

Jan. 24, 1976

Dr. Herbert J. Doherty, Chairman  
Department of Social Sciences  
University College  
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Gainesville, Florida 32611

Dear Dr. Doherty:

I would like to take this opportunity to recommend Dr. Barbara Purdy for continued tenure at the University of Florida.

I have known Barbara for the past twelve years, both on a professional and friendship basis. She was a participant at one of our summer field school sessions on lithic technology. I found her to be very adept at flintworking and well versed in all phases of anthropology. At the field school she became interested in the thermal alteration of lithic material prior to flaking and has since contributed several important papers to this field. Her laboratory finding on thermal temperatures and the results are invaluable to those of us who do not have the facilities to pin down the exact alteration temperatures and changes. Her papers delivered at the S.A.A. and other professional meetings have been important contributions to the profession.

Barbara would be an asset to any institution and I unhesitatingly recommend her for continued tenure at your university. I will appreciate your consideration of this matter and hope to continue working with Barbara in our lithic technology field.

Sincerely yours,

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Research Associate in  
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