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Dear CfA,

I am currently seeking collaborators for my thesis research at the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University. CfA has been a guiding star in my intellectual and activist sky for many years and I'm quite happy to write to you today.


My thesis research concerns issues of civic technology, user-centered/co-design for public good, and the building and maintenance of community in an over-connected and under-committed world.

My background is in data systems design for the labor movement, with several years of field organizing for political campaigns before that. Ultimately, trying to get closer to the grassroots led me to user-centered design and all of the thorny issues of community, tech and power that lie behind it.

I would like to discuss any opportunities you might have to work toward these goals over the coming year. I'm a deft hand at several methods of design research, as well as data analysis (including ML), interface design, software and hardware engineering.

I believe that your mission aligns squarely with my passions and expertise and I would look forward to the opportunity to illuminate meaningful problems and design some considered solutions with you.

Sincerely,



James Moffet