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Jeremy,

Please add this letter to Kirby's file. This is in response to an inquiry from James.

Thanks.--Yves

----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: John Kirby

Date: Thu, 10 Nov 2005 08:19:34 -0800

From: Adam Paul Arkin <aparkin@lbl.gov>

To: 'James A. Glazier' <glazier@indiana.edu>

Hi James,

Good to hear from you!

Since I'm running madly right now but seem to have found myself with 5 minutes I wanted to at least write a few short lines of support for John.

I am more than willing to write a longer letter (preferably in December).

John Kirby is an excellent microbiologist, a literate critic and co-investigator in systems biology projects, and an open and inquiring mind

about quantitative biology and its methods and uses. He has been an fantastic collaborator and has aided us immeasurably in ensure the biological relevance and accuracy of our models. He was a full participant

in discussing the questions, how to pose them mathematically, and how to

interpret the results. While is no physical chemist, statistician or dynamicist, he is unafraid of the language and discusses the topics with

ease. As a collaborator and colleague for the more physically/quantitative-oriented modelers and biologists, he is a rare find-- a card-carrying biologist who not only cares about the

questions but
is a full partner in approaching them. He's a good guy too.

I wonder why he's leaving GeorgiaTech?

Anyway-- I'm happy to talk to you about him and write a more formal letter.

Best,
Adam

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