To Whom It May Concern:

It is my great honor to write this letter of recommendation in support of Dr. Leslie Ashburn-Nardo's consideration for the Alvin S. Bynum Mentor Award for the year 2011. In addition to completing several psychology courses under the instruction of Dr. Ashburn-Nardo, I have also served as a research assistant in her research lab for the past two years. Thus, I feel that I am very qualified to provide remarks on the excellent mentoring she has provided to both me and her other protégées.

From my experiences I can conclude that Dr. Ashburn-Nardo continuously goes above and beyond the expectation of a typical research mentor at IUPUI. Under her guidance, I, and several of her other protégées, have had the opportunity to produce independent research projects involving prejudice confrontation and the many factors that affect it. I personally have also been afforded the chance to attend a national research conference in the field of psychology, an experience that is very rare for an undergraduate student to obtain as not every research mentor can or will provide this opportunity to their students. Additionally, Dr. Ashburn-Nardo operates a very active lab in which her research assistants are encouraged to cultivate their interests and discuss their ideas with the other members of the lab.

On a more personal level, Dr. Ashburn-Nardo has been extremely instrumental in my own pursuit of a doctorate degree in the field of psychology. Her sage advice, along with her willingness to provide feedback on application materials and her eagerness to provide glowing letters of recommendation, have been absolutely essential to the application process being a

successful venture for me. She is always ready with a helpful opinion and an open mind when her students have questions or ideas that they would like to discuss. Dr. Ashburn-Nardo is clearly as committed to her students as she is to her research and to IUPUI.

As she is a past winner of the Psychology Mentor of the Year Award, I have no doubt that Dr. Ashburn-Nardo is extremely qualified to receive the Alvin S. Bynum Mentor Award this year. Her dedication to effective mentoring is only surpassed by her prowess in psychological research. Should you have any questions about my recommendation of Dr. Ashburn-Nardo to receive this award, please feel free to contact me using the information provided below.

Regards,
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