

February 4, 2014

**REFERENCE
For
MS. LAYNE DALFEN**

I am writing this letter in reference to the professional qualities of Ms. Layne Dalfen. I am a practicing psychologist and a full professor in Applied Human Sciences at Concordia University; I have been teaching for over 40 years.

Ms. Layne Dalfen has offered her wisdom and services through class presentations that she has given annually to my advanced level counseling psychology courses from 2008 until the present. As a result of the enthusiastic responses of students each year, I have repeatedly invited her back to my classes. We are currently exploring the development of a professional seminar on her work.

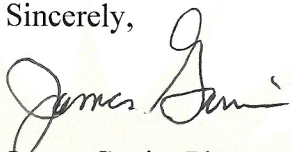
Over the years, I have had many professionals come to my classes to present theoretical and applied subjects. Rarely have I come across anyone as accomplished and engaging as Layne. She meets the students at their level and quickly establishes rapport with them. Her easy yet informative way of speaking personalizes the subject matter and makes it comfortable for students to participate in the exercises she presents in class.

Her subject matter centers on metaphor and dream work. As a licensed psychologist and practitioner for 40 years, I consider myself knowledgeable about dreams and their interpretation. I have yet to meet anyone who could deliver this material as usefully and intelligently as Layne does. Both through information and demonstration, Layne makes the material come alive. She has a depth of understanding of dreams and dream interpretation that I have not found in a great many psychologists, social workers or psychiatrists. This is truly her area of expertise that she has devoted herself to for decades. She is a grand master. Given that I have witnessed her work for a number of years, I also want to say that she simply gets better all the time.

One indication of her ability to hold the attention of her audience is the fact that students typically ask to have her back. They sit spellbound as they listen to her descriptions, and they eagerly participate in the exercises she offers them. The degree of rapt attention I have experienced in her classes is a rarity in university classrooms.

Layne Dalfen is a fabulous presenter and an expert in the area of dreams and dream interpretation. I feel honored to have had her so often in my classrooms. Should you wish any other information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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