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To: Dean Ryan Hendrickson, Graduate School

From: Dr. Melinda Mueller, Chair, Political Science

Date: May 4, 2021

Re: Associate Graduate Faculty Limitation Waiver Request

Please find attached an application to appoint Alexandria Wilson-McDonald as an Associate Graduate Faculty member in the department of Political Science for AY 2021-2022, for a three year term. Based on the recommendation of the graduate coordinator, Dr. Ryan Burge, I am requesting that Associate Graduate Faculty limitations be waived for Dr. Wilson-McDonald, so that she can supervise theses and capstones beginning in spring 2022 and sit on committees where appropriate.

Dr. Wilson-McDonald recently defended her dissertation at the University of Florida. Her emphasis on women and politics will bring an important gender focus to our public policy and public administration course offerings. Her research record as an incoming Unit B faculty member is good, and we are confident that she will work with graduate students on potential conference papers and publications.

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Name of nominee: Alexandria Wilson-McDonald Date: 5/4/21

Department/school: Political Science

E-mail address of nominee: _____

Graduate courses to be taught: PLS 5843, PLS 5200, PLS 4823

Semester/term and year of approval: AY 2021-2022 through AY 2023-2024 (3 years)

Need for this assignment: Dr. Wilson-McDonald will be a key instructor in delivering our online graduate courses, and offering additional courses on gender diversity.

Profile of the candidate:

A. Date appointed to EIU Faculty: Fall 2021

B. Current academic rank: Instructor

C. Academic and professional experience:

Highest degree earned: Ph.D. Date awarded: Spring 2021

Degree granting institution: University of Florida

Field of specialization: Comparative, Public Policy & Administration, Women & Politics

D. Evidence of other education, professional activity, and specialization in teaching areas within the last three years (workshops, research, service, creative activity, etc.). Please put in vita format and attach.

E. List the graduate courses taught by the candidate during the last three years:

Will teach: PLS 5843/Public Policy Proseminar, PLS 5200/Public Administration Ethics,

PLS 4823/Comparative Public Policy, and PLS 5900/Special Topics/Gender & Policy

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Melinda Mueller
Graduate Coordinator or Chair, Department Graduate Committee

Melinda Mueller
Department Chair

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Academic Dean

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Dean, Graduate School

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Florida (UF), Gainesville, 2021

First Field: Comparative Politics

Second Field: Public Policy & Administration

Third Field: Women and Politics

Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies

Graduate Certificate in Modern European Studies

Dissertation: "The State of/in Women's Bodies: Feminist Framing of Gender-based Violence in Central Eastern Europe"

Committee: Conor O'Dwyer (chair), Michael Bernhard, Laura Sjoberg, Suzanne Robbins, K.L. Broad (Sociology/Women's and Gender Studies)

M.A. Political Science, University of Florida, Gainesville, 2017

M.A. Political Science, University of Central Florida, Orlando, 2014

B.A. Political Science, University of South Florida, Tampa, 2012

Minor: Women's and Gender Studies

Honor's College

Cum Laude

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University, 2017

Letní Škola Slovanských Studií (Summer School of Slavic Studies) - Charles University, Prague Czech Republic, 2015

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Department of Political Science Best Graduate Student Teacher Award, Fall 2020

Madelyn Lockhart Graduate Student Teaching Fellowship, 2020-2021

Vada Yeoman's Fellowship, Center for Gender Sexualities and Women's Studies Research, 2019

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O. Ruth McQuown Supplementary Scholarship Award, University of Florida, 2019

Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics, Iowa State University, 2019

Fulbright Research Grant, U.S. Department of State, 2018 - 2019

Dauer Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Florida, 2018

Rothman Doctoral Fellowship in the Humanities, University of Florida, 2018

Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship recipient, Czech, Academic year 2017-2018

UF Graduate Student Council Professional Development Travel Award, 2017

Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship recipient, Czech, Academic year 2016-2017

Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship recipient, Czech, Academic year 2016-2015

Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship recipient, Czech, Summer 2015

UF Department of Political Science Travel Grant 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2014

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Book chapter "Bridging the Divide Between Eastern and Western Feminisms." In *Welcome to the Light: Writings of Emerging Feminist Thinkers*. Edited by Jennifer Rubino. Southern Connecticut State University. (2020)

Book Review of *Women Have Better Sex Under Socialism and Other Arguments for Economic Independence* by Kristen Ghodsee. *Journal of Gender Studies*. (2019)

Book Review of *Second World, Second Sex: Socialist Women's Activism and Global Solidarity during the Cold War* by Kristen Ghodsee. *International Feminist Journal of Politics*. (2019)

Book Review of *Czech Feminisms: Perspectives on Gender in East Central Europe*. ed. by Iveta Jusová and Jiřina Šiklová. *European Journal of Women's Studies*. (2018)

PUBLISHED ESSAYS

“Combating Violence Against Women in the Czech Republic: Beyond the Coronavirus.” *The Brno Daily*. (2020)

“Want To Be A Modern Sophisticated Girl? Do Not Complain. Is Slovakia In A Post-feminist Era?” *FEMINIST.FYI*. Bratislava, Slovakia (2019)

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

“Frames of Violence: Feminist Framing of Gender-based Violence in Slovakia, a Critical Frame Analysis”

- Article manuscript in preparation. Currently under review for the *Journal of East European Politics and Societies*.

