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Chair, Tenure and Promotion Committee
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To Members of the Tenure and Promotion committee,

I am submitting this portfolio as my application for promotion to Full Professor. I was promoted to Associate Professor Fall 2009 and so have now been at the Associate Professor level for five years and therefore I have fulfilled the experience requirements of the University. This portfolio is a representation of my work during my time as an Associate Professor at ACU and demonstrates that I am qualified for promotion.

In the section on Teaching, I have included descriptions of the courses I have taught for the department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, my teaching philosophy, my reflections on integration of faith and learning, new teaching methods, and student evaluations. Teaching has been one of my strengths and is something I love to do. I have attempted to address my strengths and weaknesses, and how I have worked to improve as a teacher.

In the scholarship section, I have included a brief description of my research and of the students with whom I have worked at ACU. I have participated in two major areas of scholarship since I have been at ACU. The first area is in my major field of biochemistry. The second is in the scholarship of teaching and learning. I have included the abstracts of papers published and presentations given.

In service and collegiality, I have given a brief description of activities in which I have been involved that fall under their respective categories. These range from serving as the Director of Undergraduate Research to participating in photo workshops.

This portfolio will demonstrate that I am an excellent teacher and an active scholar who participates in service opportunities and is involved in the larger ACU community. Thank you for your time in considering this portfolio.

Sincerely,

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