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Dear Mr. Knight,

I have enclosed images of my artwork, a resume and artist statement in the hopes of being considered for an exhibition at Illinois Central College. I am currently an Assistant Professor of Art at Illinois Central College in East Peoria, Illinois. I hold a Master of Fine Arts degree with a concentration in Sculpture and my main media concentration is wood and metal.

My primary interest revolves around furniture, but I also create non-objective work and series pieces. With my furniture I utilize combined materials such as metal, wood, and fabric in order to create unique, yet functional, studio work. Over the years I have built a small following of patrons and often receive commissions for my work.

I have discovered that being labeled a furniture-maker can be detrimental to one's career as an artist, as it often tends to be associated with being a craft-artist making pine furniture out of 2x4's. I can assure you, I consider myself an artist and appropriately create work that is considered high quality studio furniture. I place high standards upon myself and my work. My main focus over the past several years has been tables and table-type surfaces. More recently I have begun exploring wall pieces utilizing a variety of materials.

I would like the opportunity to exhibit my work in your gallery. If you have any questions about my work, please feel free to ask. I have enclosed SASE for the return of my slides. All other materials you may keep. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Costa