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Dr. Ron Morgan, Chair, Department of History and Global Studies
Dr. Gregory Straughn, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Tenure and Promotion Committee
Abilene Christian University

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I submit this letter in support of Dr. Kelly Elliott's application for tenure and rank promotion to Associate Professor. I have worked alongside Dr. Elliott, she offices next to me, since she came to ACU in 2010 and thus I have had the chance to observe her interactions with students as well as colleagues. I recommend her most highly and without reservation. She is a valued colleague.

Dr. Elliott is an integral part of the Department of History and Global Studies and enriches our department as well as the university. She is a good classroom teacher and as you will read in her application, she is able to recognize challenges, consider new strategies, and implement change that she determines will benefit her students. In addition, her contributions to the CORE are exceptional. Trained as a British historian, Dr. Elliott embraced the still-yet evolving CORE curriculum and committed early on to team teaching in these integrated general education courses.

Dr. Elliott's work as a historian is to be commended. She is producing appropriate scholarship at this point in her career with journal articles and a book project. She is also presenting her scholarship at national conferences. She does all this with often three or four preps per semester for courses.

In addition to her teaching and scholarly activities, Dr. Elliott is generous with her time as she serves her colleagues on various councils and committees across the campus, as she serves the department as an academic advisor, and she serves the students as our honor society advisor.

I hope you will favorably consider Dr. Elliott's application. I believe ACU is richer with her here.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tracy M. Shilcutt", is written over a blue diagonal line that extends from the bottom left towards the top right of the page.

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