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Dear Pipo,

January 7, 2015

I'm writing in support of Guy Eytan, who is applying for the position of Visiting Assistant Professor of Integrated Media. Guy was my Teaching Assistant in the fall of 2012. The class for which he was the assistant was created to introduce first year undergraduate art students to Photoshop, HTML5 and CSS3. Guy was an excellent TA (one of my best) who understood the challenge of guiding first year students through the frustration of programming languages, while maintaining the morale of the students with his pleasant demeanor. Since then, he has gone on to teach his own undergraduate classes while completing his graduate degree at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

I've followed Guy's work over the past couple of years and I find it to be poetic and humorous. His practice is a wonderful example of the interdisciplinary nature of contemporary experimentation. He moves comfortably through traditional media, but having found a voice through the Art and Technology Studies department as a graduate student, he boasts an impressive set of new media skills. Guy is resourceful and he understands that this is one of the most important aspects of working with technology. I know that he can teach his future students to balance conceptual ideas and technical prowess, much like he does in his own practice.

Guy is a memorable part of the SAIC community and I have no doubt that he will make the same impression on your department, should he be hired. If you have any questions, please contact me at yblalo@saic.edu.

Sincerely,

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