointment in the Department of Neurology, Parkinson’s and Movement Disorders Division. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.  

Kelvin Chou received his medical degree from the University of Michigan in 1998. He completed his neurology residency and movement disorders fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania. He then started his career at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University in 2004. Dr. Chou joined the University of Michigan in 2007 as a clinical assistant professor in the Departments of Neurology and Neurosurgery. He then rose through the ranks to become a clinical professor the Departments of Neurology and Neurosurgery in 2016. Dr. Chou is an active and highly regarded clinician. He was originally recruited here to run our Deep Brain Stimulation program and is the co-director of the STIM (Surgical Therapies Improving Movement) Program. He is presently the co-division chief for the Parkinson’s Disease and Related Movement Disorders Division and associate chair for faculty development in the Department of Neurology. For several years, he served as the director for the Neurology Clinical Trials Operation in the Department of Neurology. Dr. Chou has previously held the Thomas H. and Susan C. Brown Early Career Professor of Neurology from 2011-2016.
Dr. Chou’s clinical and research interests focus on Parkinson’s disease, essential tremor, and other movement disorders. He is known for his work on improving Deep Brain Stimulation, conducting multi-center trials in PD and related disorders, and study of non-motor features of Parkinson disease. To rehearse some of the conventional metrics, his vita lists 109 peer-reviewed publications, generally in high quality clinical journals, with a high percentage of first and senior author publications. His Scopus h-index is 36. Dr. Chou has also published a large volume of reviews and non-peer reviewed publications. These publications include two books, one on DBS aimed at a general audience, and another on Essential Tremor aimed at clinicians. Among his many publications, and attesting to his national/international recognition, are several influential articles on practice guidelines and diagnostic criteria. He has a strong record of extramural support. He is well known at our institution and nationally as an excellent colleague and is sought out as a collaborator.

In terms of service, Dr. Chou served as the director of the Education and Outreach Core for the Udall Center of Excellence for Research in Parkinson’s Disease. He has been active in other important service roles at our institution, serving, for example, as the vice chair for the Advisory Committee on Clinical Track Appointments and Promotions. Dr. Chou is very active in international and national service with committee service and leadership positions in the International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society, the International Essential Tremor Foundation, the Parkinson Study Group (major North American Parkinson disease clinical trials organization), the American Academy of Neurology, and others. Dr. Chou is also a highly regarded teacher and mentor at multiple levels. Graduates of the Movement Disorders Fellowship, for example, are highly regarded nationally, in good part because of his outstanding training in Deep Stimulation Methods. His mentorship of junior faculty is exemplary, training several of our present faculty. Dr. Chou contributes significantly to educational activities regionally, nationally, and internationally, developing substantial educational materials for both neurologists and patients.

Dr. Chou has proven to be an outstanding researcher, educator, and clinician. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Kelvin Lin-Yu Chou, M.D. as the Alexander S. and Gabriella Karp Professor of Neurology, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023 through August 31, 2028.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

December 2023
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Kevin Cokley

CURRENT TITLES: University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor, and Professor of Psychology, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Professor of Education, without tenure, Marsal Family School of Education

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2024

With the support of the Executive Committees of the Marsal Family School of Education and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Kevin Cokley as professor of education, without tenure, Marsal Family School of Education, effective January 1, 2024.

Kevin Cokley was awarded a B.A. in psychology from Wake Forest University in 1991, a M.Ed. in education counseling from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1993, and a Ph.D. from Georgia State University in 1998. He was appointed as an assistant professor of psychology at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (1998-2004), then as an associate professor of counseling psychology and Black studies at the University of Missouri at Columbia (2004-2007). He was then appointed as an associate professor of African and African Diaspora studies and counseling psychology at the University of Texas at Austin, and was promoted to professor in 2013. In addition to his faculty appointment, he served as the director of the Institute for Urban Policy Research and Analysis (2014-2021). In 2022, he joined the University of Michigan as a University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor of Psychology and professor, with tenure, in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts.

Professor Cokley’s scholarship is focused on the academic outcomes and psychosocial development of African American students. He studies how psychological and environmental factors impact African American student achievement and the nature of the impostor phenomenon and its role in the academic outcomes and mental health of African American and other minoritized students. He is author of The Myth of Black Anti-Intellectualism: A True Psychology of African American Students, which challenges the notion that African American students are anti-intellectual, and is an editor of the book Making Black Lives Matter: Confronting Anti-Black Racism.
Given his professional identity and research expertise, Professor Cokley has become an important member of the Marsal community. He participates in Combined Program in Education and Psychology executive committee meetings and colloquium, advises education students, and has potential to teach valuable courses in education.

We are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Kevin Cokley as professor of education, without tenure, Marsal Family School of Education, effective January 1, 2024.

Recommended by:

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

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 2024
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Kristina B. Daugirdas

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Dean for Academic Programming, and Professor of Law, with tenure, Law School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Francis A. Allen Collegiate Professor of Law, Law School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2028

The Law School is pleased to recommend the appointment of Kristina B. Daugirdas as the Francis A. Allen Collegiate Professor of Law, Law School, for a five-year renewable term, effective December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2028.

The Francis A. Allen Collegiate Professorship was established in the Law School in May 1990 in honor of a former dean and member of the Law School faculty who was a preeminent scholar in the field of criminal law and criminal procedure. The Professorship is supported by a gift from Joseph Parsons, a 1927 graduate of the Law School, to establish professorships in the Law School. The appointment periods may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Kristina Daugirdas received her B.A. from Brown University in 1999 and her J.D. from the New York University School of Law in 2005. After graduation, Professor Daugirdas was a law clerk for Judge Stephen F. Williams, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit from 2005-2006. She then practiced as an attorney-advisor in the Office of the Legal Advisor of the U.S. Department of State in Washington D.C. from 2006-2009. Professor Daugirdas joined the University of Michigan Law School in 2010. She was promoted to professor of law, with tenure in 2016.

Professor Daugirdas teaches and writes in the fields of international law and institutions and U.S. foreign relations law. Her scholarship focuses on how international law regulates (and fails to regulate) international institutions, as well as how they contribute to the development of international law. She is a member of the editorial board of the International Organizations Law Review and the U.S. State Department’s Advisory Committee on International Law.
We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Kristina B. Daugirdas as the Francis A. Allen Collegiate Professor of Law, Law School, for a five-year renewable term, effective December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2028.

RECOMMENDED BY:

[Signature]
Mark D. West
David A. Breach Dean of Law
Nippon Life Professor of Law
Law School

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

December 2023
I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Angela D. Dillard as the inaugural vice provost for undergraduate education, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028.

Angela Dillard received her Bachelor of Arts from Michigan State University in 1988 and her Master of Arts from the New School for Social Research in 1991. She attended the University of Michigan where she earned her second Master of Arts in 1992 and her doctorate in 1995. Professor Dillard began her academic career as a visiting lecturer at James Madison College (1995), was appointed as an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota (1995-1997), and as an assistant professor at New York University (1997-2002) where she was promoted to associate professor in 2002. She joined the faculty at Michigan as an associate professor, with tenure, in 2006 and was promoted to professor in 2009. In 2014, Professor Dillard was appointed to the Richard A. Meisler (formerly Earl Lewis) Collegiate Professor of Afroamerican and African Studies and in the Residential College. She was reappointed in this role in June 2023.

Professor Dillard specializes in American and African American intellectual history, particularly around issues of race, religion, and politics, and maintains an active interest in urban studies. She is the author of Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner Now?: Multicultural Conservatism in America (NYU Press, 2001) and Faith in the City: Preaching Radical Social Change in Detroit (UM Press, 2007). Her third manuscript in process, tentatively titled A Different Shade of Freedom is an attempt to write an ideologically wide history situated at the intersection of the post-World War II civil rights movement and the rise of the New Right. Her recent publications include essays in edited collections and articles in online and print journals and newspapers. She is the co-principal
investigator on the Egalitarian Metropolis project, jointly sponsored by LSA and the Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning and funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation, which will be concluding its work at the end of the year.

Professor Dillard maintains an interdisciplinary approach to teaching, including courses in African American intellectual and religious history, on conservative thought, the use of science fiction as a form of social analysis, and urban studies. She has continued to maintain a commitment to recruiting and supporting transfer students, especially those from community colleges in Michigan; and was the co-principal investigator for LSA’s Transfer Bridges to the Humanities grant, funded by the Mellon Foundation. In 2020-2021, Professor Dillard served as the chair of the Academic Advisory Committee for the Democracy and Debate Theme Semester, which supported courses and programming in nearly every school and college across campus and launched a unique partnership between UMMA and the Ann Arbor City Clerk’s office to promote student voting. For the theme semester she taught an interdisciplinary course on Democracy and Debate Across LSA and worked with the Center for Academic Innovation on a Democracy and Debate series for Michigan Online. In subsequent years, she also co-taught a History Lab that focused on the histories of racial exclusion and discrimination with the American Historical Association; a First Year Seminar on Black Conservatism; and will be offering a new course on the Detroit River Story Lab: Telling River Stories and Building Equitable Narrative Infrastructure in Detroit for Winter 2024.

Professor Dillard previously served as the LSA associate dean for undergraduate education (2017-2019) and has been serving as the chair of the Department of History since 2021. She serves on the executive committee for the Bentley Historical Library, the advisory board for the Mellon Foundation’s College and Beyond, II study; on the Steering Committee for the Humanities Collaboratory; and the national Steering Committee for the Our Compelling Interest Series. She was a member of the design team for the UM Inclusive History Project, is a past member of the State of Michigan's Freedom Trail Commission and is part of the faculty team leading the Detroit River Story Lab, which cultivates local partnerships to elevate historically nuanced and contextually aware stories that center the Detroit River in the lives and struggles of its adjacent communities.

