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Dean Danny McIntosh and  
Associate Dean Ingrid Tague  
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May 30, 2017

Dear Deans McIntosh and Tague:

I write this letter to ask you to consider offering Associate Professor Diane Waldman the title Emeritus in recognition of her 38 years of exemplary service to the University of Denver. The Department of Media, Film, and Journalism Studies, which Diane has served and which was in part founded by her leadership, has voted unanimously in favor of her receipt of this honor.

When Diane arrived at the University, she developed an introductory course in film criticism that has since become a staple in the University's common curriculum offerings in analytical inquiry. Over the course of her career, she developed courses focused on silent cinema, sound cinema, and contemporary cinema, as well as a course on women in film, and she has co-taught the course on documentary film production. Diane has been frequently recognized by her students for her excellent advising, and she developed a particular expertise in the advising of transfer students. She has been a passionate advocate for students and has devoted admirable energy in helping students to write clearly and critically.

Diane's recent research has centered on Hollywood films and the law. Last year, she published an article on film and copyright infringement lawsuits in the prestigious journal *Film History*. Over the years, she has published single and coauthored articles on feminism and subjectivity as well on topics related to international cinema. She has contributed to several edited volumes and encyclopedias, and, in her most frequently cited work, she was first editor on the coedited volume, *Feminism and Documentary*.

Diane served as department chair from 2006-2009, and provided leadership in the reorganization of the department's curriculum, including the development of the Film Studies major that was inaugurated at the University in 2009. Four new film faculty members were hired during her tenure as chair. She also worked at the university level on a committee that helped to secure paid parental leave, and she provided guidance on a university sexual harassment case. Additionally, her attention to detail and thoroughness were much appreciated on the division's Tenure and Promotion committee, for which she was a longtime member.

Diane's last lecture will be on contemporary film history, and will be delivered on Friday, June 2 from 10:00 – 11:30 AM, and will be followed by a celebration in her honor from 4:00 – 6:00 PM in the Mary Reed Renaissance Room.

Thank you for considering her for the honor of an Emeritus title. Given her longstanding commitment to the University, her colleagues and I believe that she has earned this status and will treasure this recognition from the community to which she has devoted so much of her time and talents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn Schofield Clark".

Lynn Schofield Clark, Ph.D.  
Professor and Chair  
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Cc: Provost Gregg Kvistad