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Wu Jinhui – Outstanding TA Award

To the selection committee for Outstanding TA:

I would like to submit a letter of recommendation for Wu Jinhui regarding the Outstanding TA Award for this year. I have had the privilege of having Jinhui as my TA on multiple occasions and I think that her concern for the students and her honest desire to teach the material is evident both inside and outside the classroom.

In this past winter session, Jinhui was not only my TA but also my primary teacher for an online course on Chinese Indigenous Religions where she structured the entire course. She was always available to answer questions and the structure of the course greatly helped communicate the interconnections and distinctions of not only Confucianism, Buddhism, & Taoism in China, but she also related the influences of Chinese folk religions which is a topic that is not often covered. Her selection of textbook was also very helpful. The text used in the class will definitely be a useful resource as I continue my studies.

My first opportunity to learn from Jinhui was actually during a study abroad in China. Although she was not my teacher there, she made herself available nonetheless to understand the important cultural distinctions and even personally invited students to see significant area sites. Beyond simply honoring her responsibilities as a TA, Jinhui truly wants to develop understanding which I believe is the mark of an exceptional teacher.

If I can provide anything further, please let me know and I will be happy to provide it. I believe that Jinhui will represent the honor well and is truly deserving.

Sincerely,

Rob Lisak