

Dear Dr. Larsen:

It is my pleasure and privilege to evaluate Professor Johanna Shapiro, who is being considered for advancement from Professor, Step III to Professor, Step IV in your department. Thank you for sending me the materials for my review. I have known and admired the work of Dr. Shapiro since the mid-1980's, which I believe gives me a special vantage on her career and contributions.

Dr. Shapiro is widely regarded as a leader in the application of the behavioral sciences to Family Medicine (and beyond its borders). Her research and scholarship are at once prolific, original, and germane to the training of physicians and the practice of good medicine. She is both a disciplined researcher and an imaginative writer. She is equally adept at doing individual and collaborative work. Dr. Shapiro publishes her work in the mainstream and cutting-edge journals of many fields. From her earliest days as a professional through the present, she has received numerous honors and awards.

Dr. Shapiro's work is at once interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary. She is one of the most outstanding scholar-researcher-clinicians examining various dimensions of the doctor-patient relationship including family dynamics, , culture/ ethnicity, and difficult or stigmatized patient populations. Most recently, her pioneering work on literature and medicine expands her horizon on ways of knowing and ways of teaching about the doctor-patient relationship; and is a creative and highly original extension and expansion of her previous work. Her current role as feature editor on "Literature and the Arts in Medical Education" for *Family Medicine* is a form of recognition of her major contributions to this facet of medicine.

I regard Dr. Shapiro's work as distinctive and singular. She is definitely a Renaissance person in all the domains to which she contributes. Her accomplishments (and stature) exceed those of most clinical behavioral scientists I know. She would be an outstanding, exceptional researcher, scholar, and medical humanist at my institution or others with which I am familiar. I have no question that she deserves advancement to Professor, Step IV, in your institution. Please feel free to call or write if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Howard F. Stein, Ph.D.
Professor