The Art Institute *of* Boston
AT LESLEY UNIVERSITY

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To whom it may concern:

I offer this letter of recommendation for Kevin Cassell, adjunct Assistant Professor of English at the Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University. As Chairperson of the Liberal Arts department at the Art Institute, I have known Kevin for several years in his capacity as both faculty member and administrator. Kevin has excelled in each role.

During the time that Kevin has been at the Art Institute, he has taught a wide variety of courses, a testimony to his broad knowledge base. The courses include composition and several literature and humanities courses. Each of the courses has been well received by our students. Especially successful--not to mention demanding--was a course that he developed called "The Shaping of Western Culture," a broad survey which focuses on the major intellectual trends and artistic masterworks from the Greeks to the present. In all of his courses, Kevin has been successful in engaging and motivating students. His doing so reflects his exceptional teaching skills. In the classroom, Kevin is dynamic and inspiring, no doubt a reflection of his background in drama and his experience as an actor.

In addition to teaching at the Art Institute, Kevin was Director of the Bridge Program, a first-year program for "at risk" students. (He also taught the required composition course for these students.) In his capacity as Director of the program, Kevin brought a vitality which helped the program, and indeed many students in it, to succeed. His organizational skills as an administrator were excellent. Under his guidance, committee members worked carefully to monitor and assess the progress of Bridge Program students. I was impressed by the genuine concern that Kevin demonstrated for each student, and the insight and understanding he demonstrated in making what were often sensitive and difficult decisions.

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