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### FICHE D'EVALUATION DU TRAVAIL DE FIN D'ETUDES

**Nom de l'étudiant :** Sébastien Merlet

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**Appréciation d'ensemble :**

Sébastien Merlet is an exceptional researcher and geography engineer. His dedication to his work and the common project goals is remarkable and his attention to detail is outstanding. His versatile background, with math, web design, GIS, and land survey, allowed him to explore directions and avenues that provided insights that would have been missed in a cursory overview. In addition to his careful inquiry, thorough research and reference, as well as ability to find new ways to being in solutions, he has a good graphic eye.

Sébastien's interactions with me as director were thoughtful; his ability to separate ideas and apply them to the ancient Maya landscape brought out the most elegant solutions where by both geographic and social variables were layered to bring a more refined result. In the end, his strategy and analyses has brought a new view of the Maya landscape, one that will have an impact on my research and on the discipline as a whole.

Together, Sébastien worked with me to being a vision the ancient Maya landscape form the point of view sustainable farming. My extensive bibliography and network of colleagues proved to be a magnificent asset for Sébastien Merlet's research. Not satisfied in my interpretation, Sébastien read each of the critical references and bought his own acumen to the project. The results are a major contribution to the field of Maya settlement patters and we will work to publish the results in leading journals.

In addition to his thorough and quality research, Sébastien is a fine team member in the field. Never shirking the mundane responsibilities that are needed in the field (washing dishes, preparing lunch, resolving computer problems), Sébastien brought his talents to the project. He has programming skills that helped in formatting digital pictures, his knowledge of the GIS helped integrate new data we acquired in the field, and in working thru graphic issues, he was a great asset.

I strongly recommend Sébastien Merlet. His work with our team, his daily contributions, and his talented mind will bring him great success in his career and will benefit his colleagues as his career moves forward.

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