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Re: Recommendation Letter for Dr. **Zhongyan Lin**

Dear faculty searching committee:

It is my pleasure to recommend Dr. Zhongyan Lin for the faculty position that is available at your institution in the field of computer information science and data analytics.

I worked with Dr. Lin for 16 years at Delaware State University (DSU) before I joined my current company in 2018. I know Dr. Lin very well. He is a very friendly person, who works very hard in teaching, research and software development. For many years, he taught the most course sessions and most students in the department of computer and information sciences at DSU.

From his fully-verified publication list (<https://zhongyanlin.github.io/site/publication>), we can see that he had done decent research work in the field of partial differential equation and inverse problems, published papers in some of most prestigious journals such as SIAM J. Applied Math.

I worked with Dr. Lin on a project of data analytics titled "Correlation of Risk of Breast Cancer with density of breast density" funded by Army research office and Medical School of University of Pennsylvania for a period of three years. We together processed 1.5 Terabytes of clinical data, including image data, text information and numerical data. We performed analysis and completed reports for the submission to the funding agencies. Dr. Lin wrote programs, created and maintained an online database and produced all queries to generate reports.

Before this project, Dr. Lin also worked on another data analytics project funded by Army research lab in 2008. That project was about statistical modeling (the application of maximum likelihood method to determine critical penetration distance in armor).

Dr. Lin has been an early proponent of utilizing computer technology for class management, students' grading and computer-assisted education. As such, he preceded for years the current trends in on-line and hybrid learning. From his annotated list of software of public interests that he developed (<https://zhongyanlin.github.io/site/>), we can see that he recently published three apps in the google play store on teaching technologies and data analytics using artificial intelligence. They are:

- Grading Scanner:
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.systemsonweb.grading>,
- Enquire-response:
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.systemsonweb.response>,

- Facial attendance:
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.systemsonweb.attendance>.

I strongly believe that Dr. Lin's background in both computer and information science and mathematics makes him an excellent candidate for teaching position in the field of computer information science or data analytics.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Pokrajac', is written over a light gray rectangular background.