I am pleased to recommend Angela D. Dillard as the inaugural vice provost for undergraduate education, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. I am confident that Professor Dillard will bring her administrative experience and dedication to undergraduate education to this inaugural role. I enthusiastically recommend this appointment, effective January 1, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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

November 2023
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Christopher Fariss

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Professor of Information, without tenure, School of Information

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2023

On the recommendation of the faculty of the School of Information, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Christopher Fariss as associate professor of information, without tenure, School of Information, effective September 1, 2023.

Christopher Fariss received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Texas in 2005 and Master of Arts from University of North Texas in 2007. He attended the University of California, San Diego where he earned his doctorate in 2013. Professor Fariss joined our faculty as an assistant professor in 2016, and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2023.

Professor Fariss’ research has three foci: (1) human rights and the politics of violence, (2) the resources, structure, and power of the international system, and (3) the methods of measurement and research design. In these foci, there are strong methodological synergies between Professor Fariss and School of Information faculty, particularly in the use of data science techniques to understand social phenomena. This appointment recognizes the overlapping research expertise and will formalize his interactions with faculty in the school.

We are very pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Christopher Fariss as associate professor of Information, without tenure, School of Information, effective September 1, 2023.

Recommended by: ___________________________________________________________
Elizabeth Yakel
Interim Dean, School of Information
C. Olivia Frost Collegiate Professor of Information

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

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

November 2023

INTERIM APPROVAL GRANTED

Approved by the Regents
December 7, 2023
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

NAME: Thomas J. Giordano, M.D., Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Pathology, with tenure, and Professor of Internal Medicine, without tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Ronald Nishiyama, M.D. Research Professor, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATES: December 1, 2023, through August 31, 2028

On the recommendation of Charles Parkos, M.D., Ph.D., the Carl V. Weller Professor and chair of the Department of Pathology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Thomas J. Giordano, M.D., Ph.D. as the Ronald Nishiyama, M.D. Research Professor, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023, through August 31, 2028.

The Ronald Nishiyama, M.D. Research Professorship was established in September of 2018 and stems from a gift from Jean Kishida Nishiyama to support the clinical and research efforts of a distinguished member within the Department of Pathology with the donor’s preference being incumbents that have a specialization in the areas of endocrine pathology or hematopathology. This professorship will honor Ronald Nishiyama’s record of service to Michigan Medicine and his dedication as a lifelong researcher, leader, mentor, educator, and clinician. This professorship will support a faculty member with a primary appointment in the Department of Pathology. The chair of the Department of Pathology will recommend a faculty member to the dean of the Medical School. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Thomas Giordano received his medical degree from the University of Michigan and Dentistry of New Jersey in 1990. He completed his residency training in anatomic pathology at the National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health in 1993, and fellowship training on Oncologic Pathology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in 1994. Dr. Giordano joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2001 as an assistant professor in the Department of Pathology and rose through the ranks to become a professor, with tenure, in 2008. He has achieved the rank of professor, without tenure, and has served in numerous leadership roles both past and present. He served as the division director for Molecular and Genomic Pathology from July 2015 to June 2023. His current leadership roles include director of the Tissue Procurement Service, Frozen Tumor Bank, Tissue Microarray Service and the Anonymous Paraffin Bank components of the Tissue and Molecular Share Resource funded by the Cancer Center Support Grant and supported by the Department of Pathology.
Dr. Giordano is a national and international leader in endocrine pathology and the donor, Ronald Nishiyama, M.D., established the professorship with the intent of supporting research in endocrine pathology. Dr. Giordano has received many honors including: Muriel Award for Cancer Research, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (1984), American Cancer Society Clinical Oncology Fellowship (1993), Cum Laude Award, Society of Computer Body Tomography and Magnetic Imaging; and in 2012 was appointed the president, Endocrine Pathology Society. He is a superb educator and has mentored many students over his career. Dr. Giordano has over 210 peer-reviewed publications and a robust research program. Dr. Giordano is board certified in anatomic pathology.

Dr. Giordano has proven to be an outstanding researcher, educator, and clinician. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Thomas J. Giordano, M.D., Ph.D. as the Ronald Nishiyama, M.D. Research Professor, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023, through August 31, 2028.

Recommended by: Recommendation endorsed by:

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

December 2023
ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Ellen D. Katz

CURRENT TITLES: Ralph W. Aigler Professor of Law, and Professor of Law, with tenure, Law School

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Dean for Academic Programming, Law School

TERM: Two Years

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

The Law School is pleased to recommend the appointment of Ellen D. Katz as associate dean for academic programming, Law School, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

Ellen Katz received her B.A., summa cum laude, from Yale College in 1991, and her J.D. from Yale Law School in 1994. After graduation, Professor Katz served as a law clerk to Judge Judith W. Rogers of the U.S. Court of Appeals, DC Circuit in 1994. In 1995, she was an appellate staff attorney for the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. In 1996, she was a law clerk for Justice David H. Souter, U.S. Supreme Court. In 1998, she was an appellate staff attorney for the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Professor Katz joined the Law School in 1999 as an assistant professor and was promoted to professor, with tenure, in 2004.

Professor Katz is one of the leading scholars in the nation focusing on voting rights and rules governing participatory democracy more generally. Among other things, her work has thoughtfully explored the constitutionality, operation, and implications of the Voting Rights Act with a special emphasis on Section Five’s protection for racial minority voting power. Her participation and presence is frequently sought around the country for academic and policy-focused conferences on these topics. Her scholarship has generally influenced the academic and public debates over voting rights protection, and her work on Section Five has directly influenced judicial interpretation of the Act.

We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Ellen D. Katz as associate dean for academic programming, Law School, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY: Mark D. West
David A. Breach Dean of Law
Nippon Life Professor of Law
Law School

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

December 2023
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Yuki Kobayashi

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: January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Chemistry and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Yuki Kobayashi as the William R. Roush Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

The William R. Roush Assistant Professorships were established in July 2011 and January 2014, resulting from a one-time gift to the Department of Chemistry for support of the William R. Roush Junior Faculty Career Development Award. Appointments to this professorship are for three years.

Yuki Kobayashi received his Bachelor of Science in chemistry from the University of Tokyo in 2015 and earned his doctorate in chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley in 2020. He was appointed as the Urbanek-Chodorow Post-doctoral Fellow at the Stanford PULSE Institute (2020-2023) before joining our faculty as an assistant professor in 2023.

Professor Kobayashi is a physical chemist whose research focuses on exploring the quantum nature of chemical and materials dynamics by using advanced laser spectroscopy. His research interests range from electronic-vibrational coherences in small molecules to quasi-particle many-body states in low-dimensional materials. His innovative research is developing new tools in spectroscopy, such as attosecond x-ray light sources, and he is using them to solve complex chemical problems. The overarching goal for Professor Kobayashi’s scholarly research is to unlock the potential of quantum effects in the development of sustainable energy and information technologies. His work has been published in top journals such as Nature Physics, Science, and Optics Express. Professor Kobayashi has recruited two doctoral students and an undergraduate chemistry major to his lab. He also teaches CHEM 576: Statistical Mechanics.
We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Yuki Kobayashi as the William R. Roush Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

RECOMMENDED BY: 

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

December 2023
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to a Collegiate Professorship

NAME: Bhramar Mukherjee

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

RECOMMENDED TITLES: Siobán D. Harlow Collegiate Professor of Public Health, John D. Kalbfleisch Distinguished University Professor of Biostatistics, Chair, Department of Biostatistics, Professor of Biostatistics, with tenure, Professor of Epidemiology, without tenure, and Professor of Global Public Health, without tenure, School of Public Health

TERM: Two Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATES: December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2025

With the approval of the Executive Committee of the School of Public Health, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Bhramar Mukherjee as the Siobán D. Harlow Collegiate Professor of Public Health, School of Public Health, for a two-year renewable term, effective December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2025.

This professorship was named the John D. Kalbfleisch Collegiate Professorship in Biostatistics in October 2015 and was renamed as the Siobán D. Harlow Collegiate Professorship in Public Health in October 2023. Professor Harlow is a former faculty member in epidemiology (1993-2022). Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and may be renewed.

Bhramar Mukherjee received her Bachelor of Science in statistics at Presidency College in 1994. She attended the Indian Statistical Institute, where she completed her Master of Statistics in applied statistics and data analysis in 1996. She attended Purdue University, where she completed her Master of Science in mathematical statistics in 1999. She completed her Doctorate in statistics from Purdue University in 2001. She joined our faculty as an assistant professor in 2006 and rose through the ranks to professor in 2013. She was appointed as the John d. Kalbfleisch Collegiate Professor of Biostatistics in 2015 and was recently awarded a Distinguished University Professorship.
Professor Mukherjee serves as the associate director for Quantitative Data Sciences at the University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center. Her research interests include statistical methods for analysis of electronic health records, studies of gene-environment interaction, Bayesian methods, shrinkage estimation, analysis of high dimensional exposure data. She has co-authored more than 350 articles in statistics, biostatistics, medicine, and public health. She is the founding director of the University of Michigan’s summer institute on Big Data. Professor Bhramar is a fellow of the American Statistical Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science and was recently elected to the National Academy of Medicine. She is a senior honorary visiting fellow at the MRC Biostatistics Unit, University of Cambridge, UK.

