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## Assistant Professor

### To Search Committee

University of Wisconsin–Madison

Dear Members of the Search Committee,

I am writing to apply for the Assistant Professor position in the Department of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. As a social theorist with a focus on digital labor economies and a PhD from the University of Chicago, I bring an active research agenda and a strong record of peer-reviewed publications that align with your department's strengths in economic and political sociology.

My current project, *Platformed Precarity: Labor, Surveillance, and Autonomy in the Gig Economy*, draws on ethnographic research conducted across three U.S. cities. It investigates algorithmic management and worker agency within ride-hailing platforms. Findings from this study have appeared in *Sociological Theory*, *New Media & Society*, and *Work, Employment and Society*. I am currently developing the manuscript into a monograph that has received interest from two university presses.

Beyond my primary research, I collaborate with colleagues in information studies and public policy, contributing to NSF-funded work on AI governance and employment law. I look forward to expanding this interdisciplinary engagement within UW–Madison's collaborative academic environment.

Teaching is another core priority. At the University of Chicago, I have led upper-division seminars such as *Technology and Inequality* and introductory courses in social theory. My classroom emphasizes open dialogue, methodological rigor, and digital literacy. Several of my students have since pursued research fellowships or presented at undergraduate conferences.

I am particularly impressed by your department's commitment to critical inquiry and empirical depth. I would be honored to contribute to your research-intensive culture, mentor graduate students, and collaborate across disciplines to further both scholarship and public impact.

Thank you for reviewing my application. Enclosed are my CV, research statement, and teaching philosophy. I welcome the opportunity to further discuss how I can contribute to your academic community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gabriel Morales