

SECTION: 7

DATE:

June 27, 2017

**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**FACULTY APPOINTMENTS**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve twenty-three (23) new faculty appointments for the 2017-2018 academic year at the rank, salary, and effective date shown on the attached listing.

**STAFF SUMMARY**

Of the twenty-three (23) appointments, fourteen (14) are female and nine (9) are male.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The salary would be absorbed in the 2017-2018 personnel budget.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

  
University Executive Officer

6/5/17  
Date

## NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

### **Ashley Bavery (History & Philosophy)**

Assistant Professor effective 8/30/2017 at an academic year base salary of \$61,500.

#### Education

PhD – Northwestern University, 2015

M.A. – Northwestern University, 2010

B.A. – Mount Holyoke College, 2007 (with high honors)

### **Jonathan Carter (School of Communication, Media & Theatre Arts)**

Assistant Professor effective 8/30/2017 at an academic year base salary of \$57,000.

#### Education

PhD - University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2016

M.S. – Illinois State University, 2007

B.S. – Northwestern University, 2005

### **Brian Connolly (Biology)**

Assistant Professor effective 8/30/2017 at an academic year base salary of \$66,000.

#### Education

PhD - Washington State University, 2013

B.S. – Gonzaga University, 2007

### **Margaret Dobbins (English Language & Literature)**

Assistant Professor effective 8/30/2017 at an academic year base salary of \$60,000.

#### Education

PhD - Washington University, 2015

Grad Cert – Washington University, 2015

M.A. – Washington University, 2010

B.A. – Bard College, 2008

### **Christopher Gellasch (Geography & Geology)**

Assistant Professor effective 8/30/2017 at an academic year base salary of \$63,000.

#### Education

PhD – University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2012

M.S. - Indiana University, 1994

B.S. – Eastern Michigan University, 1992

**Rachel Gramer (English Language & Literature)**

Assistant Professor effective 8/30/2017 at an academic year base salary of \$60,000.

**Education**

PhD - University of Louisville, In Progress

M.A. – University of Central Florida, 2008

B.A. – Rollins College, 2001 (summa cum laude)

**Naomi Hashimoto (Special Education)**

Assistant Professor effective 8/30/2017 at an academic year base salary of \$66,000.

**Education**

PhD – Northwestern University, 2006

M.S. - University of Washington, 1986

B.S. – Northwestern University, 1984

**Qin Hu (School of Engineering Technology)**

Assistant Professor effective 8/30/2017 at an academic year base salary of \$80,000.

**Education**

PhD – Old Dominion University, 2004

M.S. - University of Electronic Science & Technology of China, 1998

B.S. - University of Electronic Science & Technology of China, 1995

**Tareq Khan (School of Engineering Technology)**

Assistant Professor effective 8/30/2017 at an academic year base salary of \$75,000.

**Education**

PhD – University of Saskatchewan (Canada), 2013

M.A.Sc. – Concordia University (Canada), 2007

B.Sc. – Islamic University of Technology (Bangladesh), 2003

**Deborah Laurin (Teacher Education)**

Assistant Professor effective 8/30/2017 at an academic year base salary of \$65,000.

**Education**

PhD – University of Oklahoma-Tulsa, In Progress

M.Ed. – Antioch New England University, 2006

B.A. – University of Victoria, BC, 2004 (with distinction)

**Jamie Lawler (Psychology)**

Assistant Professor effective 8/30/2017 at an academic year base salary of \$63,000.

Education

PhD - University of Minnesota, 2015

M.A. - University of Minnesota, 2011

B.A. – Emory University, 2007 (summa cum laude)

**Eric Portenga (Geography & Geology)**

Assistant Professor effective 8/30/2017 at an academic year base salary of \$63,000.

Education

PhD – University of Glasgow (UK) & Macquarie University (Australia), 2015

M.Sc. – University of Vermont, 2011

B.Sc. - University of Michigan, 2008

**Jean Rowan (School of Health Sciences)**

Assistant Professor effective 8/30/2017 at an academic year base salary of \$67,000.

Education

MD – Liverpool University Medical School (UK)

M.S. – University of Michigan, 1988

**Elena Sanchez Vizcaino (School of Communication, Media & Theatre Arts)**

Assistant Professor effective 8/30/2017 at an academic year base salary of \$57,000.

Education

PhD - University of Alcala, 2013

M.A. - University of Alcala, 2012

M.A. – University of Rey Juan Carlos, 2011

B.A. – Complutense University of Madrid, 2006

B.A. – Royal Drama School of Madrid, 2005

**Brian Scruggs (School of Communication, Media & Theatre Arts)**

Assistant Professor effective 8/30/2017 at an academic year base salary of \$57,000.

Education

PhD – Wayne State University, 2013

M.A. – Eastern Michigan University, 2005

B.S. – Eastern Michigan University, 2003

**Rita Shah (Sociology, Anthropology & Criminology)**

Assistant Professor effective 8/30/2017 at an academic year base salary of \$65,000.

Education

PhD – University of California-Irvine, 2011

M.A. – University of California-Irvine, 2007

B.A. – American University, 2003 (with university honors)

**Rebecca Spragg (School of HP & HP)**

Assistant Professor effective 8/30/2017 at an academic year base salary of \$65,000.

Education

M.S. – Georgia Institute of Technology, 2008

B.S. – Case Western Reserve University, 2006

**Tucker Staley (Political Science)**

Assistant Professor effective 8/30/2017 at an academic year base salary of \$65,500.

Education

PhD – University of Missouri-Columbia, 2012

B.S. – University of Oregon, 2005

**Jessica Stamatis (School of HP & HP)**

Assistant Professor effective 5/1/2017 at an academic year base salary of \$90,000.

Education

M.S. – Wayne State University, 2008

B.S. – Wayne State University, 2002

**Aaron Struminger (School of HP & HP)**

Assistant Professor effective 8/30/2017 at an academic year base salary of \$65,000.

Education

PhD – University of Delaware, In Progress

M.A. – University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 2012

B.S. – University of Florida, 2009

**Amanda Stype (Economics)**

Assistant Professor effective 8/30/2017 at an academic year base salary of \$82,850.

**Education**

PhD – Michigan State University, 2016

M.A. – Bowling Green State University, 2010

B.S. – Ohio Northern University, 2009

B.S.B.A. – Ohio Northern University, 2009

**Peng Xu (Mathematics)**

Assistant Professor effective 8/30/2017 at an academic year base salary of \$65,000.

**Education**

PhD – University of Delaware, In Progress

B.S. – Tsinghua University (China), 2008

**Erica Zonder (School of HP & HP)**

Assistant Professor effective 8/30/2017 at an academic year base salary of \$75,000.

**Education**

M.S. - Eastern Michigan University, 2013

J.D. – University of Michigan, 1995

B.A. – University of Michigan, 1992