

November 29, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

Tess Wise was one of the best Teaching Fellows that I have had at Harvard. She is thoughtful and engaging, and did a terrific job of blending practical discussions with the readings and theories that we covered in class. The class I took with Tess, “Media, Public Opinion, and Foreign Policy,” involved a wide range of readings that, in lecture, were presented individually. In section, though, Tess connected the underlying concepts of each piece to the broader picture, giving us a much deeper understanding of the topics and helping us to recognize the practical implications of each theory.

I enrolled in the class as someone vaguely curious about the interplay between public opinion and policy formation, and left fascinated by the ideas and theories about how the public formulates its beliefs, and how this interacts with elite rhetoric to form a national foreign policy. More than anything else, I can credit Tess with the development of my excitement for the field.

On a personal level, Tess was always available for her students, and was passionate about their learning and intellectual curiosity. I always loved talking to her, whether about the class or her research or new concepts I’d come across about foreign policy, and met with her even once the semester had ended to continue to discuss ideas. She is someone whose advice I value immensely, and who I believe would be a remarkable asset to your teaching staff.

Sincerely,

Student name redacted to
protect privacy