Professor Mukherjee is the recipient of many awards for her scholarship, service, and teaching at the University of Michigan and beyond: including the Gertrude Cox Award, from the Washington Statistical Society in 2016, the L. Adrienne Cupples Award, from Boston University in 2020, and in 2021 the Distinguished Woman Scholar Award from, Purdue University, the Janet L. Norwood award, from University of Alabama at Birmingham, the Sarah Goddard Power Award from the University of Michigan Academic Women’s Caucus, the Jerry Sacks Award for outstanding cross-disciplinary research, and the Karl Peace award for outstanding statistical contribution towards betterment of society. She has received a Faculty Recognition Award and a Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award from the University of Michigan. Professor Bhramar has served as an editorial board member for *Statistics in Medicine, Biometrics, Epidemiologic Methods, and Harvard Data Science Review*, among others, and is currently an editorial board member for *Genetic Epidemiology and Science Advances*. Professor Bhramar and her team have been modeling the SARS-CoV-2 virus trajectory in India for the last two years, which has been covered by major media outlets like Reuters, BBC, NPR, *NYT*, *WSJ*, Der Spiegel, Australian National Radio and the *Times of India*.

Professor Mukherjee has co-authored more than 360 articles in statistics, biostatistics, medicine, and public health, showcasing both the depth and breadth of her impact on the scientific community. Her publications often blend advanced statistical techniques with real-world applications, making her research highly relevant and impactful. Her work has touched upon areas such as environmental health, infectious diseases, cancer research, and health disparities.

Beyond her research contributions, Professor Mukherjee’s mentorship and leadership have also left a lasting impact on the field. She has supervised numerous graduate students and post-doctoral researchers, nurturing the next generation of scientists and ensuring the continuity of impactful research in epidemiology and biostatistics. Her work not only advances statistical methodologies but also translates into tangible insights that inform public health policies and interventions. Professor Mukherjee’s influence extends beyond her publications, encompassing mentorship, collaboration, and leadership, making her a highly respected and influential figure in the realm of public health.
We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Bhramar Mukherjee as the Siobán D. Harlow Collegiate Professor of Public Health, School of Public Health, for a two-year renewable term, effective December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2025.

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

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

December 2023
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Administrative Appointment

NAME: Ravi Pendse

CURRENT TITLE: Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, Office of the President

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Special Advisor to the President for India, Office of the President

EFFECTIVE DATES: November 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028

I am pleased to recommend the appointment for Ravi Pendse as special advisor to the president for India, Office of the President, effective November 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028.

As special advisor to the president for India, Mr. Pendse will co-chair the India advisory board; work with the Office of University Development and alumni in India to coordinate presidential and other leadership engagements in India; work with the Office of the Provost to coordinate a cohesive engagement strategy for India; as appropriate, serve as a point of contact on behalf of the president for initiatives related to India; coordinate alumni engagement (of alumni residing in India) with the Office of University Development; and support the priorities of academic units in India.

It is with distinct pleasure that I recommend the appointment for Ravi Pendse as special advisor to the president for India, Office of the President, effective November 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Santa J. Ono
President

November 2023
On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Political Science and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and with the endorsement of the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Melynda J. Price as professor of political science, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024.

Melynda Price received her Bachelor of Science from Prairie View A&M University in 1995. She earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of Texas School of Law in 2002 and her doctorate in political science from the University of Michigan in 2006. Professor Price began her instructional career as an assistant professor at the University of Kentucky in 2006, was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2010, and to professor in 2016. She joined our faculty as a professor in 2023.

Professor Price is an award-winning scholar and leading expert on race and the death penalty. Her interdisciplinary research focuses on race, gender and citizenship, the politics of punishment, and the role of law in the politics of race and ethnicity in the U.S. and at its borders. She has published a series of law review articles on race, religion, and the death penalty that culminated in her monograph, At the Cross: Race, Religion, and Citizenship in the Politics of the Death Penalty (Oxford University Press, 2015). Her work has also been published in social science journals with multiple collaborators on Black political participation. More recently, her research focus is on Black motherhood and political activism. She has a book in progress, When Black Mothers Weep, about the political organization of Black mothers following the murder of their children, as well as projects on the political legacies of human rights abuse in the American South with a focus on conflict, memorials, and reconciliation. She has been the recipient of competitive funding awards, including a National Science Foundation award, a fellowship at Princeton University’s Law and Public Affairs Program, and the Ford Foundation Diversity Post-doctoral Fellowship at the Capital Punishment Center at the University of Texas School of Law.

Professor Price is an engaging and highly effective teacher and mentor. She has taught a wide range of courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels at the University of Kentucky and her courses received high ratings. She has plans to develop a course on the development of victims’ rights and its impact on the adjudication of criminal cases, as well as a course on the legal and
political contours of motherhood. Professor Price’s extensive mentorship of graduate and professional students informs her classroom instruction and community engagement and vice versa. She is also nationally known for mentoring women in the legal academy through the Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty writing workshop. She has already started building a connection with the Department of Political Science through her participation in the Political Theory Workshop for graduate students and faculty, and this appointment will deepen the relationship between her departments and enhance connections across the university.

Professor Price currently serves as the director of the Institute for Research on Women and Gender. At the University of Kentucky, she served as the director of the Gaines Center for the Humanities from 2018-2023 and was the director of the African American and Africana Studies Program from 2012-2016. She was also a member or chair of multiple university-level committees and devoted much of her university service to fostering diversity and inclusion, serving as the advisor to the Women’s Law Caucus and as a member of the advisory committee for the Women’s Executive Leadership Development Program, and co-drafting a successful proposal for the creation of the Center for Equality and Social Justice. Additionally, Professor Price has performed significant service to the profession, serving as a co-convener of the Junior Faculty Workshop in Law and Humanities to support the research of junior faculty, as a member of the Wheeler Committee, the external research review committee for the American Bar Foundation, and as an advisory board member of the Lutie Lytle Black Women Law Professors Writing Workshop. She has also served as the chair of the American Political Science Association (APSA)’s Status Committee on Blacks in the Profession and as a member of an ad hoc committee that was formed by a former APSA president to evaluate rates of promotion and tenure for faculty of color within political science.

We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Melynda J. Price as professor of political science, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective January 1, 2024.

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

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

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ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Emily K. Provost, Ph.D.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2023

On the recommendation of Gregory W. Dalack, M.D., Daniel E. Offutt, III Professor and chair of the Department of Psychiatry, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Emily K. Provost, Ph.D. as professor of psychiatry, without tenure, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023.

Professor Provost mentors graduate and undergraduate students, and her interaction with groups such as Girls in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (GEECS) and Girls Who Code extends the reach and impact of her teaching. She has graduated five doctoral students and has another five in progress, with another expected to graduate this year.

Professor Provost’s research is on speech processing, measuring human speech patterns in realistic settings and relating these patterns to the speaker’s emotional and health state. She has a paper describing the identification of suicidality using speech data, and she has worked with the University of Michigan Depression Center to develop a smartphone app to collect such speech data. She has three active grants from the National Science Foundation (NSF), with another two under review. Her past record of funding includes grants from NSF, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), IBM, and the Toyota Research Foundation. She also has a consistent record of scholarly work with 19 peer-reviewed publications, an additional 67 full conference proceeding publications, and has presented at numerous scientific conferences.

Professor Provost has an outstanding service record. She has served on study sections at the NSF and NIH, and the Editorial Boards of four scientific journals. She also serves as an ad hoc reviewer for 16 scientific journals and scientific conferences. She has been invited to present her work on more than 30 occasions nationally and internationally, including in Japan and Australia.
With this joint appointment, Professor Provost will lead a long-running, interdisciplinary collaboration with Dr. Melvin McInnis and the Prechter Bipolar Research Program. We are pleased, therefore, to recommend the joint appointment of Emily K. Provost, Ph.D. as professor of psychiatry, without tenure, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023.

Recommended by:

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

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

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

December 2023
ACTION REQUEST: Joint Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Lionel P. Robert

CURRENT TITLE: Professor of Information, with tenure, School of Information

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2024

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the College of Engineering, and with the endorsement of the School of Information, we are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Lionel P. Robert as professor of robotics, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2024.

Lionel Robert joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 2011 as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 2017 and to professor in 2022.

Professor Robert’s research interests revolve around human collaboration with technology, which is reflected in his published works in leading information systems and information science journals as well as notable computer and robotics conferences. His research has garnered numerous accolades, including best paper awards/nominations from the Journal of the Association of Information Systems, the ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work, SAE International, and the ACM/IEEE International Conference on Human–Robot Interaction. Professor Robert has received research funding from various sources, such as the AAA Foundation, Automotive Research Center/U.S. Army, Army Research Laboratory, Toyota Research Institute, Mcity, Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies, and the National Science Foundation. He has also been featured in print, radio, and television for major media outlets like ABC, CBS, CNN, CNBC, Michigan Radio, Inc., New York Times, and the Associated Press.

Professor Robert boasts a number of distinguished memberships, including AIS Distinguished Member Cum Laude and IEEE senior member. He obtained his Ph.D. in information systems from Indiana University, where he was a BAT fellow and KPMG scholar. Prior to his academic career, he served as a transportation officer in the U.S. Army for over a decade on active and reserve duty. Currently, he is the director of the Michigan Autonomous Vehicle Research Intergroup Collaboration (MAVRIC) and affiliated with various institutions, including the previous University of Michigan Robotics Institute, the National Center for Institutional Diversity at the University of Michigan, and the Center for Computer-Mediated Communication at Indiana University. Additionally, he is a member of the AAAS Community Advisory Board.
Professor Robert was a core member of the previous Robotics Institute. He helped to develop the required course ROB 204, Human-Robot Systems, and co-taught the course in the first offering, and will co-teach the course again in Winter 2024. Professor Robert has co-advised several ROB Ph.D. students, participated in the ROB Qualifying Exams, and the ROB Search Committee, among other department activities. With a background in social sciences, he brings a valuable perspective to the activities of the Robotics Department.

