

April 1, 2015

Memorandum

To: Diana Prince, Director

From: Oliver Queen, Chair, Search Committee

Re: Request to Interview

On behalf of the search committee, I am please to report that we have a strong pool of candidates for our Assistant Professor of Phrenology position. The pool includes 47 applicants and the committee has unanimously identified the top three candidates. We also list two additional candidates who we agree are very strong and acceptable to interview if any of the top three are not available.

Top Candidates

Shiera Hall (PhD, 2012, Cairo University) is currently an Assistant Professor at the University of Gotham. Her primary research interests are based on the work of Spurzheim and she has completed a post doc at the Arkham Institute. Her publication record includes 22 peer-reviewed articles, many in the top journals in phrenology, and is first author on eighteen of them. She has received a Young Researcher award from NIP. She has taught advanced classes in phrenology as well as beginning classes in anatomy.

James Olsen (PhD, 2015, University of Metropolis) is currently an Assistant Professor at Smallville College. His primary research and teaching interests are anchored in the seminal work of Gall and the history of neuropsychology. His publication record is remarkable at this stage of his career. He has fourteen peer-reviewed articles, many in the top journals in phrenology, and is first author on eight of them. He has taught many phrenology and research methods courses and recently received a teaching award.

M. J. Parker (PhD, 2014, Midway State University) is currently completing a fellowship at the Edinburgh Phrenological Society. Her research is focused on the relationship between phrenology and craniometry and she has received several small grants to support this work. Her publication record includes nineteen peer-reviewed journal articles, several in the top journals in craniometry, and is first author on eight of them.

Additional Candidates

Barry Allen (PhD candidate, Central City State University) is completing his PhD in the Department of Phrenology. His research is focused on phrenomesmerism and its application in modifying criminal behavior. He has two peer-reviewed publications, both in which he is second author. He has taught an introductory course in phrenology.

Linda Danvers (PhD candidate, University of Gotham) is completing her PhD in the Department of Phrenology and Psychognomy. Her research is in the area of pedagogical applications of phrenology. She has three peer-reviewed publications and is first author on one. She has taught an introductory research methods class.