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Dean Larry Berman
Founding Dean
Honors College

Dear Dean Berman:

Please accept this letter and the submitted documentation as the first step in my application for the Faculty Associate for DISCOVERY. My training and research expertise in sociology and social science education combine to help me scholarly engage in multiple disciplines. In this letter, I will highlight my qualifications that will benefit the Honors College.

In addition to my previous service as a reviewer for DISCOVERY, I have served on the Editorial Review Boards for four journals (i.e., Contemporary Issues of Technology and Teacher Education, The Journal of Social Studies Research, The Georgia Social Studies Journal, and Ohio Social Studies Review). I also regularly serve as a reviewer for top journals, such as Theory and Research in Social Education, Action in Teacher Education, and Social Education. Similarly, my colleagues frequently invite me to review scholarly book chapters for edited volumes, such as Handbook of Social Studies Research and Teacher Education Programs and Online Learning Tools: Innovations in Teacher Preparation. Moreover, I repeatedly serve as a reviewer for national and regional conferences, such as the College and University Faculty Assembly and Georgia Council for the Social Studies.

Finally, peers recognized my leadership and scholarship by electing me Chair and Vice-chair of the Research Community (formerly Committee) for the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS). As chair, I developed goals, created and facilitated the community webpage, chaired the annual meetings, assisted with committee duties, and planned/ co-presented research sessions at the annual conferences. In addition, my national reviewer leadership is exemplified through my role as chair for the 2007 Jean Dresden Grambs Distinguished Career Research in Social Studies Award and my elected position as chair of the NCSS Publications Committee (2003-2004). The preceding roles highlight many of my professional leadership positions, but I also focused my service through membership of various scholarly committees, such as the NCSS Larry Metcalf Exemplary Dissertation Award (2005). My leadership and service activities have kept me involved and informed about current scholarship.
I embrace university service and leadership as a commitment to being a thoughtful and productive citizen of the campus community and democratic structures. As a strong advocate for participatory citizenship, I strive to help improve the quality of education through my service and leadership. The preceding activities and many of my other leadership and service roles have kept me involved and informed about the current scholarship and afforded greater opportunities to share my passion for innovation and scholarship.

I believe my professional experience and record highlighted above combine to make me an excellent candidate for the Faculty Associate for DISCOVERY. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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