

250 Douglass Street
San Francisco, California
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Dear Mr. Ferrater Mora,

I have your letter to the effect that you've written to the U. of Missouri at Saint Louis for me. I thank you. Perhaps something good will come out of it (though I know I am one of a great many candidates for the position). You will by now have received the further request I sent you about the U. of North Dakota; look at where that is on the map and you will see why I am of two minds about it even if they should indeed want me!

Yesterday I had another letter inviting me to have letters and transcripts sent, and I am extremely surprised by the invitation. Very recently the APA sent out an announcement indicating that Fairfield University of Fairfield, Connecticut, needed to make some appointments; wanted were people in Philosophy of Science, or Mathematical Logic, or Contemporary Philosophy, or Modern Philosophy or Metaphysics, the notice said. I sent off a letter of inquiry. I then found out that the University is for men only, and of course I thought I would hear nothing from them. Now I have found out, moreover, that is a Catholic University. The letter that I received from the Chairman of the Department there, though, while it informs me that on the undergraduate level the College is for men only (this is likely to be changed in the near future, the letter added), did invite me to send papers to him, saying that each member of the Department will be expected to teach at least one basic course and two upper division courses. The next paragraph showed me why he wasn't just dismissing my letter out of hand. He wrote: "As one who has taken courses at Bryn Mawr I know Professors Nahm and Leblanc. A close friend of mine is Rilla Phillips, a graduate of Bryn Mawr, whom you may know."

He must himself be a Roman Catholic; and he must have been grateful to Bryn Mawr, a non-Catholic college for women for letting him study there a bit; and he must have concluded that he should give a person with a degree from there a chance at competing for a position in a Catholic men's university. Well, why not? I enjoy teaching men; the great majority of my students in advanced courses are men. Of course I really prefer teaching men and women together. Anyway, when you get a minute (if your fingers aren't worn out from typing letters for me and also from typing page 470 and all the pages preceding that in your current book), would you write to him--and of course send along Leblanc's letter, too. You should write to:

Professor Joseph G. Grassi, Chairman
Department of Philosophy
Fairfield University
Fairfield, Connecticut

Yes, I did write a letter of enquiry--or call it a letter of application if you wish--to Beaver College. But I myself have heard nothing from the College, though it is a while now since I wrote to it. I am interested to know that the Department Chairman, Mrs. Huang, telephoned you about me. I have begun to be pessimistic, though, about the possibility of my really being seriously considered by ~~a~~ college so far away from California as Beaver College is (yes, you're right; it's a bit to the north of Philadelphia, I think). It is a ~~small~~ woman's college, and I doubt that it has the funds to bring a candidate for a position from the West Coast to the College for an interview. A striking combination of Cantonese and Old Low German? I wonder how I'd fare with her!

I still am not sorry I came all the way out here. In lots of ways it's ~~rough~~ being here: I've too many students and I am socially extremely isolated (the result of being on the staff ~~among~~ of a big, very impersonal institution). But it has been--and it is yet--instructive being here, instructive in many ways. And I have had to work extremely hard preparing for my classes, and conducting them; and the consequence is that I feel much more prepared to take up a serious position somewhere ^{now}.

Oh, ~~xxx~~ by the way, perhaps you had better not, ~~xxx~~ for the Catholic university, say that I could teach an introductory symbolic logic course? Well, perhaps it wouldn't hurt. I simply thought of the fact that Catholics have their own brand of Thomistic logic generally; I should suppose that their symbolic logic would be founded on it; and I'd be helpless trying to figure ~~xxx~~ it out. Actually, of course, I despise logic. I'd far rather teach introductory Spanish! I'd enjoy that!

To bed now, though it is only 8:30 in the evening. I have been suffering from a ~~light~~ case of flu all week, and it has left me quite tired. And I have two classes tomorrow!

Sincerely,

Julia-

P. S. You'll perhaps be surprised to know--certainly I was surprised to know it--that it really was Nahm who recommended me to Marjorie Grene. She told me so herself, you see. And Mr. Kline knew nothing of their being at all interested in me until he telephoned me when he was out here at Santa Cruz. But he said he knows both the Department Chairman and Marjorie Grene, and I imagine the two letters you refer to he wrote to them. I am going to write him a note thanking him for doing this; I didn't know, of course, that he had.