December 31, 2010

Graduate Committee

Department of Sociology, SDSU

Jennifer McCarty has asked me to write a letter of recommendation in support of her application to the Master of Arts program in the Department of Sociology at San Diego State University. I am happy to do so; Jennifer was a student of mine in Social Theory and she was my ISA last semester.

Academically, Jennifer ranks in the top 5% of students that I have taught. The evaluation process in Social Theory consists of three exams and two papers. Jennifer excelled on all the exams and papers. Her papers were well researched, thorough, and well written. Jennifer impressed me with her conscientious approach to the class. She attended regularly and never came late, was always prepared, contributed to class discussion, and came to office hours.

In fact I was so impressed with Jennifer and confident that she would do a good job that I lobbied aggressively for her to be my ISA the following semester. And Jennifer did an outstanding job as my ISA. She attended classes, helped maintain order in the large class, graded exams and papers, held office hours and met with students. She was organized, efficient, and dependable.

I have no doubt that Jennifer would do well in the Master of Arts program and would complete the program. I recommend her for the program without qualification. If I can be of further assistance, I can be reached at 594-5906 or [psemm@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:psemm@mail.sdsu.edu).

Sincerely,

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