With this joint appointment, Professor Robert is ideally suited to assist the Department of Robotics by his active involvement with research and students. We are pleased to recommend the joint appointment of Lionel P. Robert as professor of robotics, without tenure, College of Engineering, effective January 1, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

Elizabeth Yakel
Interim Dean, School of Information
C. Olivia Frost Collegiate Professor of Information

December 2023
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Mark S. Rosentraub

CURRENT TITLES: Professor of Kinesiology, with tenure, School of Kinesiology, and Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, without tenure, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Bickner Chair of Kinesiology, School of Kinesiology

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024

On the recommendation of the members of our Executive Committee in the School of Kinesiology, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Mark S. Rosentraub as the Bickner Chair of Kinesiology, School of Kinesiology, effective January 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024.

The Bickner Chair in Kinesiology was established in April 2009. The School of Kinesiology was the recipient of a generous gift from Bruce P. and Joan A. Bickner. The Bickner Chair was used to attract an outstanding candidate to the University of Michigan.

Mark Rosentraub attended the Queens College of the City University, where he received his Bachelor of Art in 1971, his Master of Art in 1972, and his Doctorate in 1975 at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. Following a series of junior faculty appointments, he was promoted to professor at Indiana University in 1987. He joined our faculty in 2009.

Professor Rosentraub has established himself as a national and international leader in the area of sports facilities in urban and regional development. By using solid analysis, he has influenced the way cities and sports teams negotiate tax exemptions and subsidies for stadiums and arenas. In terms of the field of sport management, Professor Rosentraub pioneered the earliest work on the economic impact of pro sports teams. His work has grown to meld policy analysis and sports in the much larger context of urban planning. Professor Rosentraub has established himself as a top scholar in the area of policy analysis and sports in the much larger context of urban planning.
We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Mark S. Rosentraub as the Bickner Chair of Kinesiology, School of Kinesiology, effective January 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Lori Ploutz-Snyder
Professor and Dean
School of Kinesiology

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

Jonathan Massey
Dean and Professor
A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning

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ACTION REQUEST:

Additional Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Peter Todd, M.D., Ph.D.

CURRENT TITLE:

Chester and Anne Alecks Sackett Endowed Professor, and Professor of Neurology, with tenure, Medical School

ADDITIONAL TITLE:

Professor of Human Genetics, without tenure, Medical School

EFFECTIVE DATE:

February 1, 2024

On the recommendation of Anthony Antonellis, Ph.D., James V. Neel Collegiate Professor and Chair of the Department of Human Genetics, and Dawn Leindorfer, M.D., Robert W. Brear Professor and Chair of the Department of Neurology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Peter Todd, M.D., Ph.D. as Professor of Human Genetics, without tenure, Medical School.

This additional appointment will enable Dr. Todd to access all the benefits of a primary faculty member in the Department of Human Genetics, with the goal of developing novel therapeutics for currently untreatable conditions.

Dr. Todd's research focuses on the mechanisms by which nucleotide repeat expansions cause neurological disorders, with the goal of developing novel therapeutics for currently untreatable conditions. He has a robust track record of funding and has been continually funded by the NIH since his K08 award in 2010. He is currently PI on two R01s and Program Director on a P50. He has a strong record of extramural invited presentations, having given 110 lectures and co-directed the Research Track Program at several national meetings.

Dr. Todd has an active institutional service record, including serving as the chair of the Research Track Committee for his department, membership on the Biomedical Research Council, on the Admissions Committee for the Cellular and Molecular Biology Ph.D. Program, and on several search committees including those aimed at increasing diversity. He also has a long track record of peer review service institutionally, nationally, and internationally, with considerable service on NIH study sections.

The additional appointment will enable Dr. Todd to access all the benefits of a primary faculty member in the Department of Human Genetics, and he will contribute to the research and education missions of the Medical School.
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ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Jan Van den Bulck

CURRENT TITLES: Director, Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences, and Professor of Communication and Media, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Chair, Department of Communication and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029

The dean and the Executive Committee of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts are pleased to recommend the appointment of Jan Van den Bulck as chair, Department of Communication and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029.

Jan Van den Bulck attended Katholieke Universiteit (KU), Leuven, Belgium where he completed his B.A. in social and political sciences in 1985, M.A. in communication sciences in 1987, and Ph.D. in social sciences in 1996. He also attended the University of Hull, United Kingdom where he was awarded an M.A. in political science in 1989, and Erasmus University in Rotterdam, Netherlands where he was awarded a D.Sc in epidemiology in 2006. Professor Van den Bulck began his instructional career as a teaching assistant in the Department of Communication at KU (1991-1996). He was awarded a post-doctoral fellowship on the Research Council at KU in 1997, followed by an appointment as a post-doctoral fellow of the Fund for Scientific Research, Flanders (1997-2000). He joined the faculty at KU as a part-time assistant professor (1998-2000) and then was appointed as an assistant professor at KU (2000-2001). He was promoted through the ranks to associate professor (2001-2004), professor (2004-2008), and professor (2008-2016). During that time, Professor Van den Bulck was the head of the Department of Communication (2002-2005) and served as the associate dean of research, faculty of the social sciences (2010-2013). In 2016, Professor Van den Bulck joined the faculty at Michigan as a professor, with tenure, in the Department of Communication and Media (then known as the Department of Communication Studies). He was appointed as the inaugural director of Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences in 2020 and was reappointed in 2022 to a two-year term that will end in June 2024.
We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Jan Van den Bulck as chair, Department of Communication and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

December 2023
ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointments for a Faculty Member

NAME: Daniel R. Wahl, M.D., Ph.D.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2023

On the recommendation of Aditya S. Pandy, M.D., Julian T. Hoff Professor and chair of the Department of Neurosurgery, and Daniel T. Chang, M.D., Isadore Lampe Professor and chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend the additional appointment of Daniel R. Wahl, M.D., Ph.D. as associate professor of neurosurgery, without tenure, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023.

Dr. Wahl’s research work focuses on central nervous system malignancies, specifically the development of strategies to overcome treatment resistance in aggressive brain tumors and interrupting the links between altered metabolism and radiation resistance in glioblastoma. He has an impressive track record of grant funding, with approximately 12 active grants of which he is the MPI on an R01 “Inhibition of wild-type IDH1 as a ferroptosis-inducing therapeutic approach for the treatment of malignant glioma,” principal investigator on a K08 and three foundation grants, co-investigator on an R01, P50, and one from Alex’s Lemonade Stand. Of special note, Drs. Heth and Al-Holou from the Department of Neurosurgery are co-investigators on two of his federal grants, and with the latter, he initiated an innovative isotope tracing program to directly probe human brain cancer metabolic activity. Dr. Wahl has published 59 peer reviewed papers with ten of these co-authored with members of the Department of Neurosurgery.

Dr. Wahl has been recognized for his teaching by the Association of Residents in Radiation Oncology as “Educator of the Year” in 2020. Since 2017, he has supervised residents in the Radiation Oncology Residency and Medical Students during Radiation Oncology Clinical Clerkship. He regularly lectures throughout the institution. With respect to this joint appointment, he co-mentors a graduate student with neurosurgery faculty Dr. Maria Castro and co-mentors a medical resident with Dr. Wajd Al-Holou. This additional appointment will facilitate his future participation in neurosurgery lectures, seminars, and other pedagogic activities.
Dr. Todd has clinical interests that focus on treating malignant and benign tumors of the central nervous system and he has historically collaborated with neurosurgeons in the management of patients with tumors and vascular disorders. As such, this appointment will support key interdepartmental clinical initiatives. He co-founded the Michigan Medicine Multidisciplinary Brian Tumor Clinic with Dr. Al-Holou where they provide multidisciplinary care and second opinions to patients with brain cancer. Additionally, he is a member of both the brain tumor board and the neurovascular multidisciplinary team. In terms of service in research, Dr. Wahl is a peer reviewer for 11 scientific journals and has served on international, national, and institutional grant review panels in an ad hoc role. He is a standing member of the National Cancer Institute Career Development Study Section (J).

This additional appointment will enhance Dr. Wahl’s research collaborations and teaching endeavors within the Department of Neurosurgery and he will continue to contribute to the research and education missions of the Department of Neurosurgery. We are pleased, therefore, to recommend the additional appointment of Daniel R. Wahl, M.D., Ph.D. as associate professor of neurosurgery, without tenure, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023.

Recommended by:  

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

Recommendation endorsed by:  

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

December 2023
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
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ACTION REQUEST: Additional Appointment to an Endowed Professorship

NAME: Toni M. Whited

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

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Frederick G. L. Huetwell Professor, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028

On the recommendation of the Executive Committees of the Department of Economics and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Toni M. Whited as the Frederick G. L. Huetwell Professor, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a five-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028.

As a result of a generous gift from the estate of Frederick G. L. Huetwell, the college was awarded four endowed professorships, which were established in April 1995. A fifth professorship incumbent was established in August 2012 and a sixth professorship in May 2021. This professorship is used to attract and honor distinguished senior faculty in the social sciences and humanities. Appointments to this professorship are up to five years and may be renewed.

