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Professor Alan Wolfe
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Dear Professor Wolfe:

I am very pleased to write a letter of reference for my friend, Dr. Mariarosa Dalla Costa. I have known her for almost six years; I have been part of several panel discussions and conferences with her; and I have read some of her writings. I first met her at the University of Padua in November of 1967 when I participated in a conference on the working-class and the modern state at the Institute for Social and Political Science at the University. She then worked as an assistant for the Director of the Institute, Professor Antonio Negri, a very important Italian political scientist. I saw a great deal of her in that period of several months when I was in Padua, I have communicated with her many times since, and she and some friends came to visit me two years ago for sometime when I was in the Department of Sociology at Washington University, St. Louis.

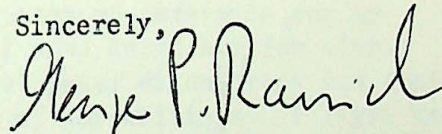
She has a first-rate education in law, history, sociology, politics, economics and philosophy. In a society in which women have not generally, until recently, made much of a mark in the academic and intellectual world, she has gained, deservedly, a national and international reputation. She is a very serious, hard-working, conscientious person whose essay "Women and the Subversion of the Community," published in Italian and in two English editions, one in the United States and one in England, is clearly a major contribution to the development of a new and significant feminist social analysis. This work, published with an essay by my old and dear friend, Selma James, a woman who I have known for over twenty-five years, has begun to make its impact felt in this country. Dr. Dalla Costa and Ms. James have recently toured the United States speaking on the subject of their book.



Dr. Dalla Costa is a scholar of very serious accomplishments as well as someone who is politically active in the feminist movement. I believe that your institution would be doing a service of considerable importance to its students and many others if she were to become part of your faculty. I have no doubt that she will be a very creative and inspiring teacher. She reads, writes, and speaks English well and with just a few weeks of experience teaching she would have absolutely no difficulty whatsoever.

If there is any further information that I can give you about her qualifications, please feel free to call upon me.

Sincerely,



George P. Rawick
Professor

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