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Recommendation for Sharon Forrest

Summer Enrichment Program
University of Virginia



Sharon Forrest served as a graduate teaching assistant under my direction for the 1992-93 academic year. It was her first year in graduate school here at Old Dominion and my first year teaching a required course in our department entitled "Social Science Resources." Together each semester we were responsible for teaching three sections of this library-oriented research methods class. Her assistance proved invaluable in designing the course, particularly with respect to the law resources in the library. Sharon knew the legal sources much better than I did, and much of her knowledge came from her own initiative in teaching herself the law.

Sharon was an undergraduate in our department, having completed her baccalaureate degree the previous year. She graduated with a high grade point average and with a superb reputation among the faculty. Because of her outstanding work as an undergraduate I felt confident that she could handle several sections of "Social Science Resources" on her own. She was successful in the undertaking and proved to be an extremely talented teacher. She was able to present information in a clear and interesting manner, and she was able to handle student questions and concerns with aplomb. She put together many of the teaching hand-outs we used in that class and often met with students in the library. She also graded the daily homework assignments and the final projects.

I feel that Sharon would make a fine teacher and recommend her for the Summer Enrichment Program at the University of Virginia. She is academically prepared to teach a course in library and social science research methods, and she is personally adept at interacting with students, always projecting an air of confidence, caring, and professionalism. I do hope you will give her application serious consideration in filling the teaching positions for your summer program.

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Donald J. Zeigler, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair



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