Luciano Cruz was a student of mine in a graduate seminar on globalization that I co-taught. Luciano proved to be an excellent student in the course. His comments and papers were insightful and demonstrated both an academic knowledge of race, colonialism, and globalization and a more personal knowledge of globalization which had been gained from his experience growing up in Brazil. His paper on Brazil’s Landless Workers Movement was a good example of bringing the academic and the personal together. The paper, which I thought publishable, was extremely well written and well researched.

Along with being both a good writer and a highly competent researcher, Luciano is a committed scholar. We spent many hours during the semester discussing the topics covered in the globalization class. And he continues his research in areas of interest that developed during the course. He is also a committed and enthusiastic teacher who has been influenced by progressive theorists of education.

I believe that Luciano would be successful in a doctoral program. I recommend him for your program, the only qualification being that I have worked formally with him for one course, and less formally, the personal interactions that I have described for a slightly longer. If I can be of further assistance, I can be reached at [psemm@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:psemm@mail.sdsu.edu) or by phone at 619-594-5906.