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To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. Keith Tse was a student in my Linguistic Society of America Institute course at the University of Colorado at Boulder, July 7 — August 2, 2011. The course he took was entitled Introduction to Dialectology (LING7800-032) and had as its basic text Chambers and Trudgill, 1998, *Dialectology* 2nd ed., Cambridge University Press as well as selected readings that illustrated various approaches to regional language variation, particularly ones that utilized more current sociolinguistic techniques as well as those that looked at dialects from a perceptual as well as production point of view.

Mr. Tse received an “A” grade both for his reading quizzes over the material as well as for his final project, a very interesting research proposal that looked at variationist reconsiderations of language family relationships in Indo-European, with special regard to Greek and Romance. Of course, his overall grade was also an “A.”

Mr. Tse participated in class discussions, made an effective presentation of his research proposal, and deserved the high mark he received for the coursework. His knowledge of historical linguistics is both deep and broad, and I am sure he will do well in advanced studies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis R. Preston', written over a horizontal line.

Dennis R. Preston
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and
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