

December 28, 2012

Dear APT Committee,

I am writing to you to give my highest possible recommendation to Logan Rath for reappointment. I have worked very closely with Logan in two of his vital professional roles and have been deeply impressed with his professionalism and incredible intellectual and technical skills. I cannot image a more valuable and collegial colleague. Logan has worked with me outstandingly in both my capacity as College Senate President and as an associate professor of history.

For the College Senate, Logan has served as parliamentarian and sits on the executive committee of the Senate. This is a major service obligation and a complex job that Logan performs with flair and for which always goes the extra mile in by solving problems and shouldering new responsibilities. The parliamentarian has to master every aspect of the College Senate and then both give guidance in meetings and research complex technical questions between meetings. In the two years I have seen him working at this difficult role, Logan has always solved all the problems presented to him and has even more often saved the Senate and the Senate President headaches by anticipating problems and heading them off before they arise. He has shown brilliant leadership and service skills in both the public and organizational roles the parliamentarian is responsible for. His knowledge of the College, the Senate, and SUNY have also been crucial in the executive committee of the Senate where the key issues are debated. He also does all of this with great good humor and first-rate people skills that I know he also brings to his work in the library.

For the History Department, Logan's role in the library is that of a colleague as well as a library professional. He has lectured brilliantly to my advanced History Research Methods class and then worked with my students on their research for major papers in that class and their follow up research seminars. Students always praise him and the quality of my student's research papers and knowledge has risen in both the class he lectured to and the in the subsequent classes for the students he worked with. My Spring 2011 Advanced Research Methods class was the best I have taught in eleven years at Brockport and both the students and I attribute much of that success to Logan's role in the course. I had several students with extensive research needs over the last year on Civil War Era topics and Logan always patiently directed them to the right materials and people. Beyond Logan's manifest skills speaking and working in his field of library research, he also showed a great grasp of the historical profession. I am sure his intellectual rigor allows him to serve other departments in a similar academic

capacity. All my future advanced history courses will benefit tremendously from having him as a resource and I look forward to working with him for years.

I cannot over-emphasize how impressed I have been with Logan after working closely with him these last two years and I know my colleagues in the history department and College Senate feel the same way. I hope this letter has communicated that. Please feel free to contact me further for more information about his outstanding contributions to the College and its future.

Sincerely,

John Patrick Daly

College Senate President

Associate Professor of History