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This letter is in enthusiastic support of Elizabeth Spencer's application for a graduate teaching position in the University of Oklahoma's Ph.D. program. I have had the great pleasure of knowing and working with Elizabeth over the past two years as a professor and research collaborator in the Department of Communication at Pittsburg State University. As a result of my association with Elizabeth I believe that I am in an excellent position to assess her potential as a future graduate teaching assistant.

Besides excelling in the classes that I have taught, Elizabeth has demonstrated her enthusiasm, energy, and scholarship by playing a central and active role in teaching and research within our Department. Mrs. Spencer placed first in the Pittsburg State University's graduate research colloquium for her work analyzing the visual communication strategies used to represent Alzheimer's patients internationally.

In addition to her broad research interests, Spencer has extensive knowledge of the processes and planning procedures for the National Communication Association. Over the past two semesters she has organized the manuscript reviews and notifications for the Ethnography division of NCA. Her ability to multi-task and strong organizational skills have enabled her to effectively balance the roles and responsibilities related to teaching, research and scholarship while enrolled as a graduate student in our department

Mrs. Spencer has the educational training; and I believe she has demonstrated the writing skill, personality, intellect, and motivation required to skillfully teach introductory University of Oklahoma students. As you will see on her curriculum vitae and supporting documents she has received positive feedback from our PSU undergraduate student body, and I can personally attest to her ability to develop a strong rapport with her students.

Mrs. Spencer's excellent combination of knowledge, collegiality and experience combined with a proven track record of success in both research and teaching separates her from other applicants. In sum, I give Elizabeth Spencer my strongest recommendation for a graduate teaching position at University of Oklahoma.

If I can be of further assistance in your assessment of Elizabeth please do not hesitate to contact me by phone 620.235.4720 or by e-mail at amason@pittstate.edu.

Sincerely,

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