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Dr. Hunter:

You requested me to serve as a reviewer for the qualifications of Dr. Christine Proulx, who is being hired as an Associate professor at University of Vermont. I agreed to do so, but with the caveat that I could not promise a long evaluation within the short time frame given me which also comes during a busy spring semester. Below, you will find my short but very positive evaluation of Dr. Proulx. She is more than deserving of being tenured and receiving the status of Associate Professor in her new university position.

I want to note that I have no conflict of interest in providing this evaluation. In fact, I do not even think our paths have ever crossed. Dr. Proulx appears to be active in and attends the conferences for the National Council on Family Relations and the Gerontological Society of America. I am active in the International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships (IARR) and am not involved in NCFR. We overlap in academic research on personal relationships, although study different issues about relationships. Nonetheless, I believe I am in a good position to provide an evaluation. I was a recent President of IARR and am asked frequently to be an external evaluator for promotion cases, including for many professors in departments of Family Studies.

Thus, I am very aware of the type of productivity that would be expected at this stage of career.

I reviewed the material sent to me, which included her research statement, vita, and three recent publications, and also skim read a few additional articles I could access online. There is absolutely no question in my mind that Dr. Proulx is deserving of the appointment of a tenured, Associate Professor. Actually, I think she should receive the status of Full Professor. Her productivity record and impact are on par with many senior scholars in the field of personal relationships.

Dr. Proulx has 39 peer-review journal publications (this includes 12 since 2020!), has published 7 book chapters, is a co-editor of a sourcebook, and was a lead editor on a special issue of a journal. She has published in the major journals in the areas of family, relationships, and gerontology, including *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Journal of Family Psychology*, *Journal of Family Theory & Review*, *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, *Family Relations*, *Journal of Gerontology*, and *Research on Aging*. According to Google Scholar, her work has been cited over 2,228 times (as of the day I'm writing this letter) and she has an h-index of 19. Her 2007 meta-analysis on "Marital Quality and Personal Well-being" has had a major impact (cited 1,215 times). This study looked at the association between marital quality and personal well-being from 93 studies, and concluded that marital quality was a stronger predictor of well-being than the reverse. The contribution of this meta-analysis also includes examining how various variables may moderate the association.

This theme of examining the association between relationship phenomena and well-being continued in Dr. Proulx's research. For example, she has another important publication (in *Journal of Family Psychology*, 2013) that involved the analysis of six waves of data from the Marital Instability Over the Life Course panel study, and provided evidence that marital happiness predicted later self-rated health over time.

Much of her other work also involves examining how social relationships connect to health and well-being, particularly with attention to changes over the life-course and as people age. I read with interest her recent paper (included in the portfolio sent to me), entitled, "Longitudinal Associations Between Formal Volunteering and Cognitive Functioning." I have recently reviewed some literature on the importance of weak ties (or casual connections) in our lives, and her study, which was based on data from over 11,000 participants from the Health and Retirement Survey, fits into this growing literature about the importance of acquaintances and weak tie connections for people, particularly older people. Also, in this line of work, her paper on how driving cessation is associated with other declines (in social engagement and mental/physical health) was an important publication in *The Gerontologist* and has been cited over 150 times.

I also read with interest another paper sent to me, which was titled, "Caregiving for an ex-husband: Exploring precipitating factors and relational outcomes." This paper also demonstrates the diversity in Dr. Proulx's methodological skills. Most of her work is quantitative, but this was an excellent qualitative study that studied the experiences of 21 ex-wives who provided care (mostly end-of-life) care to their ex-husbands. The study examined the relationship histories of

the caregivers, their motivations for providing the care (and I found it interesting that many said they did so to spare their children of the task), and the relational outcomes of the caregiving.

I also enjoyed reading the paper, “Group-based Trajectory Modeling of Marital Quality: A Critical Review” included in the packet sent to me. The review focused on studies that had used person-centered modeling techniques to examine the variety of trajectories of marital quality over time. The work calls into question the common assumption that marital quality declines over time. This work indicated that it may decline for some couples, but for many other couples, relationship quality is relatively stable. The work further identifies the various correlates of the different trajectories. One example finding is that the trajectory of decline in marital quality is most likely for those who began their relationships at a lower marital quality. As another example, Dr. Proulx and her colleagues found that those with less education and lower income were more likely to have a declining trajectory. This type of work is important because it can help policy makers to know what types of couples are most in need of finite resources. In addition, this article introduced an important phrase that can summarize the findings in this area, which is “the honeymoon-as-ceiling effect” rather than the more common, “honeymoon-is-over-effect”.

