

NEW MEDIA AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Dear Dr. Bailey and Review Committee:

I am writing to you on behalf of Dr. Anthony Faiola. It is my sincere belief that Dr. Faiola is an excellent candidate for tenure due to his skill as an educator and in his field. Allow me to go into further detail.

As an undergraduate at Purdue University, I was still in the process of adjusting to life as a college student when I first had Dr. Faiola as a professor. In my first year in the Department of Computer Graphics, after a switch from engineering, I was just getting my feet wet in the world of design, computers, and a new major of study. His eye for detail and exacting standards pushed me and the class to produce our best work, and to excel throughout the rest of the program. Dr. Faiola's lessons on intentional use of zones and layout set the cornerstone for critical thinking and evaluation for all of the design I have done since. It was to my dismay, and to the School of Informatics' distinct gain, when Dr. Faiola left Purdue to join the HCI program at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, as he was my preferred choice to chair my graduate committee.

Dr. Faiola's instruction has especially helped me in my current position as a User Interface Designer. In this role, I am responsible for not only the design and prototyping of United States culture specific interfaces, but also in considering all aspects of adapting them to other non-US cultures, where layout, standards, and attention to detail are imperative. My current ability and insights into designing usable interfaces, and more importantly, explaining how and why they will work to non-experts, is a direct result of the mentoring I received from Dr. Faiola.

I hope you will take my comments to heart as you consider Dr. Faiola as a permanent addition to your teaching staff. Doing so will add talent and value to your program, and produce students who are highly skilled in the field of interface design and related areas of usability.

Sincerely,

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