Appendix Recommendation Letter

The letter is on the next two pages. When reading it, try to identify for how long I worked with Dr. McDowell, what did I work on, if I have an ongoing research program or not, or who my advisor was.

Before proceeding, note the email below, in reply to my job application materials. Note the question about having Dr. Wolff as a reference and the reasonable suggestion to ask someone from GSU *instead*.



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Job Application documents

McDowell, Jack J <psyjjmd@emory.edu>
To: Andrei Popa <andreipopa515@gmail.com>

Sat, Jan 17, 2015 at 3:38 PM

Andrei,

I think all of these look good. I was especially impressed by the assignment examples. They are very thoughtful and show that you have spent a lot of time on course development. Regarding your CV: you need to get those two first-authored papers in press. Also, why is Phil Wolff on your list of references, and why don't you have anyone from GA State as a reference who can comment on your teaching, collegiality, service, etc.?

JJM

From: Andrei Popa <andreipopa515@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 1:23 PM

To: McDowell, Jack J

Subject: Job Application documents

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The "grant proposal" ambush was on January 9, 2015, a week before this email.

The letter of recommendation is dated **October 22, 2016**, almost two years after those events.

As a parenthesis, Dr. Phil Wolff was my first adviser at Emory; I was in his lab for about 7 months, then I took a leave of absence; during that time, I transferred to Dr. McDowell's lab, who was my advisor from August 2007 until I graduated, in December 2013. Dr. Wolff remained close to my research, having served on my Masters committee (2009), Qualifying Exam committee (2010), and Dissertation committee (2013). In addition, he knew me from the "Culture Club", a seminar I took for a few years, and was the only cognitive scientist on my list of references.