



Sociology

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter of reference at the request of Mark Smolen. I have known Mark since he joined the Master's Program in Data Analytics and Applied Social Research in the Sociology Department at Queens College. He was a student in my graduate course, Applied Social Research, during the Spring 2017 semester. He showed great promise in the course and fulfilled all of the requirements of writing and conducting research at the graduate level. In addition, Mark demonstrated a great work ethic and interpersonal skills. Based on his coursework and class participation, I would rate his academic performance in my class as excellent.

I was also fortunate to have Mark as a teaching assistant for my undergraduate course, Social Analysis, during the Spring 2018 semester. I learned from that experience that Mark is organized, efficient, and has an excellent rapport with people of all ages. Mark worked well with the students in the course. He ran his own lab section and was a great teaching assistant during that semester. Many of the students in his class expressed that they were pleased with the way Mark teaches. They felt his discussions were engaging and his explanations were clear. He was punctual and had perfect attendance as an instructor as well. I would highly recommend Mark for any adjunct teaching position that he may be qualified for. If you need any further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
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