

Agendum
Oakland University
Board of Trustees Formal Session
February 6, 2023


**APPOINTMENT OF DAVID DULIO TO THE RANK
OF DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR**
A Recommendation

1. **Division and Department:** Office of the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.
2. **Introduction:** In 1988 the Board of Trustees (Board) created the faculty rank of Distinguished Professor. Upon recommendation of the President and Provost, the Board may appoint individuals to the rank of Distinguished Professor for the duration of the individual's active service at Oakland University. Appointments to distinguished professorships are based on the candidate's efforts and accomplishments in the areas of teaching, intellectual contributions and service, giving consideration to the programmatic and institutional setting of the candidate's work at Oakland and the nature of the candidate's assignments and responsibilities, the quality of the candidate's accomplishments and the relation of all the foregoing factors to the objectives of the area or departments, the goals of the college or school, and the mission and long-range vision of the University.
3. **Previous Board Action:** The Board has periodically appointed individuals to the rank of Distinguished Professor at Formal Sessions of the Board.
4. **Budget Implications:** A one-time salary stipend of \$2,500 plus an annual supplies and services allocation of \$1,500, up to five years, for the Distinguished Professor will be paid from the Provost's Discretionary Fund.
5. **Educational Implications:** Recognition of a distinguished faculty member's long-standing dedication to the mission of the institution reinforces a culture that is devoted to excellence in teaching, research, creative endeavor, and service.
6. **Personnel Implications:** None.
7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** A selection committee of his peers recommended David Dulio of the College of Arts and Sciences for approval to Dr. Britt Rios-Ellis, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, for the appointment of Distinguished Professor.
8. **Recommendation:** RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of David Dulio, Professor of Political Science, to the rank of Distinguished Professor, effective August 15, 2023.

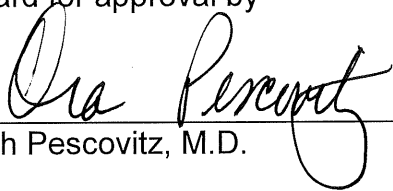
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9. **Attachment:** A. Biography of David Dulio.

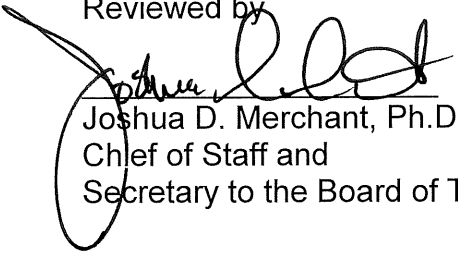
Submitted to the President
on 1/31, 2023 by


Britt Rios-Ellis, M.S., Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Provost

Recommended on 2/1, 2023
to the Board for approval by


Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, M.D.
President

Reviewed by


Joshua D. Merchant, Ph.D.
Chief of Staff and
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Biography

David Dulio, Ph.D.

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Professor David Dulio is a nationally recognized scholar of Michigan politics. Professor Dulio's research interest evolved from a focus on political consultants to Michigan politics and elections over the course of his academic career. This transition to Michigan politics occurred at a time of heightened interest in states such as Michigan for local issues and national presidential elections. As a result, he is now recognized in the academic and non-academic communities as one of the preeminent experts on Michigan politics.

Professor Dulio's scholarship includes 13 books, 77 articles or book chapters, and he is currently working on two additional edited books. In addition, he has been invited to prestigious international conferences to discuss presidential campaigns in Michigan in the context of rising populism across the globe. Professor Matt Grossman of Michigan State University notes, "He offers the most practical and well-situated knowledge of campaigning available in social science and is able to connect that on-the-ground knowledge with central theoretical questions. I have actively used his work in this area since graduate school, not just in classroom instruction and research but also in practical efforts to train political professionals and improve democratic practice." He further states, "The progress of social science relies on faculty that engage in the world around them, synthesizing knowledge from professionals with broad and careful research. Dr. Dulio epitomizes this social role and learning strategy, always keeping up with how academic knowledge applies in changing real-world contexts and how practitioners and academics can learn from each other."

Professor Dulio's colleagues at OU and other universities recognize his significant contributions to the academic community through his books, journal articles, and presentations. What perhaps sets him apart from many others is the impact of his media contributions. Brian Bierley, Director of OU's Media Relations, estimates that he has made close to 1,000 contributions. News outlets seeking his input have reached far beyond the local and Michigan media markets - *Newsweek*, *Time*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *NBC News*, *Fox News*, *Bloomberg News* and *C-SPAN* are some of the national news organizations that have sought his expertise. Even international outlets from Canada, Germany, Australia, and the UK have worked with him. These contributions bring unprecedented exposure to Oakland University. Professor Dulio is also sought out for lectures to various local organizations. He maintains this level of public engagement while also serving as the founding Director of the Center for Civic Engagement. The Center strives to be the convener of conversations of importance for political and non-political issues to improve the quality of life for the people in Southeast Michigan. Since its founding four years ago, the Center has organized more than 50 programs or events involving nearly 4,000 participants. These programs have invited speakers such as Lech Walesa, Madeleine Albright, and many local and Michigan politicians.

Oakland University honors Professor David Dulio with the title of Distinguished Professor for his extraordinary contributions to advance and promote knowledge about Michigan politics to academic and non-academic audiences worldwide.