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Sarah Koch and **Roland Roeder*** (rroeder@math.iupui.edu). *Postcritically finite rational mappings of $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n}$ arising from Thurston's Theorem.*

We study a family of maps $F_d : \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n} \dashrightarrow \overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n}$ which arise as *moduli space maps* in the context of Thurston's topological characterization of rational maps. The space $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{0,n}$ is the Deligne-Mumford compactification of the moduli space of n points on the Riemann sphere. It is isomorphic to an iterated blow-up of \mathbb{P}^{n-3} . The maps F_d are rational and postcritically finite; each one has a nonempty indeterminacy set. Each map F_d is constructed from a simple combinatorial procedure coming from Thurston's theorem. Using this, we can readily analyze the dynamical behavior; in particular, algebraic stability, dynamical degrees, and maximal invariant cohomology class, etc. (Received September 18, 2012)