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Faye Mishna, Ph.D.  
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Dear Dean Mishna:

I am writing to express my interest in the position of Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto's Factor-Inwentash Faculty in Social Work, which was described in a position announcement posted on the Council on Social Work Education's Career Center website. I am a fifth-year doctoral candidate at the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis, and expect to graduate in May 2013. My research focuses on issues related to long-term care and health policy, and I have taught courses in both the health and gerontology concentrations at the Brown School. I believe that my research interests, teaching experience, and leadership skills make me an excellent fit for your faculty.

As described in my research statement, my broad research goal is to help improve long-term care policy by contributing to knowledge about the economic impacts of long-term care service utilization and caregiving responsibilities, especially among vulnerable groups. My dissertation, chaired by Dr. Nancy Morrow-Howell, uses data from six waves of the Health and Retirement Study (HRS) to examine how patterns of asset accumulation and income in the U. S. differ between caregivers and non-caregivers and among vulnerable subpopulations of caregivers, and how differences in the duration and intensity of the caregiving experience affect these patterns. This is part of a larger research agenda that seeks to address several broad, but related, questions related to the social and economic impacts of caregiving and long-term care policy.

While research is important to my career goals, I seek a tenure-track faculty position at the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work because I am strongly committed to the field of social work and I am passionate about training students who can draw on their social work skills to affect change across multiple levels of practice. In many countries, longevity has become an economic liability for both families and governments, and as this trend continues, social workers will play increasingly important roles in both service delivery and policy development. I am eager to build on the University of Toronto's efforts to educate new generations of leaders to fill these roles. As indicated in my teaching philosophy statement, I have been teaching in the Masters in Social Work and Masters in Public Health programs at the Brown School since 2010. My course load has included Social Policy and Aging, Health Policy and Administration, and Geriatric Interdisciplinary Teams, and I am prepared to teach a variety of courses in the Gerontology and Social Justice concentrations, as well as Foundation courses like Foundations of Social Work: Knowledge, Theory and Values that Inform Practice.

In addition to my background in teaching, I also have a strong history of leadership. I have been involved in student governance at each school I have attended, which has afforded me opportunities to participate in faculty committees and candidate searches. This year, for instance,

I was appointed as the only student on a faculty/administrative committee that is working to redesign health coverage for students at Washington University. I also have served for the last two years as the Student Representative to the Board of Directors for the Association for Gerontological Education in Social Work (AGESW), and I am a peer-reviewer for the *Journal of Qualitative Social Work* and the Gerontological Society of America's Annual Meeting. I hope to continue to participate in governance and leadership, both as a faculty member at the University of Toronto and in professional organizations.

In response to your call for applications, I am submitting my curriculum vita, a statement of research interests, and three writing samples, including a copy of my dissertation proposal. I am have also included a teaching dossier with a statement of teaching philosophy, copies of two syllabi, and several sets of teaching evaluations. I have requested letters of recommendation from three professors, and their contact information is included with my CV.

I plan to attend the Council on Social Work Education's Annual Program Meeting in Washington, DC, as well as the Society for Social Work and Research's Annual Meeting in San Diego. I hope to have an opportunity to meet with you at your convenience to learn more about the Factor-Inwentash Faculty and how my skills and interests may be a fit for your program. Please feel free to contact me for further information or to schedule an interview.

Best wishes,

Jennifer C. Greenfield, MSW