Toni Whited received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Oregon in 1984. She attended Princeton University where she earned her Master of Arts in 1988 and her doctorate in 1990. Professor Whited began her instructional career as an assistant professor at Boston College in 1990. She then joined the faculty at the University of Delaware as an assistant professor in 1994 and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 1996. She was an associate professor at the University of Iowa in 1999 before joining the faculty at the University of Wisconsin as an associate professor in 2003, where she was promoted to professor in 2007. Professor Whited was a professor at the University of Rochester from 2009 until she joined the faculty at the Stephen M. Ross School of Business in 2015. She joined the Department of Economics faculty in 2023.

Professor Whited is one of the most prominent and influential scholars in corporate finance and macroeconomics. Her research covers topics such as the effects of financial frictions on corporate investment, econometric solutions for measurement error, corporate cash policy, structural estimation of dynamic models, and corporate diversification. In addition to published book chapters, non-refereed articles, and working papers, she has published over thirty articles in top-tier economics and finance journals. Her highly cited work has garnered several awards, including the Midwest Finance Association Annual Conference Best Paper Award (2021), CICF...

Professor Whited is an enthusiastic and engaging teacher and mentor. She has taught in a wide variety of areas in finance, macroeconomics, and econometrics at the undergraduate, MBA, and doctoral levels. Students value Professor Whited’s expertise, mentoring, and connections. She has served on many committees for economics students—currently, she is serving on seven—and has also supervised eighteen doctoral students, a high number for faculty in finance.

Professor Whited has an impressive service record. She served as the director of graduate studies in the finance area of the Ross School of Business (2016-2020) and as the director of the Mitsui Center for Financial Research (2020-2021), where she ran a summer school devoted to teaching junior scholars methods and tools for structural estimation. She has served on several department and school committees. Professionally, Professor Whited has held significant roles for the Journal of Financial Economics, serving as the editor-in-chief since 2021 and previously as associate editor (2008-2011), advisory editor (2011-2014), and co-editor (2014-2021). She is currently the advisory editor of the Journal of Macroeconomics and Financial Management.

Professor Whited was a founding advisory board member for the Academic Female Finance Committee (AFFEC), a committee of the American Finance Association designed to promote the advancement of women academics in the field of finance. Her other recent notable service roles include serving as the president of the Western Finance Association, the director of the European Finance Association, and the director of the American finance association.

We are very pleased to recommend the appointment of Toni M. Whited as the Frederick G. L. Huetwell Professor, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, for a five-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

**ACTION REQUEST:** Additional Appointment to a Research Professorship

**NAME:** Aidan G. C. Wright, Ph.D.

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

**ADDITIONAL TITLE:** Phil F. Jenkins Research Professor of Depression, Medical School

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** December 1, 2023 through August 31, 2028

On the recommendation of Srijan Sen, M.D., Ph.D. the Frances and Kenneth Eisenberg Professor and director of the Frances and Kenneth Eisenberg and Family Depression Center, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Aidan G. C. Wright, Ph.D. as the Phil F. Jenkins Research Professor of Depression, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023 through August 31, 2028.

The Phil F. Jenkins Research Professorship in Depression was established in April 2006. This professorship is intended to support research to advance the understanding of the causes of depression and bipolar disorder, and to translate newly generated knowledge into the development of new and more effective treatments. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

Aidan Wright earned his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from The Pennsylvania State University and completed two post-doctoral trainings at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and the State University of New York at Buffalo in 2012 and 2013, respectively. He also holds a Master of Science degree from Villanova University. Dr. Wright joined the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh in 2014, where he ultimately achieved the rank of professor of psychology and director of the Personality Processes and Outcomes Laboratory before joining the University of Michigan faculty in 2023.

Dr. Wright joined the University of Michigan as a professor of psychology and is the first faculty recruit at the Eisenberg Family Depression Center (EFDC). He has dedicated his career to understanding psychopathology—the scientific study of mental illness. His research uses cutting-edge methods combined with advanced quantitative techniques to better understand the complex field and deliver precise, comprehensive care to those struggling with psychiatric disorders. Since 2009, he has authored more than 250 manuscripts and his work has been cited more than 18,000 times throughout his career. He has been recognized by the American Psychological Association, the Society for a Science of Clinical Psychology, and others. Dr. Wright is the editor-in-chief of
the *Journal of Psychopathology and Clinical Science*. In addition, he has served on the editorial board of 12 peer-reviewed journals.

As his career has advanced, Dr. Wright has received notable sponsored awards that have provided critical support to establish his independent research program. Currently, he is the PI on an R01 that uses smartphone-based diaries and passive sensing to feed machine learning models for personalized prediction of risky alcohol use. He is also a co-I or consultant on three additional R01s focusing on the social and emotional precipitants of suicidality in socially anxious and depressed adolescent girls, suicidal youth, and individuals with medically serious suicide attempts and borderline personality disorder.

Dr. Wright has proven to be an outstanding researcher, clinician, educator, and one of the most respected voices and impactful researchers in the field of psychopathology. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend the appointment of Aidan G. C. Wright, Ph.D. as the Phil F. Jenkins Research Professor of Depression, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023 through August 31, 2028.

**Recommended by:**

[Signature]

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

**Recommendation endorsed by:**

[Signature]

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

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

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REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Ekow N. Yankah

CURRENT TITLES: Thomas M. Cooley Professor of Law, Professor of Law, with tenure, Law School, and Professor of Philosophy, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts,

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Dean for Faculty and Research, Law School

TERM: Two Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025

The Law School is pleased to recommend the appointment of Ekow N. Yankah as associate dean for faculty and research, Law School, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Ekow N. Yankah received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan in 1997 and his Juris Doctorate from Columbia University School of Law in 2000. He also earned his Bachelor of Civil Law from Oxford University in 2002. Professor Yankah practiced law at the Boies Schiller law firm for three years before joining the University of Illinois School of Law as an assistant professor in 2005. He was appointed as an associate professor, with tenure, at Cardozo Law School in 2007 and was promoted to professor in 2011. He joined the UM Law School faculty in August 2022 as a professor, with tenure.

Professor Yankah’s research focuses on questions of political and criminal theory, particularly questions of political obligation and justifications of punishment. His work has appeared in law review articles, peer-reviewed legal theory journals, and books and medical journals, including NOMOS, Law and Philosophy, Criminal Law and Philosophy, and the Fordham Law Review, among others.
We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Ekow N. Yankah as associate dean for faculty and research, Law School, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Mark D. West  
David A. Breach Dean of Law  
Nippon Life Professor of Law  
Law School

RECOMMENDATIONENDORSED BY:

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

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

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Regents Communication

Recommendations for approval of leaves of absence
for regular instructional staff and selected academic administrative staff
ACTION REQUEST: Extension of Leave for a Faculty Member

NAME: Robert C. Hampshire

CURRENT TITLES: Associate Professor of Public Policy, with tenure, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and Associate Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering, without tenure, College of Engineering

TYPE OF LEAVE: Intergovernmental Personnel Assignment

DATES OF CURRENT LEAVE: January 20, 2023 through January 19, 2024

TIME EXTENSION REQUESTED: January 20, 2024 through January 19, 2025

It is recommended that Robert C. Hampshire be granted an extension of an intergovernmental personnel assignment leave of absence, effective January 20, 2024 through January 19, 2025.

Professor Hampshire is currently on leave from the Ford School, serving as the chief science officer and principal deputy assistant secretary for research and technology at the U.S. Department of Transportation. This leave provides a unique opportunity for Professor Hampshire to leverage his academic expertise for policy impact.

We request approval of this extension of an Intergovernmental Personnel Assignment leave of absence for Professor Robert C. Hampshire.

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

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

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

December 2023
Establishing and renaming professorships and selected academic and administrative positions.
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Research Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Terry and Shelley Barr Research Professorship, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2023

On the recommendation of Ravi Allada M.D., the Theophile Raphael, M.D. Collegiate Professor and executive director of the Michigan Neuroscience Institute, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the Terry and Shelley Barr Research Professorship, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023.

The Terry and Shelley Barr Research Professorship stems from a generous gift from Shelley Barr. This professorship will recognize and support a faculty member with research experience emphasizing diseases of neurodegeneration. This professorship is anticipated to be held by faculty member who possesses a membership to the Michigan Neuroscience Institute. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the Terry and Shelley Barr Research Professorship, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023.

Recommended by: Recommendation endorsed by:

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

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Frederick G. L. Huetwell Professorship, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2023

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 Frederick G. L. Huetwell Professorship, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective December 1, 2023.

The college was the recipient of the estate of Frederick G. L. Huetwell and $4,800,000 was designated to establish four endowed professorships in the social sciences and the humanities. This action was approved by the Regents in April 1995. A fifth professorship incumbent was approved in August 2012 and a sixth professorship in May 2021. The seventh professorship established here will be used to attract and honor distinguished senior faculty in the social sciences and the humanities. Appointment periods will be up to five years and may be renewed.

Frederick (Fritz) Huetwell received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan in 1938. Mr. Huetwell joined his family’s company, Calvert Lithography, in Detroit, and worked there until the 1950s when the company ceased operation. He then focused his considerable energy as executive director of the University of Michigan Club of Detroit. His support of the University of Michigan extended into the philanthropic area as well. During his lifetime, he provided ongoing support for medical research and need-based scholarships for undergraduate students. Appointments to the Frederick G. L. Huetwell Professorship will be made by the dean of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts 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 Frederick Huetwell, we are pleased to recommend the establishment of the Frederick G. L. Huetwell Professorship, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective December 1, 2023.

