

Application Related Information

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Grad Program Applying To: MES

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Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Nina Karnovsky
Recommenders Institution: Pomona College
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Recommenders Title: Professor of Biology
Contact Name: Sabrina Wilk
Recommendation Waiver Choice:
Recommendation Status: Received

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Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant.
Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

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:

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Dear Evergreen State College graduate student selection committee,

Sabrina Wilk was a student in two of my upper division, graduate level classes, Avian Ecology and Advanced Animal Ecology. She was also a student in my introductory ecology and evolutionary biology course. In addition, I had the honor of mentoring her senior thesis. She is one the strongest students I have had in the 21 years I have taught undergraduates.

In each of these classes students develop hypotheses and design and carry out field experiments. They analyze the data and present their results in papers and presentations. In Advanced Animal Ecology, Sabrina and her lab group developed a very creative study to assess the mammals utilizing the various burrows that they found. Sabrina set up remote sensing trail cameras to document activity. The results were very surprising as they found multi-species use of burrows including snakes. Sabrina's preparation of a poster presenting these results was excellent. She is comfortable using statistics and enjoys data analysis. She works well in groups and was often the *de facto* leader of her lab group. Sabrina is very skilled at making maps in ArcGis, something that really set her apart from other students.

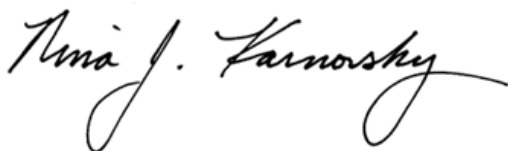
She is very comfortable working outdoors. In fact, when we went camping on a field trip to carry out habitat restoration on Anacapa Island, she helped the other students put up their tents and was a leader in preparing meals in the field.

In Avian Ecology, some of the best classes were the ones in which Sabrina was responsible for choosing the papers that the class would read and was the discussion leader. She asks thought provoking questions of her peers which shows a deep understanding of the material. In Avian Ecology Sabrina gained experience handling, preparing and cataloging museum specimens. She is meticulous and patient in all of her data collection.

Sabrina has a rare talent for writing. Several of her research papers and her senior thesis were of publishable quality. She has a deep interest in social and natural history and in her senior thesis she was able to find and interpret biological and historical material that was relevant.

Most importantly, Sabrina is very mature, hard-working and she gets along well with everybody. I would not hesitate to recruit her as a graduate student. Since she graduated over five years ago, she had a variety of conservation/ restoration ecology work experiences often in leadership roles.

Sincerely,



Nina J. Karnovsky, PhD.