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Recommendation for Dr. Thomas Lombardi

I have known Tom Lombardi for over five years, first meeting him soon after joining the CSIS faculty of Pace in 2000. In the fall of 2002 he started our doctorate program, and I served as his instructor in my two-semester Emerging Information Technologies course during the 2003-2004 academic year and then as his dissertation advisor. I am highly qualified to evaluate the qualifications of students and professionals in computing. I enjoyed a 25-year career at IBM Research, and then taught at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point for seven years prior to joining Pace University in 2000 as a Professor of Computer Science. With this experience and with over 100 publications and patents, I believe that I can properly assess an individual's qualifications for work in the computing profession.

Tom Lombardi was one of the best students in my Emerging Information Technologies course sequence. In this course Tom wrote an excellent term paper discussing how the computing discipline can help fine arts students understand paintings. Tom showed personal initiative, perseverance, communicate skills, and ability to perform creative analysis in his team's deliverable for the same course. He asked good questions and was a positive presence in the classroom environment, and he also maintained a positive attitude in the face of difficult material.

Tom's greatest achievement to date has been his doctoral dissertation which concerned a graphical user interface for a fine-art painting image retrieval system. In this dissertation he proposed and developed a fine-arts painting style system as both an analytic tool and as an evaluation technique for classification accuracy. It is an outstanding piece of work and certainly one of the best dissertations produced by our doctoral program. He has also published several papers related to his dissertation.

Tom is well organized, dependable, and of the highest professional and personal integrity. He has a clearly defined set of priorities that guide his planning. He is a dynamic and energetic individual who consistently demonstrates the positive attitude, talent, and interpersonal skills required of an excellent academic professional. I highly recommend him for an academic position, and especially one that combines knowledge of computing and art history.

Sincerely,

Charles C. Tappert
Professor of Computer Science