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Stanford University
Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to apply for a Samelson Postdoctoral Fellowship. I am currently a graduate student at the University of California, Berkeley under the supervision of Nicolai Reshetikhin, and will be graduating with a Ph. D. in May 2007.

I have research experience in a wide variety of areas. While my two published papers are in the field of algebraic geometry with representation theoretic or combinatorial consequences, I'm currently working with Prof. Reshetikhin on understanding the Poisson geometry and deformation quantization of moduli spaces of flat connections, which is related to the research of several of your faculty. I've given two invited talks at AMS sectional meetings, as well as many other conferences and seminars, and co-organized both a workshop held at Berkeley, and a weekly seminar for graduate student speakers.

I have teaching experience as a graduate student instructor, where I led discussion sections for calculus and multi-variable calculus classes. In addition, I am currently informally tutoring graduate students and postdocs in connection with a class on quantization of moduli spaces given at CTQM in Århus, Denmark.

I've arranged for letters of recommendation from N. Reshetikhin, V. Jones, M. Khovanov, and M. Haiman concerning my research and from A. Weinstein concerning my teaching to be sent via MathJobs.org as well as a CV, publication list, and research and teaching statements. All my papers and preprints are available from my website <http://math.berkeley.edu/~bwebste>. If you have any questions or want any additional materials, please contact me at the email address or phone number above.

I appreciate your time and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,
Benjamin Webster