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Dear APT Committee:

Since beginning my post here in April of 2008, I have really enjoyed working at Drake. I believe that my position as Digital Services Librarian combines my various skill sets in a unique way that challenges me to grow. I also believe that I am working above my current faculty rank of Assistant Librarian and therefore am asking to be promoted to the rank of Senior Assistant Librarian. While at SUNY Oneonta, from 2007-2008, I was working at the rank to which I am seeking promotion, and was successfully reappointed as such. Since I have chosen to carry my first year of service with me, there are a few reflections of my service while at Oneonta in this portfolio. It is based partially on this fact that I ask for your consideration for promotion.

My current role splits my time between digital services and instruction and reference. I have used this blend to develop dynamic lesson plans and to integrate library resources into ANGEL. My instruction background and teaching experiences have most certainly influenced my choices I make when implementing a new technology or service or redesigning web pages or request forms such as Interlibrary Loan. I enjoy constructing inquiry-driven and socially constructivist lesson plans for use in classes and I have created valuable relationships with several faculty members that have extended beyond the Library into the Educational Technology Center to involve podcasting. On the more technical side of things, I have learned basic PHP web programming and have thusly written scripts, such as one for library hours, to enhance library services.

My scholarship can be evidenced through my presentations as well as the text-message reference pilot project that has given me some ideas for publication that I plan to pursue. Here at Brockport, I am active creating in-house guides and have successfully created the Education Research Guide that is used by several students and consistently ranks in the top five guides viewed. I have also had the fortune of participating when it comes to service both locally and regionally. I currently serve on more than one strategic planning working group, a library standing committee, a campus committee and hold a leadership role in a professional organization.

While my rank does not determine the projects that I wish to undertake, I would like my rank to align more closely with the duties that I have undertaken as Digital Services Librarian. Moreover, through a promotion I will be able to start striving towards even greater professional goals and projects and further augmenting the quality of library services in the future.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Logan T. Rath". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Logan T. Rath, MLS