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As an educator, I have served various roles such as a lecturer, facilitator, and mentor. Leveraging this experience, I am interested in teaching courses on visualization and human-computer interaction, and also developing new courses such as interactive data science and data-driven applications. I am eager to design my courses to be project-oriented and available for diverse students across disciplines including not only computer science but also business, arts, and humanities.

Boston University offers an exceptional academic environment where I can contribute to existing research and education efforts on data-centric visual computing. My research can be complementary to data science and vision & graphics groups, including Profs. Kollios, Terzi, and Tsourakakis (e.g., human-in-the-loop data analytics), Betke, Sclaroff, and Saenko (e.g., adding visual interpretability to deep learning models and crowdsourcing large-scale attentional data), and Whiting (e.g., designing physical interactions with data). I am also keen to collaborate through the Hariri Institute for Computing, as well as the digital humanities and design communities across the university.

Thank you for your consideration, and please contact me if I can provide any additional materials that might help the committee evaluate my qualifications.

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The University of Michigan offers an exceptional academic environment where I can contribute to existing research and education efforts on human-computer interaction and data-centric visual computing. My research can be complementary to Profs. Lasecki (e.g., crowdsourcing visual attention), Banovic (e.g., modeling perception & cognition), Mozafari (e.g., human-in-the-loop data analytics), and Ackerman (e.g., collaborative data storytelling & analytics). I am also keen to collaborate through the Michigan Interactive and Social Computing and the Michigan Institute for Data Science research centers.

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Dear Faculty Search Committee Members,

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The University of Massachusetts Amherst offers an exceptional academic environment where I can contribute to existing research and education efforts on human-computer interaction and data-centric computing. My research can be complementary to Profs. Mahyar (e.g., visualization systems for civic engagement) and Meliou (e.g., human-in-the-loop data analytics). I am also keen to collaborate through the Center for Data Science, the Computational Social Science Institute, and the digital humanities and design communities across the university.

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