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Mr. Frederick G. Ribble
c/o University of Virginia Volunteer Program
University of Virginia Library
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903

Dear Mr. Ribble:

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Patricia Price for the 2013 Frederick G. Ribble award. Patricia has been volunteering with our department since 2011, and is a skilled, intelligent, tireless volunteer who has contributed many hours to the work of our department in a relatively short span of time. With her help, we have been able to make one of U.Va.'s most popular image collections available through our online catalog, and are very thankful to have had her as a part of our department for the past two years.

Patricia was the Library's first ever "remote volunteer." When she first began working with us, she was living in Northern Virginia and had just finished her Master's in Library and Information Science. Although working full-time, Patricia devoted many of her evening hours to correcting and editing photographer and artist identifications from the University of Virginia Visual History Collection, which contains over 16,000 images from Special Collections, as well as several other departments around Grounds. Through her work, she helped to ensure that when the collection was added to the U.Va. online catalog in May of this year, library patrons could easily find the images that they were seeking. The Visual History Collection is heavily used both by the U.Va. community as well as people from all over the country, and Patricia's efforts have greatly increased its usefulness.

A former U.Va. graduate student, Patricia returned to Charlottesville last summer and has been employed as a reference librarian at Piedmont Virginia Community College since the fall. Despite her busy work schedule, she has continued to find time to volunteer with us several afternoons a week. Her latest project has been identifying images from U.Va. Special Collections used in a faculty member's popular website on the Atlantic slave trade. Patrons frequently request digital copies of these images, and her work is making it possible for both Digital

Curation Services and Special Collections staff to fulfill these patron requests more quickly.

Patricia's work for the Library has been exemplary. She tackled two very complex and different projects, and completed both with aplomb. The first project required mastery of cataloging and metadata concepts, working collaboratively using completely online resources, and an enormous attention to detail. The second allowed Patricia to display her librarian training to an even greater extent, as she researched items in Special Collections, created records in our images database, and used the specialized scanning equipment in Digitization Services. The Library is fortunate to have such a skilled volunteer to work on these important projects.

Besides benefiting from Patricia's many skills and experience, Digital Curation Services has also been privileged to have such a lovely person become our colleague. Patricia's enthusiasm, curiosity, and sense of humor have made her an important addition to our department. For all these reasons, I am nominating Patricia Price for the Frederick G. Ribble Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jocelyn Triplett". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Jocelyn Triplett
Project Manager/Production Coordinator
Digitization Services