



NAROPA UNIVERSITY

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From: Sreedevi K. Bringi
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To Whomsoever It May Concern:

This recommendation letter is on behalf of Mr. Ari Kronen, a 2018 M.A. graduate in Religious Studies from Naropa University. I am a long-term faculty member at Naropa University and have known Ari well since 2015 - as a major instructor and thesis advisor/mentor for him in the areas of Hinduism and Yoga Studies. Ari was my student in three cross-listed M.A./B.A. courses titled 'Contemplative Hinduism' (Vedas, Vedanta, Bhagavad Gita and Upanishads), 'Hindu Tantra' and 'Yoga History, Theory, Philosophy'. Ari's culminating papers in my courses earned an A or A-. I also worked closely with him on his outstanding M.A. thesis work on the themes of 'Sacrifice, Sublimation and Individuation', where he explored intersections among the Jungian anima/animus model, Hindu Samkhya cosmology and Vedantic liberation theology.

Ari has well-developed intellectual capabilities to gather, integrate and synthesize major content for both written work and oral presentations. He is a clear and articulate communicator and is able to hold people's attention very well. With good interpersonal skills, Ari worked effectively in teamwork in all my courses. He also gave a compelling oral presentation in his M.A. oral examinations and vigorously defended his academic work, earning a strong A. Ari shows commitment and a strong work ethic to engage passionately with any given task on hand, including teaching and research work. As a teacher in the fields of Religious Studies and general Humanities/Liberal Arts, Ari would be an excellent choice.

He also has outstanding technical acumen as a problem-solver with computer issues and stays current with his skills. He is assisting me with two major digital projects on Hindu topics with his diligent technical expertise. Ari would be very successful in fulfilling any job that demands these skills also. I hereby offer an unequivocal recommendation to hire Mr. Ari Kronen for any suitable teaching/research/technical position that fits well with his interests. Please contact me if you need any further clarification. sbringi@comcast.net

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Sreedevi K. Bringi