

*Please find below a letter of reference provided to me by Dr. Scott Duchesne by email at the close of the semester during which I was a GTA on the teaching staff of his section of ENGL\*1200*

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To whom it may concern,

Sean Yo was one of my graduate teaching assistants for ENGL\*1200: Reading the Contemporary World, section two, during the fall 2004 semester. I sat in on one of Sean's seminar classes, and was impressed with the clarity of his speaking, his thinking, and the impressive level of confidence he brought to the session. In his seminars and in informal conversations with students before and after lecture, Sean strove to ensure that he was clearly understood, and that students came away with a productive comprehension of the assignments, the texts, the tests and the lectures. His easy-going, confident attitude and his facility with all the course materials clearly eased the anxiety level of his students. I had absolutely no concerns with Sean regarding the proper dissemination and marking of essays and exams. I believe his work greatly improved the skills of many of his students.

In his relationship with the other assistants and I Sean was equally clear and confident. In addition, he was proactive in dealing with many issues that came up during the semester. He proved to be a constructive and decisive member of the team, seeking advice from all of us, and dispensing advice just as readily and with the same level of confidence he brought to his interactions with students. His approach to conflict was non-confrontational and flexible. He was willing to compromise to settle an issue, but was also resolute when he felt his side of the matter had merit. I would be pleased to have Sean as an assistant again, and to even work with him as a colleague. I am also confident that any instructor who works with Sean will share my sentiments. What is more, I believe Sean has the potential to be an outstanding instructor and scholar.

Sincerely,

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