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To The Department of History and ACU Tenure and Promotion Committees:

I am pleased to write a letter of support in Dr. Kelly Elliot's application for tenure and promotion particularly in the areas of service, scholarship and collegiality. I have known Kelly since she arrived at ACU and have been impressed by her hard work and dedication.

Kelly has included undergraduate researchers in her scholarship activities. While I do not know about the particulars of her work, I have seen the evidence through her students. They have participated in the Research Festival and have represented her well.

Last year, Kelly joined the Research Festival Planning committee and helped fill a need for us. She served on the abstracts committee which can be a difficult committee to serve on as they review borderline abstracts to decide whether or not the abstract should go forward. We really needed someone from a humanities perspective and when I asked for help she readily agreed. In my role, it is so important to have people like Kelly at ACU that I know can step up when we need help.

I also get to witness Kelly's willingness to serve at church. We both attend Minter Lane Church of Christ. There Kelly is a servant making and cleaning up the coffee along with her husband each week. She also works by serving on a worship planning team. She and her husband also organize a house church that meets weekly providing a place for those who may not be as comfortable in a corporate setting. From taking turns in the nursery to making announcements on Wednesday nights to reading scripture and praying from the pulpit on Sunday morning, Kelly is serving everywhere. I am sure there are many things she does that I don't know about.

Dr. Kelly Elliot is a valuable member of the ACU community. She is a pleasure to work with. ACU would be a less vibrant institution without her. I encourage you to award her tenure and promotion to Associate Professor.

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