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

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

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Research Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: James Lynd, M.D. Research Professorship, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2023

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 the establishment of a research professorship as the James Lynd, M.D. Research Professorship, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023.

The James Lynd, M.D. Research Professorship is being funded through the James Lynds, M.D. Research Professorship Fund. This professorship will recognize James Lynds’ contribution to the Department of Surgery, to support the research, clinical, and outreach efforts of a distinguished faculty member within the Department of Surgery with a preference given to graduates of the University of Michigan medical School. This professorship is to be held by a distinguished faculty member in the Department of Surgery. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the James Lynd, M.D. Research Professorship, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023.

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

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

December 2023
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Change in Name of an Existing Collegiate Professorship

CURRENT TITLE: H. Marvin Pollard Collegiate Professorship in Gastroenterology, Medical School

RECOMMENDED TITLE: H. Marvin Pollard Collegiate Professorship in Gastroenterology IV, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2023

We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing collegiate professorship from the H. Marvin Pollard Collegiate Professorship in Gastroenterology to the H. Marvin Pollard Collegiate Professorship in Gastroenterology IV, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023.

The H. Marvin Pollard Collegiate Professorship in Gastroenterology was established in 1995. The professorship serves as a memorial to Dr. Marvin Pollard, who was an alumnus of the University of Michigan and joined the faculty in the Department of Internal Medicine at this institution in 1933. He served as the chief of gastroenterology from 1940-72. This collegiate professorship will support the salary, benefits, and research efforts of the chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and the Division of Gastroenterology in the Department of Internal Medicine. This professorship will acknowledge the generous gifts from Ella M. Mahnken, Marion Johnson, the Drusilla Farwell Foundation Research Fund, and an accumulation of smaller gifts to support the H. Marvin Pollard Medical Research Institute and an endowed professorship bearing Dr. Pollard’s name.

We are pleased to recommend a change in name of an existing collegiate professorship from the H. Marvin Pollard Collegiate Professorship in Gastroenterology to the H. Marvin Pollard Collegiate Professorship in Gastroenterology IV, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023.

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

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

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of a Research Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: J. Griswold Ruth, M.D. and Margery Hopkins Ruth Research Professorship in Internal Medicine, Medical School

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2023

On the recommendation of Raymond Yung, MB, ChB, the Jeffrey B. Halter M.D. Collegiate Professor and interim chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the J. Griswold Ruth, M.D. and Margery Hopkins Ruth Research Professorship in Internal Medicine, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023.

The J. Griswold Ruth, M.D. and Margery Hopkins Ruth Research Professorship in Internal Medicine stems from a split of excess funds from the J. Griswold Ruth, M.D. and Margery Hopkins Ruth Professorship in Internal Medicine. This professorship will recognize and support a faculty member with research in internal medicine. This professorship is anticipated to be held by faculty member in the Department of Internal Medicine. The appointment period is up to five years and may be renewed.

I am pleased to recommend the establishment of a research professorship as the J. Griswold Ruth, M.D. and Margery Hopkins Ruth Research Professorship in Internal Medicine, Medical School, effective December 1, 2023.

Recommended by: Recommendation endorsed by:

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

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
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ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship  
PROPOSED NAME: John Searle Professorship, College of Pharmacy  
TERM: Five Years, Renewable  
EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2023  

We are pleased to recommend the establishment of the John Searle Professorship, College of Pharmacy, effective December 1, 2023. 

Mr. John G. Searle established the John G. Searle Professorship in the College of Pharmacy in 1977 with a generous endowment in the amount of $1,000,000 for the purpose of recognizing leading scholars in any discipline within the College of Pharmacy. In order to maximize the substantial income generated by the endowment account, the Searle Family has granted their support for the establishment of additional positions to supplement the positions already in existence at the College of Pharmacy (John G. Searle Professorship, John Gideon Searle Professorship, J.G. Searle Professorship, John Gideon Searle Associate Professorship, and the John Gideon Searle Assistant Professorship). 

The John Searle Professorship will be used to recognize an outstanding scholar at any academic rank in any discipline within the College of Pharmacy. The dean of the College of Pharmacy will recommend candidates to the Regents. Appointments will be up to five years and may be renewed. 

In recognition of the generous gift from John G. Searle, we recommend the establishment of the John Searle Professorship, College of Pharmacy, effective December 1, 2023. 

RECOMMENDED BY: RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY: 

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

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

December 2023
ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: Mary Ann and Charles R. Walgreen, Jr. Professorship for the Study of Human Understanding, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2023

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 Mary Ann and Charles R. Walgreen, Jr. Professorship for the Study of Human Understanding, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective December 1, 2023.

As a result of a generous gift from Charles R. Walgreen, Jr., the Mary Ann and Charles R. Walgreen, Jr. Professorship for the Study of Human Understanding was established in 1968. This professorship was established in full recognition of the fact that the study of both political and sociological factors is relevant to the subject of human understanding. The occupant of the professorship is allowed wide discretion in the development of an instructional program at either the graduate or undergraduate level, and is to be permitted adequate opportunity for research, writing, public lectures, and service with public or private agencies concerned with the development of understanding between people. The professorship has been awarded to distinguished members of the faculty from several different departments.

The endowment may now be used to support an additional incumbent. Incumbents shall be tenured faculty at the academic rank of professor or associate professor. Appointments to this professorship will be up to five years and may be renewed.

We are pleased to recommend the establishment of the Mary Ann and Charles R. Walgreen, Jr. Professorship for the Study of Human Understanding, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, effective December 1, 2023.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

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ACTION REQUEST: Establishment of an Endowed Professorship

PROPOSED NAME: C.R. Walgreen, Jr. Professorship in Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy

TERM: Five Years, Renewable

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2023

We are pleased to recommend the establishment of the C.R. Walgreen, Jr. Professorship in Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy, effective December 1, 2023.

The Charles R. Walgreen, Jr. Professorship of Pharmacy was established in December 1992 by the Regents through a generous gift of $1.5 million from Leslie Ann Walgreen Pratt, Charles R. III and Kathleen B. Walgreen, and James A. and Victoria D. Walgreen in honor of Charles R. Walgreen, Jr., who has made a lasting impact on the quality and direction of pharmacy education and the profession of pharmacy. In order to maximize the substantial income generated by the endowment account and to further honor Mr. Walgreen and his legacy, we are requesting the establishment of an additional position to supplement the original Charles R. Walgreen, Jr. Professorship of Pharmacy.

The C.R. Walgreen, Jr. Professorship in Pharmacy will be used to recognize an outstanding scholar at any academic rank in any discipline within the College of Pharmacy. The dean of the College of Pharmacy will recommend candidates to the Regents. Appointments will be up to five years and may be renewed.

In recognition of Mr. Charles R. Walgreen, Jr., and the generous gift from his family, we recommend the establishment of the C.R. Walgreen, Jr. Professorship in Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy, effective December 1, 2023.

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

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

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Regents Communication

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

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

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorization for approving necessary appointments

EFFECTIVE DATES: December 8, 2023 through February 14, 2024

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

December 2023
Theodore Roosevelt Professorship in Ecosystem Management was originally established in 1996 as a result of gifts and pledges from Sally and William L. Searle (LSA, ’51). It was renamed as the Theodore Roosevelt Visiting Professor of Ecosystem Management in November 2021. This gift demonstrated the extraordinary commitment and generosity of the Searle family to the university. Reference to President Theodore Roosevelt in the title of this professorship was done at the request of the Searle’s and reflects their intent that the bold, effective, and path-setting leadership offered President Roosevelt in the conservation field during this lifetime should also be the qualities which characterize this professorship. This professorship is intended as a rolling professorship to bring visiting scholars to the university for limited periods on a regular basis, to provide leadership in ecosystem management, ecosystem conservation, and ecosystem restoration. It also sought to establish linkage in the area between the public and private sectors as well as to affect the science, policy, and management of ecosystems in this country and internationally. Appointments to this professorship may be up to five years and is non-renewable.

Heidi Huber-Stearns earned her Ph.D. in natural resource policy in 2015 from Colorado State University. The title of her dissertation was “Investments in watershed services: Understanding a new arena of environmental governance in the western United States.” After earning her Ph.D., Professor Huber-Stearns was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Oregon from 2015-2016. She then became a faculty research associate (2016-2018), followed by an assistant research professor (2018-2021). In 2019, she became the director of the Institute for Sustainable Environment, and in 2020, she became the director of the Ecosystem Workforce Program. In January 2022, Professor Huber-Stearns joined the University of Michigan faculty as visiting associate professor of practice and has done an outstanding job on the Western Forest and Fire Initiative, where the overarching purpose is to improve scholarly and practical understanding of
how human and ecological communities can cope with and adapt to more flammable, smoky, hot, and power-disrupted conditions in the forested landscapes of the US West.

The intentions of the Searle family align well with the Western Forest and Fire Initiative (WFFI) at the University of Michigan, a project made possible with support from Kathy and Steve Berman. The WFFI is a multi-disciplinary team of faculty, students, and post-doctoral fellows from the fields of ecology, engineering, economics, policy and planning, and behavioral sciences. The overarching goal of the WFFI is to improve society’s ability to mitigate the risks of large wildfires, exacerbated by climate change, to western forests and communities in forested areas.

Professor Huber-Stearns’ record of applied research on wildfire, forest, and community topics, publishing in scholarly and practical outlets, engaging stakeholders in research, and mentoring students demonstrates that she has the knowledge and skills to fulfill the goals of the position. Professor Huber-Stearns’ research and practice on natural resource policy issues position her well to serve Western Forest and Fire Initiative and SEAS.

