

25 February 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

I am extremely pleased to recommend Prof. Sandra Villarreal for your consideration.

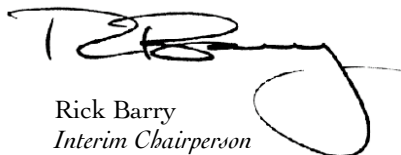
Prof. Villarreal has been a Visiting Instructor in the Department of Computer Graphics & Interactive Media since September, 2004, when co-developed and taught Digital Arts Technical Workshop. She developed and taught Sensing & Media Control in the Spring of 2005. In these capacities, Prof. Villarreal teaches and advises BFA and MFA students in her charge, participates in faculty meetings, curriculum development, and related academic activities.

Sandra Villarreal is exceptionally poised, consistently professional, and thoroughly responsible. Her level of competence and integrity led me to assign her to teach a new BFA course, Digital Arts Technical Workshop, immediately after her MFA conferral. Prof. Villarreal worked tirelessly to organize and improve the new curriculum, rewriting the course syllabus, and creating an extensive test-out exam. Thanks in large measure to her efforts, the first semester of this new course was a success. And as a result of her continued dedication and initiative, the new Sensing & Media Control course Prof. Villarreal developed and taught this semester is likewise proving to be successful.

Prof. Villarreal's area of MFA concentration was Experimental Media, and her interactive installation thesis project was a model example of research, production and execution. In the process of her MFA studies, Prof. Villarreal, whose professional background is in graphic design and art direction, learned a good deal about coding and scripting, device control, audio-video production, and physical computing in general. Prof. Villarreal's "Sensing and Media Control" course is a direct result of this experience,

Sandra Villarreal sits with me on the board of directors of NYC ACM SIGGRAPH, and assists me in the administration of the MetroCAF (Metropolitan College Computer Animation Festival) 2005 Committee, which I chair this year. I have now had the opportunity to work with Prof. Villarreal as a graduate student, a faculty member and a professional colleague over the past several years. So I believe I am qualified to assert that Sandra Villarreal is a person of exceptional character and competence. She is also a delightful, charming person who works extremely well with others. She has proven to be an invaluable asset to our program, our School and our Institute. That is why I am very pleased indeed to offer my highest recommendation of Prof. Sandra Villarreal.

Sincerely,



*Rick Barry
Interim Chairperson
Professor of Computer Graphics*