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To whom it may concern:

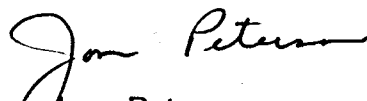
I highly recommend Dr. Peter Haiman for a position teaching college-level psychology courses. As interim director of the Single Subject Program at Saint Mary's College, I hired Dr. Haiman in January of last year to teach Learning and Development to graduate students who were studying to become secondary teachers. Dr. Haiman taught this course twice during our January session and twice during our summer session. Students evaluated his classes highly, and Dr. Haiman has been a very successful teacher in our program.

I have been impressed with the breadth and depth of Dr. Haiman's experience and knowledge. His understanding of human development spans all ages and he makes astute observations about similarities and differences between ages. I was particularly struck as well by his deep commitment to student learning as well as his very humane and warm exchanges with students. Dr. Haiman asks students to think beyond the text. He supplements the text with activities that enrich learning, and he requires that student teachers learn concepts by encountering them.

Though Dr. Haiman is a practicing psychologist, he has an obvious love for teaching. He refers to himself as an "educator," and I hear in that referent a move away from a didactic style of teaching and into something larger that has to do with supporting and assisting student growth. Dr. Haiman's student evaluations suggest that he is an educator.

Dr. Haiman's students cite his classes as intellectually interesting and personally meaningful. I certainly recommend him for a position teaching psychology or education courses.

Yours truly,

  
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