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Dr. Hermán García, Department Head, and
Promotion and Tenure Committee
Department of Curriculum & Instruction
College of Education
New México State University

Dear Dr. García and Committee,

Please accept these documents as my application for promotion and tenure from assistant to associate professor at New México State University (NMSU). As I begin my sixth year here, I feel—and hope it is evidenced in the following documentation—that my accomplishments in the areas of teaching, research and service over the past five years qualify me for promotion and tenure at this time.

In this letter, I will very briefly elaborate on my teaching, research and service. But the reader/evaluator of these documents is encouraged to carefully read through the following document (“curriculum vitae”). In it, I describe my accomplishments in each of these areas in great detail, and also provide narratives to each section describing my overall philosophy, approach and attempted enactment of each area (as well as my overall guiding philosophy as an assistant professor of social studies education).

My primarily teaching assignment has been to work in the Teacher Education Program (TEP) of the Department of Curriculum & Instruction, facilitating social studies pedagogy courses and coordinating the larger social studies program—as well as serving as Co-coordinator (with Drs. Rodriguez and Zozakiewicz) of the TEP. Additionally, I have been fortunate enough to teach numerous other courses—both on and off campus and at the undergraduate, MA and doctoral levels—in curriculum, foundations, bilingual education, TESOL, ESL, multicultural education, qualitative research and early childhood education. And, based on student feed-back in the form of open-ended course evaluations and surveys, I have facilitated these courses successfully.

In the area of research, I have been very active. I have several research projects under way (one of them begun with my TEP social studies students during my first year at NMSU), and have published a single authored book, as well as many journal articles and book chapters—on my own and with collaborators. Additionally, I have several authored and edited books and articles that are currently under preparation and under consideration, through which I hope to continue sharing what I am finding through my scholarship.

Finally, in the area of service, I feel I have done quite a bit of work. While I understand that many professors feel “service” detracts from what they see as their central work of writing and teaching (and I must admit that I, as an assistant professor, have had these feelings occasionally), I have thoroughly enjoyed “serving.” I have had the opportunity to work for and with many different governments, groups and individuals at the international, national, state, community, University, College and Departmental levels. Through these activities I have been fortunate enough to learn much, and, hopefully, contribute some. These service and leadership opportunities have also afforded me the chance to advance my scholarship (research and writing) into larger and newer spheres while also allowing me to work with established, novice and emerging scholars from all kinds of communities.

Dr. García and Committee, I thank you in advance for all the time that I know will be necessary to thoroughly evaluate this promotion and tenure packet. I know your time is very valuable and precious!

Thank you for the opportunity to apply to be a senior faculty member at this institution. These last five years have been joyous, exhausting, wonderful and exhilarating. And I hope that you will find my collective work meritorious enough to allow me to join your ranks.

With respect and humility, and most sincerely,

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