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Heidi Huber-Stearns as the Theodore Roosevelt Visiting Professor of Ecosystem Management, School for Environment and Sustainability, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY:                     RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

December 2023
ACTION REQUEST: Correction of the Title of an Additional Appointment

NAME: Farina Mir

CURRENT TITLES: Richard Hudson Research Professor of History, and Associate Professor of History, with tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2024

In the May 2023 Regents Communication requesting Farina Mir’s additional appointment as professor in the Honors Program, without tenure, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, the title was noted incorrectly. The correction follows:

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

Please accept this correction and our apologies for the inconsistency in Farina Mir’s title.

RECOMMENDED BY: RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

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

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

December 2023
I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Scott Shireman as director, University of Michigan Center for Innovation in Detroit, for a five-year renewable term, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028. This recommendation follows a national search conducted by a search advisory committee.

Scott Shireman earned his Bachelor of Arts in Chinese religion from Northwestern University (NWU) in 2000, where he was a first-generation college student and worked as a faculty technology support consultant in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences. In 2013, he earned his MBA degree (with distinction) in finance, economics, analytics, and decision sciences from the Kellogg School of Management at NWU. Mr. Shireman worked full-time while completing his MBA and received the Jane Robertson Memorial Academic Excellence Award and Beta Gamma Sigma.

In 2000, he was promoted to systems administrator in the Kellogg School of Management, and in 2007, rose to manager of IT infrastructure, where he led a 11-person team with a $3M budget, and initiated and managed several large projects. Mr. Shireman became the interim chief information officer in 2011, where he led a 70-person IT department with a $10M budget, and implemented IT governance to better align with the school’s strategy. In 2012, Mr. Shireman joined the University of California, Berkeley as the chief information officer for UC Berkeley Extension. Over the next nine years, he held numerous roles including: chief operation officer for the Berkeley Resource Center for Online Education; executive director, New Academic Ventures at Berkeley; and associate dean and chief operating officer for UC Berkeley Extension/UC Berkeley Global. As the associate dean, he worked with deans and faculty across Berkeley to develop and launch new graduate degrees and other academic programs, oversaw the operation of Berkeley extension and grew its annual revenue by 53% to nearly $80M with innovative programs for non-matriculated students and companies, and optimized course development processes.

Mr. Shireman joined Coursera in 2021, where he quickly climbed from Skills Transformation director to Global Head, Coursera for Campus (C4C). In this role he led the launch of Career Academy which brought micro credentials developed by top industry partners to hundreds of universities and millions of students, worked with hundreds of university leaders around the
world to positively transform their universities by integrating cutting edge employability-focused content into their curriculums, and led significant growth in revenues.

Mr. Shireman’s administrative and leadership experience demonstrate his ability to lead the inaugural University of Michigan Center for Innovation in Detroit. He will lead the center and work effectively in partnership with university administration and other units and centers on campus. I enthusiastically recommend this appointment, effective January 1, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

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

November 2023
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - DEARBORN

Recommendations for approval of reappointments of regular instructional staff and selected academic and administrative staff
I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Bryan C. Dadey as vice chancellor for business affairs, Office of Business Affairs, effective February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2027.

Bryan Dadey holds a M.A. in finance from University of Toledo in Toledo, Ohio, and a B.S. in business administration from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Dadey is an accomplished leader with over 24 years of financial experience in higher education, the non-profit and private sectors. He served as the senior associate vice president for finance and deputy chief financial officer at Wayne State University where he provided leadership and direction to the finance division including the Controller’s Office, the Bursar Office, the Treasury Office, the Office of University Budget and the Office of Risk Management. Prior to his appointment at Wayne State University, Mr. Dadey held various leadership roles in finance at the University of Toledo. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn as the vice chancellor of business affairs in February 2021.

As vice chancellor for business affairs, Mr. Dadey continues to be instrumental in leading the budget and finance operations of the university.

I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Bryan C. Dadey as vice chancellor for business affairs, Office of Business Affairs, effective February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2027.

Respectfully submitted,

Domenico Grasso, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

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ACTION REQUEST: Reappointment of an Academic Administrative Appointment

NAME: Lee A. Freeman

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Information Systems Management, with tenure, College of Business

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Interim Chair, Department of Management Studies, College of Business

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024

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 Lee A. Freeman as interim chair, Department of Management Studies, College of Business, effective January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

Lee Freeman earned his B.A. from The University of Chicago in 1993 and received both his M.B.A. and Ph.D. in information systems from Indiana University, in 1997 and 2000, respectively. Professor Freeman joined UM-Dearborn, College of Business in 2000. He was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2006. He directed and coordinated the College of Business’s online learning pedagogical and technical support from 2003 to 2021 and served as the college’s associate dean of administration from 2008 to 2013.

In addition to his excellent teaching, Professor Freeman is a dedicated scholar who has served the university well in research and service. He has published his research in journals such as MIS Quarterly, Communications of the ACM, Journal of Information Systems Education, and Communications of the AIS, among others. He is an associate editor for the Communications of the AIS, and previously served as the editor-in-chief of the Journal of Information Systems Education from 2014 to 2021.

I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Lee A. Freeman as interim chair, Department of Management Studies, College of Business, effective January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

Recommended by:

Domenico Grasso, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

December 2023
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 Claudia S. Kocher as interim associate dean, College of Business, effective January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

Claudia Kocher received her Ph.D. in finance at Michigan State University in 1993 and her M.B.A. from Marquette University in 1985. She received her Bachelor of Science in nursing from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1978. Professor Kocher joined UM-Dearborn, College of Business, in 1993. She was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2002. She served as the associate dean of administration for the College of Business from 2013 to 2019.

Associate Professor Kocher has served the university well in research, teaching, and service related to curriculum development, assessment, and governance. She has published in several refereed journals including the Journal of Applied Business Research, Financial Practice and Education, and the Journal of Financial Education.

I am pleased to recommend the reappointment of Claudia S. Kocher as interim associate dean, College of Business, effective January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

Recommended by:

Domenico Grasso, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

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

NAME: Mahesh K. Agarwal

CURRENT TITLE: Associate Professor of Mathematics, with tenure, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Chair, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

On the recommendation of the dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, and the provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Mahesh K. Agarwal as chair, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, effective January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Mahesh Agarwal received a B.S. in mathematics in 1999 from Delhi University, a M.S. in mathematics in 2001 from the Indian Institute of Technology, and a Ph.D. in mathematics in 2007 from the University of Michigan. He joined the faculty of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters in 2009 and has been an associate professor of mathematics since 2015. Professor Agarwal has served in various leadership roles including: chair of DDC Quantitative Thinking and Problem Solving Committee, senate representative for the University Curriculum and Degree Committee, and numerous university and department committees. Professor Agarwal is a highly effective teacher and has published seven journal articles, serving as lead author on five of those articles. His articles have appeared in highly respected journals such as *Computational Methods and Function Theory* and *Journal of Number Theory*.

Professor Agarwal will be an effective leader of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Mahesh K. Agarwal as chair, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, effective January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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Domenico Grasso, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

December 2023
ACTION REQUEST: Academic Administrative Appointment for a Faculty Member

NAME: Joan C. Remski

CURRENT TITLES: Chair, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, and Professor of Mathematics, with tenure, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Associate Provost for Integrative Learning and Faculty Development, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

TERM: Five Years

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028

On the recommendation of the provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Joan C. Remski as associate provost for integrative learning and faculty development, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, for a five-year term, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028.

Joan Remski received her B.S. in mathematics from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 1990 and her Ph.D. in applied mathematics from Michigan State University in 1997. She was hired as an assistant professor in 1997, was promoted to associate professor in 2003, and to professor in 2017. In her years on campus, she has served and led in a number of roles including chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics from 2019 to 2023, director for the graduate program in Applied and Computational Mathematics, vice chair of faculty senate, chair of the faculty senate promotion and tenure committee, chair of the campus grants committee, and CASL Executive Committee.

Professor Remski was the recipient of the 2014 campus distinguished service award. She has published extensively in prestigious journals, including Numerical Mathematics and The American Mathematical Monthly. Her research centers on numerical methods for partial differential equations and, more recently, on factors impacting retention and degree attainment in STEM. She is currently the PI on a six-year, $1.4 million grant from the National Science Foundation, Retaining Students in STEM on a Commuter Campus with Efficient High Impact Practices (2021-2028). This grant provides scholarships to academically talented, low-income students at UM-Dearborn.
I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Joan C. Remski as associate provost for integrative learning and faculty development, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, for a five-year term, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028.

Recommended by:

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Domenico Grasso, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

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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: Administrative Appointment

NAME: Carrie E. Shumaker

CURRENT TITLE: Chief Information and Strategy Officer, Information Technology Services

RECOMMENDED TITLE: Vice Chancellor for Information Technology and Chief Strategy Officer, Office of Information Technology

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Carrie E. Shumaker as vice chancellor for information technology and chief strategy officer, Office of Information Technology effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

Carrie Shumaker holds an M.B.A. from University of Michigan-Flint and a B.A. in Spanish, international studies and political science from Hope College.

Ms. Shumaker joined UM-Dearborn from the Ann Arbor campus, where she was the assistant director, human capital management and student administration. During her tenure here, she has led transformation and continuous improvement within Information Services and across the university. Ms. Shumaker has also been a key member of my executive team and has served on many committees. She was the chair for the Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs search committee and the Vice Provost for Enrollment Management search committee, an essential contributor to our strategic planning committee, led the development of our Key Performance Indicators and was instrumental in how our campus navigated through challenges experienced with the onset of COVID.

