Instructor Introductory Letter

December 21, 2008

Dear Members of the Subcommittee for Reading and Writing:

I am writing to recommend for publication a paper by Nancy Alkema. This assignment was a culmination of work throughout the semester in Child Development 133: Research Methods in Human Development. The assignment required students to write an original research proposal. To do so, students needed to identify an area of interest in child development, conduct a library search to find relevant literature, design a feasible study to test a tangible research question, think about expected results and modes of analysis, and write a research proposal in the style of the discipline (American Psychological Association, APA).

Ms. Alkema’s paper is an exemplary sample of writing in the discipline. She included important formatting details, such as a title page and effective abstract. Further, Ms. Alkema provided an integrated literature review, demonstrating an understanding of the articles she located and read and communicating clearly the details necessary to understand her topic. The Methods described are feasible and would produce a meaningful study to add to the literature. Finally, the Implications demonstrate critical thinking, a skill important to the discipline. Throughout the paper, Ms. Alkema effectively uses APA style to communicate her results in the style of the discipline.

Sincerely,

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