

Letter of Recommendation For Karey Perkins

I would like to recommend Karey Perkins for a position as Assistant Professor at your institution. I know her as a former graduate student who took my Late British Romantic Literature seminar in Spring 1997 and then the Early British Romantic Literature seminar in Fall 1998, receiving only A's in both classes. I was particularly impressed by her work in the second class, for her final paper on Coleridge was selected for the department's doctoral colloquia where only unusually exemplary ones are presented. This was an honor awarded to few graduate students.

What is even more impressive to me now is that her revised version of this paper was selected to be delivered at the Coleridge Summer Conference in Somerset, England, in 2002. I should explain the nature of this conference, which usually accompanies the Wordsworth Summer Conference nearby. Both conferences were begun in the early 1970s. Those delivering papers, as well as those in the audience, are promising new Romantics scholars from Britain and the United States, and also the most prominent critics in the field. They are genuinely collegial conferences.

I see by her curriculum vitae that she is a specialist now in American literature, particularly twentieth-century Southern American literature. I am sure that the originality and literary skills that she showed in my classes will bear fruit here as well. She is an extraordinarily well-qualified applicant for any Assistant Professor position, with many years of teaching experience in a wide variety of literature, religion, and composition courses and a strong record of academic presentations at international conferences. These papers would be a promising basis for possible future publications. I strongly recommend Karey Perkins for your advertised position.

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