

#### Application Related Information

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Application: Application Not Verified  
Grad Program Applying To: MIT

Iteration Name: 202430\_GR\_G  
Program Name: MIT

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By: Jennifer Spock  
Recommenders Institution: Eastern Kentucky University  
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.  
Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommenders Title: Doctor  
Contact Name: Hariti Valentine  
Recommendation Waiver Choice:  
Recommendation Status: Received

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Recommendation Type: General  
Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000117383239

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant without reservation.  
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:

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Attention: MiT Admissions

Dear Admissions Committee,

This letter supports Hariti Valentine's application to the Master in Teaching program at Evergreen. I have known Hariti since Fall 2018, when she was a history major in the Honors Program at Eastern Kentucky University. By the time Hariti worked with me in HIS 312: Independent Study, on the topic of Early and Non-Chalcedonian Christianities she was an accomplished student. Hariti communicated well in both oral and written work, and continues to do so as we have exchanged emails more recently. The topic that Hariti chose to study with me was difficult: We were examining the early forms of Christianity, with an emphasis on those that failed to be embraced by the various ecumenical councils. Grappling with the historical context of time and place, as well as grappling with nuances in the historical development of theology, Christian practice, and resistance, meant that Hariti was reading, analyzing, and writing about complex texts. She met with me regularly every other week, wrote a number of secondary source analyses and a final paper. Hariti was reliable, articulate, and pleasant to engage. She spoke on these difficult topics with ease, without judgment of the varieties of experience displayed in the late antique world and was always prepared.

Hariti also won the Collins Award from our department, for the best undergraduate history essay. This is a high honor from the history faculty at Eastern Kentucky University and one we take seriously. On rare occasions, if no essay was deemed worthy, we withheld the award, so Hariti's success as a recipient speaks well of her performance during her undergraduate degree.

It is my opinion that Hariti is well-prepared for a Master in Teaching program. As a student in our Honors Program she was pushed to excel, and did so. She was exposed to many different pedagogical methods and professors as part of Honors' commitment to a collaborative team-teaching environment. I found Hariti to be intelligent, calm, and curious. She exhibited a

kindness for, and interest in, others, and was a pleasure to have in class. Colleagues who remember Hariti remember her positively. She was sensitive to diverse students, and in fact enjoys the diversity of humanity and human cultures.

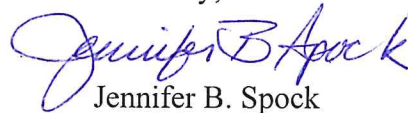
I retain some of Hariti's work, including her analysis of *Lost Christianities: The Battles for Scripture and the Faiths We Never Knew* by Bart Ehrman. Hariti chose a difficult book filled with detail and textual analysis, on a topic that was not easy, and she did well, recognizing the author's argument and evaluating the author's use of texts. The assignment required her to identify the author's purpose in writing the monograph, the author's thesis, main arguments, source base, the use of sources both primary and secondary, and a discussion of the author's conclusion. This is not an easy assignment by any means, and Hariti did well.

As far as character is concerned, Hariti is respectful, has a positive attitude, and works well with others as far as I could tell, given that we were in an independent study situation. Based on her interests, I believe she is an excellent choice for a teaching program that emphasizes social justice. Hariti takes constructive criticism well. While working with me, Hariti was professional in speech and writing. I think future students will like having her in class and she will care about them as individuals.

I believe Hariti will be an enthusiastic colleague and a solid teacher. She brings self-assurance to the classroom, as well as a love of learning. Her content knowledge is good, and she absorbs information rapidly. I believe she would be accessible to students at the middle school or high school level and would earn their respect as well. I recommend Hariti Valentine without reservation for the M.iT. degree.

My office phone is out of order at the moment, but please feel free to contact me at the email above for further information.

Sincerely,



Jennifer B. Spock