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Carrie E. Shumaker as vice chancellor for informational technology and chief strategy officer, Office of Information Technology effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Domenico Grasso, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

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Recommendations for approval of new appointments and promotions for regular associate and full professor ranks, with tenure
The dean, along with the hire and search advisory committees of the College of Innovation and Technology at the University of Michigan-Flint, are pleased to recommend the appointment of Khalid M. Malik as professor of computer science, with tenure, College of Innovation and Technology, effective January 1, 2024.

ACADEMIC DEGREES
Khalid M. Malik earned his Ph.D. in computer science from the Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan in 2010.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION
Teaching: Professor Malik has achieved a very high standard in teaching. During his tenure at Oakland University, he instructed courses at all levels, introductory, advanced, and graduate. In these he utilized various instructional approaches including active and problem-based learning techniques, inverted classroom approaches, cooperative learning, and team project-based experiences. He also incorporated hands-on activities and real-world scenarios, case studies, and panel discussions to increase student engagement. As an active scholar, his research informs his teaching, which benefits his students. He has also maintained an excellent record of mentoring undergraduate and graduate students, as well as post-doctoral scholars. During his career he has mentored four post-doctoral scholars, ten Ph.D. students, nine M.S. students, and over fifteen undergraduate students through the NSF REU program. In recognition of the exceptional record of mentoring and training, he has been nominated for the Oakland University Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award in 2016, 2017, and 2021.

Research: Professor Malik performs and publishes interdisciplinary research in both computer science and within medical journals and/or conferences, as well as practically relevant work to enhance cybersecurity especially in the context of audio-visual deepfakes. External review letters all commend his scholarly record with his articles being cited extensively. Professor Malik has secured $5.5 million in grant funding, with over $3.3 million granted to him as the primary
investigator (PI) from a range of agencies and sources. One of these PI grants that has been recently secured ($549,156 in Aug 2023) is from the National Science Foundation Translational Impacts program. For his efforts, Professor Malik has received numerous research awards and recognitions throughout his career, including the 2021 School of Engineering and Computer Science Distinguished Associate Professor Award, and the 2019 Outstanding Junior Investigator award at Oakland University.

Recent and Significant Publications:


EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL LETTERS
Reviewer (A): “Prof. Khalid Malik (K.M.) presents a solid research and academic experience…”

Reviewer (B): “Khalid’s research output is quite substantial and impressive. His work in the areas of Trustworthy, Multimodal, Neuro-symbolic, and Decentralized AI in healthcare and cybersecurity has generated a considerable body of high-quality publications.”

Reviewer (C): “Dr. Malik’s research is interdisciplinary and has had a significant impact on diverse application areas such as health informatics, audio forensics in the Internet of Things, and deepfake detection using Neurosymbolic AI. The fact that he has published his work in multiple high impact factor forums illustrates his selectivity and high-quality publications.”

Reviewer (D): “Dr. Malik’s work and reputation are now well established in the field. … Dr. Malik’s record of grant funding is extraordinary for someone who has not been part of an R1 institution.”

Reviewer (E): “I am most impressed by his funding record, especially the awards he has received from the highly competitive sources such as National Science Foundation (NSF) and Brain Aneurysm Foundation…”

Reviewer (F): “…his research activities have been concentrated on multimedia forensics and biomedical signal processing/interpretations. The two topics are quite different one to the other, and this indicates a strong ability of Khalid Mahmood Malik in using (in an effective way) his
knowledge on signal processing, computer vision and artificial intelligence on quite different research areas.”

Reviewer (G): “Khalid made pioneering contributions to security protocols of vehicular ad hoc networks (VANETs). … Khalid is an excellent independent researcher and his accomplishments have been widely recognized by the computer systems community.”

SUMMARY
Professor Malik is an engaging teacher and talented scholar. He has mentored numerous undergraduate and graduate students as well as post-doctoral scholars through his research. He has secured more than more than $5.5 million in grant funding to support his research. He has met and exceeded the requisite excellence in teaching, research, and service, and in concurrence with his tenure upon hire committee, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Khalid M. Malik as professor of computer science, with tenure, College of Innovation and Technology, effective January 1, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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Christopher Pearson, Dean
College of Innovation and Technology

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

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Donna Kay Fry, Interim Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

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The dean, along with the hire and search advisory committees of the College of Innovation and Technology at the University of Michigan-Flint, are pleased to recommend the appointment of Douglas A. Zytko as associate professor of computer science, with tenure, College of Innovation and Technology, effective January 1, 2024.

ACADEMIC DEGREES
Douglas A. Zytko earned his Ph.D. in information systems in 2018 and his B.S. in information technology in 2011, both from the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION
Teaching: Professor Zytko is a talented and dedicated teacher. At Oakland University, he delivered high-quality courses employing various modalities including face-to-face, online, and hybrid. His teaching philosophy values practical exercises, group work, and formative feedback, implementing innovative educational practices such as interactive environments, classroom recording, and the use of modern communication software. Additionally, he employs a classroom style that emphasizes student participation. He has been very successful at mentoring undergraduate students – 15 undergraduate students are co-authors of his publications. In recognition of his teaching excellence, he was nominated for Teaching Excellence Award (OU Senate Teaching and Learning Committee) multiple times – 2019-2023 inclusive and was the recipient of the 2021 Faculty Recognition Award for Teaching (School of Engineering). Professor Zytko demonstrates a passion for teaching and achieves success based on numerous evaluative measures. He is clearly a committed teacher and desires success for his students.

Research: Professor Zytko has two foci for his scholarship, a) work focused primarily on dating and other social matching apps, aiming to understand how people engage with these systems, how they can do a better job of matching people, and b) work focused on safety issues in online dating, particularly for women and LGBTQ+ users who may be vulnerable to abuse or harassment. He has accomplished much in a relatively short time and the products of his scholarship are highly...
valued within the community. He publishes in top journals and conferences that are very competitive, especially CHI which is the premier conference in Human-Computer Interaction, with a large number of submissions and a low acceptance rate (25%) – it is a big success to have a paper accepted there, let alone several. Furthermore, his research topics appeal to students as they make abstract concepts of computing relevant to their daily lived experiences. As a result, he is able to expose many students to computational thinking and engage them in research experiences who are traditionally underrepresented in these spaces.

**Recent and Significant Publications:**


Douglas Zytko, Victor Regalado, Nicholas Furlo, Sukeshini A. Grandhi, and Quentin Jones, Supporting Women in Online Dating with a Messaging Interface that Improves their Face-to-Face Meeting Decisions, *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction* DOI: 0.1145/3415208 (2020).

**EXCERPTS FROM EXTERNAL LETTERS**
Reviewer (A): “As I look over Professor Zytko’s dossier, I am struck by how much he has been able to accomplish and the incredible degree to which he has both developed a strong network of excellent collaborators and also involved undergraduate students in published research. He has a strong record of publishing many papers at top conferences, and a growing body of work in recent years.”

Reviewer (B): “Doug Zytko’s outlined record shows accomplishments as an outstanding external grant proposal developer.”

Reviewer (C): “He has been very successful in securing federal funding.”

Reviewer (D): “…he publishes at the top conferences and journals in the area, has a very good citation rate and has received research awards. His research trajectory is ‘upwards.’”

Reviewer (E): “Doug is fearless in his thoughtful exploration of aspects of our increasingly digital lives that are so central to our humanity (e.g., intimate relationships, romance, sex), yet so often overlooked in academic scholarship. He has brought research rigor to topics that seem more streetside tabloid than stuffy academic journal (‘what are the top 10 secrets of online dating coaches?’), and he has done so precisely within those more staid journals and conferences.”
SUMMARY
Professor Zytko is a dedicated teacher and has developed a productive and strategic publication record. He has mentored numerous undergraduate and graduate students through his research and looks for ways to increase inclusivity in programs. He has met and exceeded the requisite excellence in teaching, research, and service, and in concurrence with his tenure upon hire committee, we are pleased to recommend the appointment of Douglas A. Zytko as associate professor of computer science, with tenure, College of Innovation and Technology, effective January 1, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Pearson, Dean
College of Innovation and Technology

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

Donna Kay Fry, Interim Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

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

NAME: Chris C. Douglas

CURRENT TITLES: Chair, Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, and Professor of Economics, with tenure, College of Arts and Sciences

ADDITIONAL TITLE: Acting Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, College of Arts and Sciences

EFFECTIVE DATES: January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

The interim dean, in consultation with the Executive Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Michigan-Flint, is pleased to recommend the appointment of Chris C. Douglas as acting associate dean for faculty affairs, College of Arts and Sciences, effective January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Chris Douglas earned his Ph.D. in economics from Michigan State University. His research has been published in outlets such as the Journal of Applied Econometrics, the Oxford Review of Economic Policy, and the Journal of Economics. He currently serves as the co-editor of the Journal of Economic Insight and is the president-elect of Missouri Valley Economics Association. He has served as a member of the Executive Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences, two previous terms as the chair of the Department of Economics, and is currently the chair of the Department of Social Sciences and Humanities.

I believe that Professor Douglas will continue to be an effective leader and am pleased to recommend the appointment of Chris C. Douglas as acting associate dean for faculty affairs, College of Arts and Sciences, effective January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Recommended by:

Jeanette Stein, Interim Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

Recommendation endorsed by:

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

Donna Kay Fry, Interim Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

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