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Dear Search Committee:

I am a 1990 graduate of the GSLIS. I have been a librarian at the San Marcos Public Library since graduation. I came back to the now-iSchool for a doctorate in 2004 and graduated in 2013.

I live in Austin, in West Campus. I have been commuting to San Marcos for thirty-three years. My CV shows that I am active in ALA and TLA, as well as several local non-profits I administer—one of which I co-founded.

I am also currently your last-minute lecturer for Managing Information Organizations this fall. It is going great. I love being back in the classroom. I love teaching about a subject I am passionate about. Come to my class—it is on Thursday nights.

I would love to do this full-time. I pursued my PhD at the iSchool so I could teach after I retired from my municipal library career. I am ready now. I am excited the iSchool now offers Professor of Instruction appointments. I plan to stay in Austin and work for at least seven more years. I would like to work with you in the iSchool, cultivating the next generations of librarians and information professionals.

Prior to officially enrolling as a doctoral student, I was an assistant adjunct professor at the iSchool and taught the Collection Development class in 2004. My students nominated me for Texas Exes Teaching Award. I have included the 2004 evaluations as [Appendix I](#) on my server at gentrysmith.org/Vitae.

In my *Teaching Statement*, I have discussed the subjects in our discipline I am ready to teach MSIS students, as well as a potential course for undergraduates.

I have also attached the preface from my 2017 publication *Capturing our stories : an oral history of librarianship in transition* as [Appendix II](#). These pages tell you more about me and my scholarly motivations.

Thank you for your consideration,

