

To Whom It May Concern,

I have had the great pleasure of knowing Mora Reinka during my time at the University of Connecticut. I graduated from the University of Connecticut as an Honors Scholar, double majoring in Physiology & Neurobiology and Psychological Sciences. I am currently a Master's of Science candidate at Boston University School of Medicine.

As an undergraduate, I worked in a research laboratory that specialized in social psychology and neuroscience. I was introduced to Mora through another graduate student in the lab. After discovering that we shared the same academic interests, I was lucky enough to become her research assistant the following year. I feel I know Mora's character and personal teaching style, and I can confidently say that Mora would be a true asset to your faculty.

I worked alongside Mora to research the cognitive and physiological responses to images of police brutality. Our research utilized EEG and EKG readings to assess and analyze ERPs. Though I joined this lab with no prior experience with these instruments, Mora provided exceptional guidance and eventually I was able to not only make preliminary assessments myself, but also instruct future research assistants.

Mora had a limited amount of time to ensure that I learned the correct methodology and theory behind the study; I joined her research project during the summer months. Despite this late start, Mora went above and beyond to ensure that I had an active role in every step of her work, while still taking the time to explain or clarify any questions that I had. By working closely with Mora, I feel I have gained valuable research knowledge and experience. Not only has Mora taught me the basic foundations of research, she has shown me the full extent of the process, from the beginning literature searches to the penultimate statistical analyses.

Mora was instrumental in helping me write my senior honors thesis. I chose to study a specific part of the ERP response. Though I had developed a beginning understanding of this topic while working with Mora as a research assistant, my thesis required a more in-depth comprehension of the subject. As a research mentor, Mora explained or simplified my questions with ease, whether they were neurological or statistical. In addition, she helped facilitate a relationship between myself and the head professor of our laboratory. Not only did she attend general laboratory meetings, but she attended additional thesis meetings between the professor and I. Her presence was always welcome and I appreciated the dedication she showed towards my project, as well as her own. After each meeting, Mora always provided me with the opportunity to ask any questions. Her obvious patience and openness made it easy, not only to ask for clarification, but also to voice any opinions or suggestions that I had. Even if a question had an obvious answer, Mora cared about what I had to say, and I established a trust with her, knowing that she would not judge my answers.

Even though I never had Mora as a "traditional" professor, I feel that she would excel in any academic or research position, as she has always demonstrated many of the key qualities of both an excellent researcher and academic mentor. Mora not only excels academically, but her personality makes her an easy person to work with. She is understanding, has a calm demeanor, and can always lighten the mood by cracking a joke. I have had the honor of knowing Mora for the past few years and have learned so much from her. I can confidently say that Mora would be an excellent addition to any faculty, and I strongly recommend her for the position that she is seeking.

Sincerely,



Simon Archambault