



Uzhgorod, Ukraine

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RE: Recommendation for Mark Light

To Whom It May Concern,

I write to recommend Dr. Mark Light for your position. As Director of the School of Public Service at the time, I hired Mark. He is a terrific lecturer and is a great contributor to our School and DePaul University. I recommend him fully and with great enthusiasm. If he is successful in becoming a senior lecturer for you he will leave hundreds of students and faculty and staff colleagues terribly sad for our loss.

I took two years to research, recruit and engage Mark for our position. It was time well spent. I never doubted my decision and Mark never disappointed me or students. He is simply a master teacher. I know this because I have observed him in the classroom and we have taught our introductory course together—easily combining our love of teaching for 75 or so graduate students in a creative way. I also asked him to teach in our partner school, All Hallows College, in Dublin Ireland. He was quick to manage the challenges of teaching students from several countries (including the US) abroad—with great aplomb.

Our School of Public Service offers several master degrees for the nonprofit and government sector. Mark is a genius when it comes to teaching this level—and executives—in my experience. I know he would be equally successful with undergraduates and doctoral students too.

Mark takes the time to know and respect his students, uses technology expertly and incorporates powerful examples and cases. He easily inspires students with his detailed focus on them as individual learners and group contributors. He stays within professional boundaries even though he remains the most popular instructor in our School.

Mark connects with the external community and invites them onto campus practicing the service part of our mission and modeling the way for our students. He also became a respected academic professional and a strong faculty contributor with us.

Call or email if you would like more information about Mark. Seriously, I would love to tell you about him. I would not like to see him leave DePaul and Chicago but I know you will be very pleased with Mark Light and I wish the both of you the very best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Patrick Murphy" followed by a stylized flourish.

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