

Application Related Information

Application: Application Incomplete
Grad Program Applying To: MPA

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Program Name: MPA

Recommendation Information

Recommended By:	Anthony Levenda	Recommenders Title:	Faculty, Director of the Center for Climate Action and Sustainability
Recommenders Institution:	The Evergreen State College	Contact Name:	Olivia Bedne
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Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000119006274	Recommendation Owner:	Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known applicant:	2 years	Applicant ability as self-directed learner:	I believe Andy is capable of working well independently in a graduate program
Time since last contact with applicant:	over 1 year	Applicant as productive member of group:	Andy is empathetic and supportive of colleagues and would work well in most settings
Relationship with Applicant:	faculty	Applicant most significant strengths:	Community building and support for creating good learning environments
Ability to complete rigorous grad program:	Excellent	Responsibility/reliability:	Very Good
Communication Skills - Oral:	Excellent	Communication skills - written:	Excellent
Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:	Excellent	Ability to work independently:	Excellent
Ability to handle stress:	Very Good	Ability to think critically:	Excellent
Ability to analyze/problem solve:	Excellent	Ability to think creatively:	Excellent
Openness to feedback:	Very Good	Potential for leadership:	Very Good
Ability to work in a team:	Very Good	Personal/professional reflection:	Excellent

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Dear Colleagues,

I am a member of the faculty and Director of the Center for Climate Action and Sustainability at the Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington. I am pleased to recommend Andy Bedne for the MPA program. I am writing in my capacity as a faculty member who worked with Andy as a student in my Climate Policy and Action program in Fall 2022.

Andy is a collegial and reliable student with broad interests in policy and sustainability. They brought substantial insight and interest in rural issues and broader environmental issues into our discussions of climate science and policy making insightful connections throughout the quarter. Andy showed significant growth in understanding of climate science and policy as it relates to broader societal causes of climate change and expanded their understanding of potential avenues of action in a fragmented world. Through engagement with key readings on multilevel climate governance, such as Ostrom's polycentric model, they prepared a synthesis paper that diagnosed the problem of global climate treaties and policy agreement. This paper showed growth in written communication skills and knowledge of key climate policy concerns, such as multilevel governance, the problems of doubt and lock-in that cause climate inaction, and the possibilities for meaningful action in the window provided by this present moment.

In group work and classroom discussion, Andy was always collegial and supportive. They helped create a learning environment that brought in connections to key news items and policy debates. They demonstrated significant research skills in the group project bringing strong policy context to bear on the question of the role of sustainable and organic agriculture in climate politics and action. Andy's work showed preparation for graduate level study.

Based on this experience, I can recommend Andy for acceptance into the MPA program at Evergreen. If you have any questions or want further information, feel free to contact me at the email below.

Sincerely,

Anthony Levenda, PhD