Reviewing Dr. Proulx’s work, I came to the conclusion that she is definitely very skilled at analysis of complicated data sets, including dyadic, longitudinal data sets. I have dyadic, longitudinal data sets of dating couples, and still have not mastered the types of analyses that are currently ideal for analyzing such data, and I admire anyone who has that skill set. She has even has written methodological papers including one that compares the theoretical assumptions underlying the actor-partner interdependence model, the common fate model, and hybrid models (in *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 2017).

Dr. Proulx clearly has a strong future research agenda. She has two papers listed on her vita under review (both look to be on very interesting topics). She has had 5 recent conference presentations, and conference presentations usually move to be publications. She has a major grant proposal (“Interdisciplinary Study of Close Relationships Across the Lifespan”) that is under review at the National Science Foundation. Furthermore, she works with a wonderful group of scholars, from different universities, which will likely lead to many exciting future collaborative projects.

In sum, based on my review of the material sent to me (vita, 3 example publications) and my further exploration of some of her work, I unequivocally endorse that Dr. Proulx be granted a tenured position at the Associate Professor level at the University of Vermont. Actually, as I stated at the outset of this letter, she is really deserving of being a Full Professor, and so I hope that a promotion to Full will be in her near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Susan Sprecher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The name "Susan" is written in a larger, more prominent script than "Sprecher". The signature is positioned on a light blue rectangular background.

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2008 Distinguished Professor, Illinois State University.

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TEACHING EXPERIENCES AND INTERESTS

Courses taught at Illinois State University:

Social Psychology
Personal Relationships
Senior Experience (a capstone, research course)
Human Sexuality
Human Sexuality - online
Sociology of Marriage and the Family
Advanced Human Sexuality
Graduate Seminar on Personal Relationships/Family

PUBLICATIONS

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Sprecher, S. (1992). Review of *The Kinsey Institute new report on sex: What you must know to be sexually literate*, by J. Reinisch. *Contemporary Psychology*, 37, 213.

Sullivan, Q., & Sprecher, S. (1992). Review of *Families in perpetual crisis*, by R. Kagan and S. Schlosberg. *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 23, 149.

Sprecher, S. (1988). Review of *The psychology of love*, edited by R.J. Sternberg & M.L. Barnes. In *Contemporary Sociology: An International Journal of Reviews*.

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Conference Presentations

Many of the empirical papers listed above were also presented at international, national, or regional conferences.

GRANTS

External Grants

Sprecher, S. Antecedents, correlates, and consequences of compassionate love in a relational context. A grant of \$4,000 received from the Fetzer Institute (Aug, 2009 – July, 2012).

Sprecher, S. A grant of \$13,500 from a corporate sponsor received for Sept 15, 2007 – 2008, to pre-test a relationship survey.

Sprecher, S. A grant of \$15,000 from the Fetzer Institute for a conference on compassionate love, 2002- 2003 (Conference held in Normal/Bloomington, May 30 - June 2, 2003).

Fehr, B., & Sprecher, S. A prototype analysis of laypersons' conceptions of compassionate love. A grant of \$39,730 from the Fetzer Institute for January 1, 2001 - December 31, 2004; renewals through 2005).

Sprecher, S., & Felmlee, D. Changes in intimate relationships and well-being. National Institute of Mental Health Small Grants. A grant of \$14,977 for March 1, 1987 - August 30, 1988.

Illinois State University Grants

Sprecher, S. Changes in first intercourse experiences over time. A grant of \$5,000 received from Illinois State University, July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Sprecher, S. Attraction in close relationships. A grant of \$4,000 received from Illinois State University, July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001.

Sprecher, S. Trends in sexual attitudes, sexual behaviors, and other aspects of sexuality in a college population during the transition to the 21st century. A grant of \$4,000 received from Illinois State University, July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997.

Sprecher, S. The analysis of a longitudinal data base on close relationships. A grant of \$1,000 received from Illinois State University, July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997.

Sprecher, S. A new look at attraction. A grant of \$4,000 received from Illinois State University, July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996.

Sprecher, S. First sexual intercourse experiences in the AIDS era: Trends, gender differences, and correlates. A grant of \$4,000 received from Illinois State University, July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1994.

Sprecher, S. The dissolution of romantic relationships. A grant of \$4,000 received from Illinois State University, July 1, 1991-June 30, 1992.

Sprecher, S. Social exchange predictors of the stability of dating relationships. A grant of \$4,000 received from Illinois State University, July 1, 1990-June 30, 1991. \$4,000.

Sprecher, S. The effects of exchange orientation on intimate relationships. A grant of \$4,000 received from Illinois State University for July 1, 1989 - June 30, 1990.

Sprecher, S. Reactions to AIDS victims and other AIDS issues. A grant of \$4,000 received from Illinois State University for July 1, 1988 - June 30, 1989.

