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Dear Dr. Cole:

Regina Burns, one my former students, is a multi-talented go-getter, whom I've suggested that she pursue graduate study in history. Her life experiences, journalism record and her education have developed her into an ideal candidate for study in history so she can serve her communities as a working historian.

In 1993 the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of Abilene Christian University initiated Gutenberg Awards for Professional Achievement for our alumni of 10 or more years experience. Regina was the first woman and the first Black to receive this award after she had been honored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as one of 10 outstanding young Americans. Other Gutenberg honorees include Max Lucado, Lance Barrow and AP golf writer Doug Ferguson.

She has the potential to help fill the need for academically trained Black historians. Her interest in people, her drive, her interviewing, reporting and writing skills and the warmth of her personality are strong qualities you will discover in her classes at the University of Texas-Arlington.

I studied journalism and Black history at the University of Missouri-Columbia and am a practicing historian after retirement as chair of ACU's Department of Journalism and Mass Communication. Out of this background, I recommend her unconditionally for your history graduate program.

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