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Education

- Ph.D., Social Sciences, California Institute of Technology, 2024 — Present
M.S., Behavioral and Computational Economics, Chapman University, 2024
B.A., *summa cum laude*, Economics, Chapman University, 2023

Fields & Interests

Experimental Economics, Behavioral Economics, Risk Preference, Market Design, Collective Action

References

- Charles Sprenger — Professor of Economics, Caltech — sprenger@caltech.edu
- Marina Agranov — Professor of Economics, Caltech — magranov@caltech.edu
- Laurence Iannaccone — Professor of Economics, Chapman University — iannacco@chapman.edu
- David Porter — Professor of Economics, Chapman University — dporter@chapman.edu

Working Papers

1. Berman, Aaron S.; Cer Askin, Saika; Shapeng, Jiang; Shachat, Jason; Porter, David. 2025. *Dictators and Lying Dictators: An experimental investigation of preference based-group biases in Chinese and American interactions.* *ESI Working Paper 25-12.* https://digitalcommons.chapman.edu/esi_working_papers/426/.
2. Berman, Aaron S.; Iannaccone, Laurence R.; Modak, Mouli. 2023. *How Personalized Networks Can Limit Free Riding: A Multi-Group Version of the Public Goods Game.* *ESI Working Paper 23-12.* https://digitalcommons.chapman.edu/esi_working_papers/392/.

Works in Progress

1. Berman, Aaron S.; O'Donoghue, Ted; Sprenger, Charles D. *Expanding Common-Ratio and Common-Consequence Comparisons.*
2. Berman, Aaron S.; Agranov, Marina. *Connecting Collective Action Problems: Binary Threshold Public Goods Games and Binary Coordination Games in the Laboratory.*
3. Berman, Aaron S.; Rospuskova, Olga. *One-Sided Assignment Problem: An Experimental Study.*

Grants & Awards

The Ronald and Maxine Linde Institute of Economic and Management Sciences Research Grant \$5,000, Caltech, 2025
Economic Science Institute Fellowship, Chapman, 2023-2024
Certificate in Applied Statistical Analysis, Chapman, 2024
Provost's List, Chapman, 2020-2023
Presidential Scholar, Chapman, 2020-2023

Seminar & Conference Presentations

2024: Brown Bag Seminar, Chapman University

Workshops & Conferences Attended

2025: Summer Program in Theory-Based Experiments and Post-School Behavioral/Experimental Workshop, LAX, BEESCUits
2024: The Pareto Conference, Institute for the Study of Religion Economics and Society Graduate Student Workshop, Los Angeles Experiments Workshop (LAX), Behavioral & Experimental Economics Stanford-Caltech-UC Student Conference (BEESCUits), Summer Institute in Theory-Based Experiments

Teaching

Teaching Assistant, Caltech

EC 11 Introduction to Economics, Winter 2026
EC 11 Introduction to Economics, Fall 2025

Teaching Assistant, Chapman

ECON 452 Econometrics, Spring 2024
ECON 315 Economics of Religion, Spring 2023
ECON 200 Principles of Microeconomics, Fall 2023
ECON 425 Economics of Non-Market Behavior, Fall 2023

Misc

Programming: Python, JavaScript, R, Stata

Community: Caltech Accountability Partner's Program (mentorship), Fall 2025; Caltech Orientation Guide 2025, Caltech Experimental Coffee Hour Organizer, 2026