Sprecher, S. A longitudinal study of dating relationships. A grant of \$3,990 received from Illinois State University for July 1, 1987 - June 31, 1988.

Sprecher, S. Premarital sexual standards: Is there still a double standard? A grant of \$3,500 received from Illinois State University for July 1, 1986 - June 31, 1987.

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

- Editor: *Personal Relationships* (2002-2006)
- Editor: *Bulletin (Newsletter) for the International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships* (1988-1992)
- Associate Editor: *Personal Relationships* (1993-1997)
- The Journal of Sex Research* (1996-1997)
- Co-Editor of a Special Issue (with Scott Christopher): "Sexuality in Close Relationships", for *Personal Relationships* (1995, Vol. 2, Number 4).
- Lead Co-Editor of a Special Issue (with Dan Perlman and Michelle Drouin): "Communication Technologies and Close Relationships," for *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.
- Editorial Board *Journal of Marriage and the Family* (1995 - 2001)
Journal of Personality and Social Psychology (1996 – 2001; 2010 - ended but not sure what year)
Journal of Social and Personal Relationships (1991 – 2003; 2006 - present)
Personal Relationships (1997 – 2001; 2006 - present)
The Journal of Sex Research (1992 - 2001)
Social Psychology Quarterly (1993-1996)
Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin (2000 – 2001; 2006 - 2009)
Sex Roles (2017 – 2020)
- Ad-hoc Reviewer: Have been an ad-hoc reviewer for the above journals prior to and upon completion of editorial board service and for several other journals including:
- American Sociological Review*
Basic and Applied Social Psychology
Teaching Sociology
Sociological Quarterly
Sociological Focus
Journal of Sex Roles
Psychology of Women Quarterly
Family Relations

Psychological Reports
Journal of Personality
Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology
Social Justice Research
Psychological Bulletin
Development Psychology
Western Journal of Communication
Journal of Applied Social Psychology
Journal of Affective Disorders
Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology
Personality and Individual Differences
Social Forces
Journal of Aging and Health
Journal of Health and Social Behavior
Journal of Comparative Family Studies
Perspectives on Psychological Science
Journal of Family Psychology
Journal of Family Issues
Social Psychology
Michigan Sociological Review
Interpersona: An International Journal on Personal Relationships
Social Influence
Social Science Review
Journal of Family Theory and Review
Social Psychological and Personality Science
European Journal of Social Psychology
Journal of Experimental Social Psychology
Swiss Journal of Psychology
Death Studies
Social Psychology and Personality Science
Sociological Compass
Social Science Research
Mental health, Religion, & Culture
American Journal of Media Psychology
Self and Identity
And many other journals

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Membership in Professional Organizations

Active Member in first three below, and occasional member in the others:

International Association for Relationship Research, formerly the Society for the Study of Personal Relationships (ISSPR) and International Network on Personal Relationships (INPR)

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)

Society for Experimental Social Psychology (SESP)

National Council on Family Relations (NCFR)

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS)

Midwest Psychological Association (MPA)

Professional Service

Past:

Member of the Planning Committee for the special topics conference for the International Association for Relationship Research, 2004-2005.

Host and Chair of the Planning Committee for the 1st special topics conference for the International Association for Relationship Research, 2002-2003.

Member of the Reuben Hill Award Committee, National Council on Family Relations, 1999 - 2001.

Chair of Membership Committee for Social Psychology Section of American Sociological Association, 2000-2001.

Membership Committee for Social Psychology Section of American Sociological Association, 1999-2000

Co-Organizer for the 3rd Annual Iowa/International Network Conference on Personal Relationships, held in Normal, IL in May, 1991.

Chair of the History Committee for the International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships, 1998-2000.

Member of the Computer/WWW Committee for the International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships, 1996-1998.

Member of the Planning Committee for the 1996 Conference for the International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships, 1995-1996.

Member of the By-Laws Committee, International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships, 1994.

Member of the Awards Committee, International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships, 1992-1994; and 1997-1998.

Member of the Board of Directors for the International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships, 1988-1992; and 1998-2002.
Member of the Publication Committee, International Association for Relationship Research (2006-2007; and 2011-2012)
Member of the Media Committee, International Association for Relationship Research (2006-2007)
Member of the Elections Committee, International Association for Relationship Research (2006-2007).
Chair, Publication Committee, International Association for Relationship Research (2008 – 2010).
Member of Board of Directors, International Association for Relationship Research (2008-2010).
Member of the Close Relationships pre-conference Planning Committee for Society for Personality and Social Psychology (2007-2011).
Co-Chair, Planning Committee for the 2012 International Association for Relationship Research Conference, July 12-16, Chicago, IL (2010-2012)
Fetzer Institute Advisory Board for Initiative on Compassionate Love (2009-2012)
Chair, Future Conferences Committee, International Association for Relationship Research (2012- 2014)
President-Elect, International Association for Relationship Research (2014-2016)
President, International Association for Relationship Research (2016-2018)
Member, Future Conferences Committee, International Association for Relationship Research (2014- 2016)
Past-President, International Association for Relationship Research (2018-2020)
Chair, Elections Committee of IARR (2018-2020)

