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Kevin L. Bryant
Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina
State House, 1st Floor
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RE: Nomination to ARCC Advisory Council
Cynthia Port

Dear Lieutenant Governor Bryant:

I am writing to nominate Cynthia Port, an Associate Professor of English at Coastal Carolina University, for a position on the Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center (AARC) Advisory Council. Dr. Port's scholarly work centers on humanities and arts approaches to age studies. She is committed to promoting research-supported arts initiatives to help people with Alzheimer's disease and related conditions.

As coeditor of *Age, Culture, Humanities*, a scholarly journal of humanities and arts approaches to age studies published by the Athenaeum Press at Coastal Carolina University, and as a founding co-chair of the North American Network in Aging Studies (NANAS), Dr. Port is well informed about emerging research in humanities and arts interventions for people with dementia, as well as with existing initiatives such as Gary Glazner's Alzheimer's Poetry Project at the New York Memory Center and Anne Basting's work with storytelling and interactive theatre. Her expertise in arts approaches to age studies will enable Dr. Port to contribute to the ARCC's efforts to help South Carolina residents with Alzheimer's disease and to provide support for their caretakers and families. I hope you will consider adding this highly qualified and engaged scholar to the AARC Advisory Council.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Ennis
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