“Resisting Resonance: Anarchofeminist Framing of Violence against Women in Czechia”

- Article manuscript in preparation. I plan to submit this article to the *Journal of Gender Studies* in spring 2021.

RESEARCH AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Regulating Women’s Bodies and the Sanctity of Life: framing abortion and in-vitro fertilization in Poland and Germany, a comparative study”

- International Studies Association (ISA) Conference, 2021

“#MeToo? Divisive Feminisms in Eastern Europe”

- National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA) Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2020 (cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic)

“Feminist Framing of Gender-based Violence in Poland”

- International Conference of Europeanists, Reykjavik, Iceland, 2020 (cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic)

“From Backlash to Radicalism: Anarcha-feminist Framing of Gender-based Violence in the Czech Republic”

- Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (SCSS), Greenville, South Carolina, 2020 (cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic)

“Framing Violence Against Women in a period of Backlash: Cases of Czechia and Slovakia”

- Feminist Alliances: the discourses, practices and politics of solidarity among inequalities. Department of Social and Political Sciences, Scuola Normale Superiore, Palazzo Strozzi - Florence, 2019

“Framing Exploitation: exploring resistance to gender backlash and violence against women in the Czech Republic through collective action framing”

- The European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Wroclaw, Poland, 2019

“Framing Violence Against Women in a period of Backlash: case study of Slovakia”

- The European Conference on Politics and Gender (ECPG), Amsterdam, Netherlands, 2019

"Masculinity and Femininity in International Relations: what's love got to do with it?"

- Supervised Research with Dr. Laura Sjoberg at the University of Florida, 2017

“The Effects of Gender Backlash in Eastern Europe”

- Supervised Research with Dr. Conor O’Dwyer, University of Florida, 2017

“In what ways has the global feminist movement contributed to the anti-trafficking movement in Eastern Europe?”

- Thinking Gender at the Center for the Study of Women, UCLA Conference, 2016

“The Anti-Trafficking Movement in Post-Communist Europe: Case Studies of Anti-Trafficking and Feminist Organizing in Poland and Hungary”

- The Southern Political Science Association Conference, 2016

“The Effects of Divided Government on Women’s Organizations’ Political Activity in Developed Democracies: Case Studies of the United States and Ireland”

- The Southern Political Science Association Conference, 2015

“A Comparative Study of Women’s Political Participation in Post-Communist Czech Republic and Post-Soviet Russia”

- The Southern Political Science Association Conference, 2014

“Why Haven’t Gender Quota Laws Been Successful in Increasing Female Representation in the National Congress of Brazil”

- The International Women’s Issues Conference (IWIC), 2014

Master’s Thesis: “The Effects of Divided Government on Women’s Organizations’ Political Activity in Developed Democracies: Case Studies of the United States and Ireland.”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor-of-Record, University of Florida, 2019 - 2021

Capstone Seminar (WST 4935) - Spring 2021 (online synchronous), Fall 2020 (online synchronous)

Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Women's Studies (WST 3015) - Spring 2021 (online synchronous), Summer 2020 (online asynchronous)

Politics in Developing Nations (CPO 4034) - Fall 2019 (face-to-face)

Teaching Assistant, University of Florida, 2018 - 2020

Violence Against Women (WST 3930), Teaching Assistant - Spring 2020 (face-to-face)

Introduction to Health Disparities (WST 2322), Teaching Assistant - Spring 2020 (online asynchronous)

Women in Leadership (WST 3371), Teaching Assistant - Summer 2018 (online asynchronous)

INVITED LECTURES

Guest Lecture entitled "Writing with an Ethnographic Sensibility" for the class *Writing in the Social Sciences* (SYA 4506 / ENC3464), University of Florida - Fall 2020

Guest Lecture entitled "Feminism from East to West: Reflections from the Field" for the class *Gender and International Relations* (INR 4085), University of Florida - Spring 2019

Guest Lecture entitled "Feminism from East to West: Reflections from the Field" for the class *Gender and International Relations* (INR 4085), University of Florida - Fall 2019

Guest Lecture entitled "Framing Feminism" for the class *Gender and Culture* at Charles University Prague - Spring 2019

Guest Lecture entitled "The Women's Movement in the U.S. Perspective" at Gymnázium Zábřeh, Czech Republic, Spring 2019

Guest Lecture entitled "Women's Rights, Human Rights, and the Body" for the class *Gender in International Relations* (INR 4085), University of Florida - Spring 2019

SERVICE

Participant in the panel “Sex Trafficking and Gender Violence” for UF’s Ethics and the Public Sphere, February 2020

Organizer of *Americans and Czechs Against Sexual Violence: A Symposium in Solidarity*, held at the American Center as an outreach program for the American Embassy in Prague, March 2019

Discussant on the panel “Regional Public Policy Convergence and Divergence” at the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, 2017

UF Political Science Graduate Student Council (PSGSC) Treasurer, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018

UF Political Science Graduate Student Council (PSGSC) Comparative Field Representative, 2016-2017

LANGUAGES

English (Native Speaker)

Czech (Advanced)

Slovak (Intermediate)

German (Beginner)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social Movements

Politics of East Central Europe

Feminist Theory

Democratization

Political Economy

Public Policy and Administration