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Dear Dr. Robson,

I would like to request Adjunct status in the Department of Indigenous Learning at Lakehead University. I completed a 2-year postdoctoral fellowship between the Department of Indigenous Learning (with Dr. Kristin Burnett) and the Department of Psychology (with Dr. Christopher Mushquash) from 2013-2015.

I am now an Assistant Professor in the School of Public Health and Health Systems at the University of Waterloo. I currently continue to work extensively with Dr. Burnett on several projects. Having Adjunct status in a social science department where I collaborate would be very beneficial as Dr. Burnett and I apply for tri-council funding and continue to work with First Nations organizations and communities. We are co-applicants on a recent successful SSHRC Insight Development Grant.

My research focuses on community-based health and social projects related to food, nutrition, food security, and the broader context of food systems and environments. Since 2003, I have worked closely with a number of First Nations communities on community-based health and social projects. My work has involved dietary assessment with youth, planning and program evaluation, and community development and has, in the past several years, begun to move towards social justice and social policy for improving food security and advocacy for food sovereignty. I see upcoming opportunities with the new Social Justice Studies program at Lakehead.

I have attached my curriculum vitae to accompany this request.

Please let me know if you require further documentation or information from me or have any questions.

Sincerely,

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