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## To the Hiring Committee:

My name is Paul Gustafson. I am a graduate student at Texas A&M University, working in the areas of quantum algebra and quantum topology. I expect to receive a Ph.D. from Texas A&M in May 2018, under the direction of Eric Rowell. I would like to apply for a postdoctoral position in your department.

I am particular interested in working with Thomas Kerler and Dave Penneys. My paper on mapping class group representations from twisted Dijkgraaf-Witten theory answers a question that Thomas Kerler had previously discussed with a postdoc. Moreover, my research in the classification of modular tensor categories should be of interest to both Thomas and Dave.

With my application, I include the standard AMS cover letter, a curriculum vitae, a research statement, and a teaching statement. I will also have five letters of recommendation sent. There will be research letters from Eric Rowell (rowell@math.tamu.edu), Thomas Kerler (kerler.2@osu.edu), Richard Ng (rng@math.lsu.edu), and Zhenghan Wang (zhengwa@math.ucsb.edu) and one teaching letter from Peter Howard (phoward@math.tamu.edu).

Please let me know if there is anything else I can provide. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely yours, Paul Gustafson Texas A&M University