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LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

A custom letter of introduction to be sent to each of the professors previously identified.

Dear [Name],

I hope this email finds you well. I am a prospective PhD student and I am emailing to express my interest in your supervision for my proposed doctoral research, in contemporary British fiction, focusing on incorporating postcolonial and feminist literary theory with spatial studies to develop an understanding of postcolonial interiority through domesticity. I completed an MA in English Literature with distinction at Goldsmiths, University of London, in 2024, where I was awarded the Prize for Outstanding Achievement, and was awarded a first-class BA at the University of Warwick in 2023, supported by an Academic Excellence Scholarship. I have presented my research at conferences and have teaching experience through roles as an Undergraduate Mentor at Goldsmiths and a Peer Tutor at the University of Warwick. My book review of Rehana Ahmed's *Writing British Muslims: Religion, Class and Multiculturalism* (2015) will be published in the next issue of *The Cambridge Journal of Postcolonial Literary Inquiry*.

My proposed doctoral research, tentatively entitled **Intimate Cartographies: Domestic Space, Agency and Memory in the Contemporary Postcolonial British Novel**, which will examine how contemporary British novelists from postcolonial contexts use representations of domestic spaces and interiority to negotiate cultural identity, memory and agency.

Your work on [area of expertise] has influenced the shaping of my research interests through my MA, and my proposed research would benefit from your supervision.

I have attached my CV and research proposal for your consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my research proposal with you and to explore the possibility of your supervision at [name of university]. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah