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Dear Search Committee,

I am applying for beginning academic positions, either post-doctoral or tenure-track.

I am currently working on my PhD under the guidance of Professor Stephen D. Smith at the University of Illinois at Chicago. My dissertation, "On Lefschetz Characters of 2-local Geometries for Some Sporadic Groups," is scheduled for defense on February 13, 2007. I expect to complete all the requirements for the PhD by May 2007.

My research interests are finite simple groups, groups and geometries, and computational group theory. In addition to research, I am committed to striving for excellence in teaching. I have worked not only as a teaching assistant, but also as a lecturer, workshop instructor, and teaching assistant coordinator. These positions are given to a select group of graduate students demonstrating teaching excellence.

I would be happy to send any additional materials you may need, and meet with you in person to discuss my qualifications. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

R. Philip Grizzard