Current:

Member, Financial Committee and Conference Oversight Committee for the International Association for Relationship Research (2012-continuing)

Member, History Committee for the International Association for Relationship Research (2021-continuing)

Member, Conference/Financial Oversight committee for the International Association for Relationship Research (2018-continuing)

Administrative Service at Illinois State University

(Bold entries below are current service)

Department Service

Standing Committees:

Member of Department Faculty Status Committee, 1987-1990; 1992-1993; 1994-1995, 1999-2002, 2007–2009, 2009-2011, 2013-2015, 2018-2019; 2020-continuing).
 Member of Department Council, 1991-1992; 1996-1997, 2001-2002, 2016-2018.
 Member of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2009-2011.

Search Committees:

Member of Search Committee for Assistant Professor, 1994-1995.
 Member of Search Committee for Chair, 1995-1996.
 Member of Search Committee for Assistant Professor, Social Psychology, 1997-1998
 Member of Search Committee for Assistant Professor, Marriage and Family, 1998-1999
 Co-Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor, Marriage and Family, 2000-2001
 Member of Search Committee for Assistant Professor, Community/Social Psychology, 2001-2002.
 Member of the Search Committee for Assistant Professor, Community/Social Problems, 2002-2003.
 Member of the Search Committee for Assistant Professor, Global/Research Methods, 2005-2006.
 Member of the Search Committee for Assistant Professor, Demography/Quantitative, 2006-2007, 2007-2008
 Member of the Search Committee for Chair, 2007-2008.
 Member of the Search Committee for Assistant Professor, Sociology of Aging, 2008-2009.
 Member of the Search Committee for Assistant Professor, Quantitative Sociology, 2015-2016.

Ad-Hoc Committees or Other Assignments:

Chair, Sociology Program Colloquia Series, 1999-2005.
 Member of the Retirement Committee, 2002 - 2003
 Chair of the Bone Lecturer Committee, Fall 1997
 Co-Advisor, Sociology Alpha Kappa Delta, 1987-1989.
 Departmental IRB representative, 2007-2017

College of Arts and Sciences Service

Member of College Council, 2004 - 2006.
 Member of the Committee to Select the Arts and Sciences Lecturer; Fall 2003; Fall 2009
 Member of College Faculty Status Committee, 1995-1996, 2002-2004, 2011-2012.
 Member of College Curriculum Committee, 1986-1987.
 Member of the Research Proposal Review Committee, 2007-2009
 Member of the Search Committee for Dean, 2010-2011.
 Chair of the Search for Chair of the Department of Economics, 2011-2012.
Member of the CAS Service Awards Committee, 2021 - continuing

University Service

Member of Task Force to Organize a Midwest AIDS Conference, 1988.
Member of Task Force to Evaluate the Women's Study Program, 1987-1988.
Faculty Coordinator for the Minority-Scholar-in-Residence (Stanley Gaines) – Spring 2004
Chair of 5-year Chair evaluation committee, College of Applied Technology
Distinguished Professor Selection Committee, Each Fall, 2009 to present (except 2010)
Member of the Task Force to Evaluate Open Access to Research, Fall 2013 – 2014
Member of the Search Committee for a position in the Provost office, Assistant Vice President
for Academic Affairs, Fall 2018.
Chair of the Dean Review Committee for the College of Fine Arts, 2020-2021

HONORS AND AWARDS

Illinois State University

Janice Witherspoon Neuleib Award for Outstanding Scholarly Achievement by a Tenured
Faculty member, 2009-2010.

Illinois State University Distinguished Professor, selected December 2008; effective Aug, 2009

Illinois State University College of Arts and Sciences Lecturer, Fall 2003.

Outstanding University Researcher, Illinois State University, 1998.

College of Arts and Sciences Senior Researcher Award (Social Sciences),
Illinois State University, 1995.

University Research Initiative Award, Illinois State University, 1987.

Shaw Teaching Award, 2020

External Awards

Fellow of the International Association for Relationship Research, granted March 2016.

Berscheid/Hatfield Mid-Career Achievement Award, 2001 (an award to recognize sustained and
programmatic research that has contributed to the study of personal relationships offered
by the International Network for Personal Relationships)

Winner of the Media Book of the Year, American Psychological Association, 1986.
(for Mirror, Mirror..., co-authored with Dr. Elaine Hatfield).