

April 27, 2022

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Carl W. Lejuez, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs



RE: Reappointment of Professor Matthew Singer to the Alan R. Bennett Honors Professorship in Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the reappointment of Professor Matthew Singer to the Alan R. Bennett Honors Professorship in Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

BACKGROUND:

The Alan R Bennett Honors Professorship was endowed in 2010 by alumnus Alan Bennett, a member of the board of directors of the UConn Foundation and a regular contributor to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and to the Honors Program. The Honors Professorship recognizes and supports a distinguished faculty member to strengthen Honors opportunities in Political Science and support the University-wide Honors Program by working to enhance academic and professional opportunities for Political Science Honors majors through teaching, research, advising, mentoring, and special events.

The Bennett Honors Professorship is held by the Director of the Political Science Honors Program on a term basis. Upon the recommendation of the faculty and the department head of Political Sciences and from the Director of the University Honors Program, I am pleased to recommend Professor Matthew Singer to this position for a second three-year term beginning on August 23, 2022. Professor Singer joined the UConn faculty in 2007, earning tenure in 2014. He will be promoted to full Professor effective August 23, 2022. Professor Singer's primary responsibility in this role has been to support and promote honors education in the political science department to help our students have transformative experiences, which he has continued to accomplish all while furthering his own research activities and enhancing the visibility of the Department, College, and the University. No additional funding, support or investment is necessary in order to fulfill the terms of this appointment.

Professor Jeremy Pressman was honored to hold the inaugural Alan Bennett Honors Professorship in Political Science from 2010 to 2013. Professor Jennifer Sterling-Folker was the second holder of this named professorship from 2013 to 2016 and again from 2016 to 2019. Professor Matthew Singer has held this honor from 2019 to 2022 and with the Board's approval will continue from 2022 to 2025.