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Professor Elizabeth Bohning
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Dear Professor Bohning:

I understand that Professor Román Alvarez is being considered for tenure, and in this respect I am pleased to write a letter of recommendation in his behalf.

I have known Professor Alvarez for at least fifteen years, and have been acquainted with his work at the University of Delaware, which I have visited on a number of occasions for the purpose of giving, or listening to, lectures. I have thus been able to ascertain Professor Alvarez's merits as a teacher as well as his proficiency in his field.

As a native of Spain, Professor Alvarez's linguistic competence is, of course, perfect. To this he adds a thorough knowledge of Spanish and Spanish-American literatures. Competence in a language and knowledge of its literature (or literatures) is, of course, not sufficient to become a good teacher. Fortunately, Professor Alvarez is not only extremely proficient in his field, but he is also very skillful in the process of imparting knowledge. He is thus a most successful teacher, capable of arising the interest, and more often than not, the enthusiasm of his students for both the language and the literatures.

Both because of his abilities and his thorough dedication I have no doubt that he will be a most welcome addition to the permanent Faculty of the Delaware University. I recommend him unreservedly.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


José Ferrater Mora