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Dear President Metz;

In regards to your solicitation for nominees for Honorary Degrees from Mills, I would like to make an obvious suggestion -- Lou Harrison. Lou, I am sure, considers Mills to be the college, among all the others that he has worked at, which really gave him a "home", and treated him well, and gave him the opportunity to really develop and expand his ideas, as well as to pass them on to a subsequent generation of composers and musicians. Even though Lou has been the beneficiary of many accolades in the past year or so (many surrounding his seventieth birthday), none would have the meaning to him, I am quite sure, that an honorary degree would have. He has not been previously awarded such a degree (I am not sure of this, however, but I suppose it doesn't really matter...) and I can quite confidently say that there is no living composer more deserving of such an honor, and very few people in any field who have had such an illustrious relationship with Mills.

Thanks for the opportunity to make a suggestion in this regard,
all best,

Larry Polansky

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