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To: Whom It May Concern
Re: Earon Kavanagh

I am a Cultural Anthropologist and Archaeologist with an interest in Family Structure and Dynamics. I graduated from Simon Fraser University in 1988 and joined the faculty of Red Deer College the following year as Head of Anthropology. I became adjunct faculty at Columbia Pacific University (CPU) in 1990 and have held both positions since then. My recent publications include an article titled "The Future of the Family in North America" (FUTURES 32[2000]: 777-782) and a book "War on the Homefront: Wife Abuse in North America" (Berghahn Books, NYC, 2001).

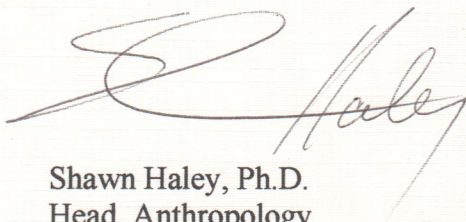
I first had contact with Earon Kavanagh in late 1995 and had the pleasure of serving as his Academic mentor/advisor at CPU until October of 1999 when he completed his M.A. thesis. That thesis was on the evolution of family therapy over about forty years and the struggle within the field to meet the needs of a society that was shifting from a modernist to a more disintegrative postmodern perspective. He defended the thesis in October of 2000 and has since graduated "with distinction."

The work he did for the thesis required a deep commitment to painstaking research and an ability to critically evaluate the huge quantity of data and frequently conflicting interpretations of those data.

In my opinion, Mr. Kavanagh has developed the set of skills that will allow him to excel in any postgraduate program he undertakes. He is able to analyze and synthesize material as well as present that material (in written or oral form) with clarity. I enjoyed working and learning with him.

During our association with Mr. Kavanagh, I gained an admiration for his tenacity. He insisted on completing a demanding and rigorous program of research and study that was daunting. At the same time, he showed a willingness to listen to other opinions, other points of view, and either reject them (with cause) or assimilate them into his own work. He would be an asset to any school that accepts him into a postgraduate program.

Should you need further information, do not hesitate to contact me at 403-342-3202 or 403-224-2992 (email shaley@eaglecreek.org).



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