

Department of Psychology
University of Notre Dame

Mailing address:

February 2, 2005

Chair, Hiring/ Search Committee

Dear Chair:

Enclosed please find my application for the position of Assistant Professor in Human Development and Family Studies. I have submitted a curriculum vitae, statements describing my research program and teaching interests, and reprints of relevant publications. I have requested letters of recommendation to be forwarded to you by Professors A, B, and C. of the University of Y-Z.

I believe my research, applied, and teaching activities to date have prepared me very well for the type of position advertised. Addressing the advertisement's mention of research on adult relationships, my research program has focused on the quality of the interparental relationship, particularly on understanding marital conflict in the home. Specifically, I have investigated how the interparental relationship relates to broader family processes, including parents' and children's psychological adjustment and parent-child relationships, thus linking my work to existing areas in your department. In addition, the applied portion of my graduate training is consistent with the Outreach Mission of your school. As part of the requirements of my combined doctorate in Developmental and Counseling Psychology, I am currently completing an APA-approved Clinical Psychology Internship co-sponsored by Northwestern University Medical School and Northwestern Memorial Hospital. My clinical training includes both therapy and assessment of families, couples, and individual adults and children. Thus, I can envision many family-oriented outreach programs designed for the broader university and community populations. Finally, my teaching experience and interests overlap with the types of courses offered by your department to undergraduate and graduate students.

If I can provide additional information, please contact me at the above telephone number or addresses. Thank you very much for considering my application.

Sincerely,