

#### Application Related Information

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Application: Application Incomplete  
Grad Program Applying To: MES

Iteration Name: 202610\_GR\_G  
Program Name: MES

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By: Julie Cederbaum  
Recommenders Institution: USC  
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.  
Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommenders Title: Associate Professor  
Contact Name: Kerry Dunn  
Recommendation Waiver Choice:  
Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 03/13/2025 04:54 PM

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant without reservation.

Recommendation Type: General  
Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000121872980

Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation  
Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

#### Recommender Form Questions

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How long have you known applicant:	Applicant ability as self-directed learner:
Time since last contact with applicant:	Applicant as productive member of group:
Relationship with Applicant:	Applicant most significant strengths:
Ability to complete rigorous grad program:	Responsibility/reliability:
Communication Skills - Oral:	Communication skills - written:
Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:	Ability to work independently:
Ability to handle stress:	Ability to think critically:
Ability to analyze/problem solve:	Ability to think creatively:
Openness to feedback:	Potential for leadership:
Ability to work in a team:	Personal/professional reflection:

#### Description Information

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Description: Form URL: <https://evergreenstatecollege.radius>

#### Other Information

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# USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck

School of Social Work

March 13, 2025

Dear Admissions Committee:

It is my distinct please to write this letter of recommendation for Dr. Kerry Dunn for admission to the Masters in Environmental Studies program at Evergreen State College. I first came to know Kerry in August of 2003 when we began our PhD in Social Work program together at the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy & Practice. Kerry had come to social work after a career as a lawyer, representing some of our most vulnerable populations. From the first day of class, it was evident that Kerry was a unique critical thinker, posing thought provoking and important ideas grounded in experience and science. I have seen this continue over the last 20 years.

Kerry has had an important career, using her knowledge and skills to support student learning in and outside of classroom settings. She has done this at both the Masters and PhD levels, grounding these encounters in her depth of knowledge about policy and research. Kerry is one of the most impressive thinkers I have ever known, thoughtful, but critical. She seeks to be a learner in all new settings and is open to challenging her own ideas and practices to ignite change. She has incredibly strong verbal communication skills, but importantly, she is an incredibly curious person, with a deep desire to learn and disseminate knowledge. I have always been impressed with her curiosity and her dedication to knowledge development, as well as her adaptability to new ideas and methods. Her ability to relay the new information learned in multiple ways speaks to her well-roundedness and makes her a true standout among her peers.

Kerry has great experience with research, including qualitative and quantitative analysis. She is careful and critical in her interpretation of data, incredibly important to ensuring that we are using data in an intentional and ethical manner. Her strong critical reasoning skills will be an asset in any learning environment, and I believe her thoughtful approach to knowledge acquisition will benefit all learners.

Kerry has a strong desire to make change; in fact, she has dedicated her life to making the world a better place. She has shared with me her desire to support ecological restoration through research, policy, and advocacy. I have no doubt that Kerry has the necessary skills and capabilities to succeed in accomplishing this goal (and more than ever, we need people exactly like her doing this work). I have spoken with Kerry about the opportunities and challenges of embarking on this path. I believe that she has the dedication to thrive in a demanding program. Kerry is an engaging individual with a deep social concern. Her resume provides ample proof of this. But she also wants to make a difference through promotion of environmental and social justice; I fully believe that she will successfully accomplish this goal. I recommend Kerry highly. I fully expect her to become a policy leader in know she will be an asset to any environmental studies program.

Sincerely,



Julie Cederbaum, PhD, MSW, MPH

