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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Antawan Byrd's application to the Neil Kosh scholarship.

I have known Antawan since September 2006, when he took my "Art and society" course. It became very soon obvious that he would get an A in it, and indeed, he has been my best student in this class. Not only did he not miss a single class, he also always had penetrating views and examples in our class discussions. He worked with a great attention to the exact meaning of the texts, but also to their general significance both for the theory and the practice of the arts. His final paper in this course, which was on Brancusi's *Mademoiselle Pogany* and *mimesis*, was a real jewel.

Following this, Antawan has asked me if he could take independent study credits this term with me in order to prepare a submission for the Library Prize for undergraduate research in April 2007. His goal was to work on the topic of *mimesis* in the arts, but this time more particularly in photography, which is his primary practice field. I truly admire the determination and autonomy that he has shown in this enterprise. At our first meeting last week, he had already prepared a bibliography, and circumscribed his topic. I think he is both very intelligent, and very sensitive, which constitutes a true asset for the success of his endeavors in the arts. He is also patient and hard-working, which enables him to make the best possible use of his talents.

I have no doubts that Antawan is a perfect candidate for such an exciting and fulfilling experience as to study abroad. He is eager to learn and to incorporate new experiences and reflections into his practice. I heartfully recommend his application.

Sincerely,

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