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To Whom it May Concern:

I have known Mark Saiki for approximately five years. He took graduate courses with me in the History Department, courses at which he excelled. He loves history and is very serious about doing the best work that he can, an indication of his conscientiousness. In the courses that he took with me, his great love was the research part; Mark had a genius for locating sources connected to the topic, and always ended up with an extensive bibliography of relevant materials, often beyond what I would have expected. The last course he took under my direction was HIST 480/580 History and Memory, a seminar for a mixed group of undergraduate seniors and graduate students like Mark himself. He was one of the best in the class, at discussion and in his writing projects. If he had a fault, it was in being a bit hard on the undergraduates because he felt that they did not take the work seriously enough. His research paper for History and Memory was outstanding. In addition, I served for a time on Mark's graduate thesis committee, and read some of his chapters on the subject of Japanese American internment during the Second World War. It was a fascinating topic, and Mark's approach was original, engaging, and very-well researched.

It seems to me that Mark Saiki would do especially well at a position in which research and writing were important components. I wish him the best in his future, and hope to hear good things about him.

Yours sincerely,

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