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To the Academic Hiring Committee:

I am a PhD student in logic at UCLA. I will graduate in June 2017 and would like to apply for the MathCEP 16 Postdoc position beginning in Fall 2017, as posted on the MathJobs website.

My work at UCLA has exposed me to a variety of teaching techniques which helped me to define and improve a style of my own while addressing the diverse undergraduate student body. I have taught in both first-year calculus classes and advanced undergraduate math classes as well as other areas such as programming and finance. I have worked with a large number of students with different skill levels, majors, and background knowledge. My teaching style has adjusted based on the requirements of the class and of the students. I was honored to receive the 2016 Distinguished Teaching Award from the UCLA Mathematics Department. On top of my teaching duties I was closely involved in mentoring undergraduate students doing independent study. I oversaw a variety of projects guiding and advising the students along the way. I look forward to working at the University of Minnesota, exchanging ideas with my colleagues and further refining my teaching techniques.

I am particularly excited applying to this position at the University of Minnesota as I feel that I am a good match. I am hoping to improve my teaching skills, work with students at all levels of math (including K-12), and to exchange techniques with the other educators. I also have experience supervising undergraduate projects and I am looking forward to expand on that working with the University of Minnesota's undergraduates.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the joint AMS/MAA meetings this year.

My application consists of the AMS cover sheet, curriculum vitae, publication list, my research and teaching statements. In addition, it includes letters of reference from my advisor, Matthias Aschenbrenner, as well as from Artem Chernikov, Olga Radko, and Jukka Virtanen. Dr. Radko's and Dr. Virtanen's letters address my teaching experience.

Please let me know if any of these items is not accessible or if I can provide any further information. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to talking with you.

Sincerely,
Anton Bobkov