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Dear Hiring Committee, Master of Archival Studies Program,

I am pleased to recommend Briana Christensen for the part-time lecturer position in Clayton State University's Master of Archival Studies program. As a fellow MAS graduate and colleague, I've directly observed her exceptional skills and dedication.

Her experience as both a librarian and faculty member, combined with her expertise in government information management, makes her uniquely suited to this role. Her deep understanding of government archival processes provides specialized knowledge highly beneficial to students pursuing careers in this field. Briana's commitment to lifelong learning is evident in her pursuit of a PhD in Information Studies and her proactive engagement with professional certifications. This dedication directly enhances her ability to mentor and guide students effectively.

I personally benefited from Briana's expertise in instructional design and pedagogical best practices in 2023. When developing my own curriculum for an introduction to archives course at MGA, Briana provided invaluable feedback on assignment creation, student expectations, and strategies for continuous improvement. Her insights were instrumental in the success of my course.

Furthermore, Briana's ongoing research on the implications of ethics in AI within Library and Information Studies (publication forthcoming in 2026) demonstrates her forward-thinking approach to the field. She understands AI's transformative potential and can effectively teach students how to use it ethically to enhance, not replace, critical thinking.

Briana's dedication, expertise, and commitment to foster learning make her an ideal candidate for this position.

I am confident that Briana will be an asset to the MAS Program.

Sincerely,

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