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**CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION ON APPLICANT**

To the applicant: Under the Federal law entitled the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, students are given the right to inspect their records, including letters of recommendation. We shall consider all letters of recommendation carefully. We believe, however, that in many instances letters written in confidence are of greater utility in the long run as a means of assessing a student's qualifications, abilities, and promise.

You have the option of (1) signing the following waiver, or (2) declining to do so.

1. I expressly waive any rights I might have to access to this letter of recommendation under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, or any other law, regulation or policy.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

2. I do not agree to the waiver above.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

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To the recommender: This form is intended solely for your convenience. Before you agree to submit a recommendation, however, please review the reference to the Federal law entitled the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as presented above in the instructions, "To the applicant".

1. Please assess the candidates promise as a graduate student in anthropology. Of particular interest are your personal impressions of the applicant's *intellection capacity, independent study, and creative research, the quality of previous work, and any professional accomplishments to date*. Comments would also be welcome on her/his character and personality. (Comments may be continued on a separate sheet)

2. Please evaluate the scholarly or creative capability of the applicant expressed as a percentile rating by placing an "X" on the scale below.

-0-                      20%                      40%                      60%                      80%                      100%

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Indicate the population with which the applicant is being compared in this rating: \_\_\_ Undergraduates I have taught or known \_\_\_ Graduate students I have taught or known \_\_\_ Individuals I have worked closely with in the arts or professions

How well do you know this candidate?

Very Well (contact with applicant both in and outside the classroom)

Better than I know the average student (contact in smaller classes, seminars)

As well as I know the average student (usual contacts in classes)

Not very well (contact in large classes but not large enough to exclude some contact or knowledge of the student)

Not at all (contact in classes too large to afford an opportunity to be very familiar with the student's work)

I have served as the candidate's (circle one or more as appropriate):

Major Advisor                  Department Chair                  Teacher                  Other (specify):

Please indicate strength of your overall endorsement of applicant by placing "X" along the scale:

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Not recommended	Recommended with Reservations	Recommended	Highly Recommended
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Name (type or print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Position or Title \_\_\_\_\_

Institution & Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Return this form directly to:

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