

Application Related Information

Application: Application Not Verified
Grad Program Applying To: MPA

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Recommendation Information

Recommended By:	Christopher Schedler	Recommenders Title:	Chair and Professor, English Department
Recommenders Institution:	Central Washington University	Contact Name:	Gail Murray
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs:	I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.	Recommendation Waiver Choice:	I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.
Recommendation Form Submitted:	✓	Recommendation Status:	Received
Received Date:	07/03/2023 10:41 AM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant without reservation.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	MPA Letter of Recommendation/Form
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000110143575	Recommendation Owner:	Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known applicant:	2 years	Applicant ability as self-directed learner:	At CWU, Gail dedicated herself to an interdisciplinary program of study, combining course work in literary studies, creative writing, and professional writing. Gail also served as an editor for our Manastash student literary journal, which requires both self-directed work and collaborative team work.
Time since last contact with applicant:	1 week	Applicant as productive member of group:	Gail has strong interpersonal communication skills, interacting with her peers and instructor in discussion and analysis of literary texts. She is quite open to engaging with alternative cultural perspectives, both those represented in literary texts and from other students in the class.
Relationship with Applicant:	Professor for one class	Applicant most significant strengths:	Gail is intelligent, creative, enthusiastic, and motivated. I have no doubt that she will be a supportive colleague to her fellow graduate students and faculty mentors and an asset to your graduate program.

Ability to complete rigorous grad program:	Outstanding	Responsibility/reliability:	Outstanding
Communication Skills - Oral:	Outstanding	Communication skills - written:	Outstanding
Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:	Outstanding	Ability to work independently:	Outstanding
Ability to handle stress:	Outstanding	Ability to think critically:	Outstanding
Ability to analyze/problem solve:	Outstanding	Ability to think creatively:	Outstanding
Openness to feedback:	Outstanding	Potential for leadership:	Outstanding
Ability to work in a team:	Outstanding	Personal/professional reflection:	Outstanding

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Dear Admissions Committee:

I am writing in support of the admission application of Gail Murray. Gail was a student in my “Global Perspectives in Literature: Latin America” course. She received the highest grade in the class, earning high marks for her participation in discussions, presentations, and written paper. Gail has strong interpersonal communication skills, interacting with her peers and instructor in discussion and analysis of literary texts. She is quite open to engaging with alternative cultural perspectives, both those represented in literary texts and from other students in the class.

Gail's written work in the class was exceptionally strong. In her paper on Mario Vargas Llosa's *The Storyteller*, Gail wrote a thorough analysis of the protagonist's journey of rebirth to his new identity as tribal storyteller, while recognizing how he had been marginalized in his past identity, based on his Jewish religion and facial disfigurement. She provided cultural context for the Machiguenga tribal way of life and belief system using secondary sources, and she applied theories of diaspora, intersectional identity, and Jewish mysticism to this Latin American novel. Gail also contributed a class presentation with scholarly research on Salvador Allende and his Socialist policies in Chile, as well as efforts to undermine his government within Chile and the United States. Gail is adept at working with sophisticated critical arguments, which makes her well prepared to complete a Master's program.

At CWU, Gail has dedicated herself to an interdisciplinary program of study, combining course work in literary studies, creative writing, and professional writing. Gail also served as an editor for our *Manastash* student literary journal, in which she published her creative writing and photography. Gail's education, professional work, creative writing, and life experiences give her a broad, cross-cultural perspective that will serve her well in graduate studies and as she pursues professional work in public administration or nonprofit organization.

Gail is intelligent, creative, enthusiastic, and motivated. I have no doubt that she will be a supportive colleague to her fellow graduate students and faculty mentors and an asset to your graduate program. I therefore recommend her with the greatest enthusiasm.

Sincerely,



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