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Fakultetsstyret ved Det humanistiske fakultet

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## Oppnevning av sakkyndig komité - Opprykk til professor i japansk – søker Nathan Edwin Hopson

### Dokumenter i saken

1. Forslag til komité.

### Bakgrunn

Det humanistiske fakultet har innen søknadsfristen 15.09.2025 mottatt søknad om opprykk til professor fra førsteamanuensis Nathan Edwin Hopson innenfor fagområdet japansk. Institutt for fremmedspråk har sendt følgende forslag til sakkyndig komité (vedlegg 1):

- Professor Chelsea Szendi Schieder, Aoyama Gakuin University.
- Professor Hans Martin Kraemer, Universität Heidelberg.
- Professor Dennis Frost, Kalamazoo College.

Professor Chelsea Szendi Schieder foreslås som leder av komiteen. Alle medlemmer har utfylt skjema for erklæring av habilitet, og et av medlemmene har gitt opplysninger som de ønsker skal vurderes for mulig inhabilitet (vedlegg 2). Dette har blitt vurdert og ikke funnet å medføre inhabilitet.

### Forslag til vedtak

Det humanistiske fakultet oppnevner følgende sakkyndige komité for å vurdere søkeren Nathan Edwin Hopson for opprykk til professor innen fagområdet japansk:

- Professor Chelsea Szendi Schieder, Aoyama Gakuin University
- Professor Hans Martin Kraemer, Universität Heidelberg
- Professor Dennis Frost, Kalamazoo College

Professor Chelsea Szendi Schieder oppnevnes som leder av komiteen.

Camilla Brautaset  
dekan

Kim Ove Hommen  
fakultetsdirektør



Det humanistiske fakultet

Unntatt fra innsyn i henhold til Personalmappe

Dato  
12/12/2025

Referanse  
2025/11614

## Fremlegg til komité

Instituttleder gjør fremlegg om følgende opprykkskomité i forbindelse med søknad om personlig opprykk til professor etter kompetanse – Nathan Edwin Hopson

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Professor Dennis Frost, Kalamazoo College, [dennis.frost@kzoo.edu](mailto:dennis.frost@kzoo.edu)

Se vedlagte habilitetserklæringer. Kommentar fra Frost er tatt til etterretning av instituttleder, og vurderes som habil.

Med vennlig hilsen

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Administrasjonssjef

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- 3 Fremlegg til komité

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## Declaration of impartiality - Department of Foreign Languages - Ref: 2025/11614 #4

### Instructions for completion of the declaration of impartiality

This form shall be completed by anyone who has been appointed as a committee member by the Faculty of Humanities at the University of Bergen in connection with appointment or advancement matters. Anyone who is to perform work as a committee member shall always assess his/her own impartiality.

- If you find that you are disqualified in relation to one or more of the parties to a matter upon such an assessment, you must notify the department of this as soon as possible.
- If you are unsure of your own impartiality, you must list the circumstances you are unsure of and request that your impartiality be assessed by the department.
- If it is concluded that there is no disqualification, but that there are still associations that should be disclosed, or should be assessed by the department, then this should be entered on the form or on a separate sheet.

### About the assessment of impartiality

Committee members are subject to the provisions relating to impartiality in Chapter II of the Public Administration Act. In addition, the faculty has adopted its own regulations on impartiality and confidence, which have been enclosed with this form. These regulations are somewhat stricter than the provisions of the Act on some points. Disqualification may be automatic because of a special association to a party to a matter, through, for example, a family relationship or being an academic advisor within the past three years. These circumstances have been included in the provisions for automatic disqualification in section 1. Disqualification may also be based on a discretionary assessment. For such a discretionary assessment, it will be key to decide whether there are any special circumstances which are apt to impair confidence in his or her impartiality. Such an assessment will often be much more difficult than an assessment of automatic disqualification. It is therefore important to disclose the circumstances that have been assessed if you have concluded yourself that you are impartial in relation to an appointment or advancement matter. For discretionary assessment of impartiality (disqualification), reference is made to the provisions on impartiality and confidence in the introduction. Disqualification may occur as a result of:

- Close personal or professional association with one or more of the applicants. This may be a close personal friendship or close professional collaboration, such as project cooperation or co-authorship.
- Possibility that the appointment of a specific applicant, regardless of the applicant's qualifications, would result in a personal or professional gain for a person or someone close to that person.
- Other circumstances that there may be reason to assume are apt to impair confidence in a decision if an individual takes part in the decision

**Submitter**

Dennis Frost

**Committee will assess**

- Advancement matter

**The submitter confirms that (check off):**

- I have read the "Regulations on Impartiality and Confidence" and am unsure, I request that the following conditions be considered for

**Conditions to be considered**

I want to acknowledge that I have known Professor Hopson for several years. Our paths first crossed many years ago in Morioka, Japan before either of us were in graduate school, and we've met up at several conferences since then. He also interviewed me about my most recent monograph (2020), and arranged a roundtable discussion for his podcast on sports in Japan that I was involved in earlier this year. Although this is not formal co-authorship and I do not feel that these interactions would present a conflict of interest, I wanted to be sure to mention these conditions for full consideration.

**The submitter accepts that the submission/registration of the form is equivalent to a formal signature**

- Accepted

**Sent from (e-mail address)**

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