

# MARKS PRODUCTIONS

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## RE: Letter of Recommendation for Christopher Odom

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my sincere purpose to provide you with a clear and definitive picture of Christopher Odom from my perspective. I first met Christopher on the campus of Georgia State University around 1993, where we were both undergraduate film and video communications majors. Like Chris, my background is in writing, directing, and producing films and videos. The very first film set that I ever stepped foot on was actually one of Chris' feature film productions. I loved working on that set! It was not long before I found out that he was a really kind and honest human being. I rarely open up as quickly to people as I did with Chris, but I could feel his good spirit, and therefore, felt comfortable with discussing just about any topic with him.


There are several reasons why I feel Chris is qualified for a professorship position. I will name the most important ones that come to mind for me. Aside from having academic degrees from a couple of the top tier schools in the country (Georgia State University, BA and UCLA, MFA), I have had the chance to work with Chris in various capacities. Chris was the director of photography on the last film that I produced and directed. He has an impeccable work ethic. Period. He has stamina, smarts, and vision. In addition to other qualities, the aforementioned ones are three solid characteristics that I strongly feel are sure to help improve your organization. I am providing this letter of recommendation because I honestly want to see Chris succeed. He deserves it. He's studied his craft and worked extremely hard for all the 16 years I have known him.

Chris' skills are compatible. I can personally see how directing and writing have made me a very good communicator. Since Chris also has directed a number of films and videos, I have no doubt that these skills will transfer well in the academic world for him. Furthermore, good film directors are usually good leaders. Chris is a good leader. Effective leadership is probably one of the best qualities he can bring to this job.

Again, I highly recommend Chris for this assignment because I have seen how he operates in number of settings: academic, work, and friendship networks. He is the calm in the storm. He pursues excellence. He also possesses an array of skill sets that make him an attractive candidate who is right for this particular position.

Please feel free to contact me for anything you might need. I will be honored to provide anything to you that might be helpful in getting Christopher Odom appointed to this position. My name is Michael Marks. I can be reached via email and/or home phone, respectively at [markspierre@yahoo.com](mailto:markspierre@yahoo.com) and (818) 546-8971.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Marks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael Marks