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EDUCATION	Massachusetts Institute of Technology		
	Ph.D. Management Science, Information Technology		2022 - Present
	S.M., Management Research		2024
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	Washington University in St. Louis		
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GRANTS (\$483,325)	Schmidt Sciences AI at Work Award (\$193,325; PI)		2025
	Emergent Ventures Fast Grant (\$50,000; PI)		2025
	MIT GenAI Impact Consortium & OpenAI (\$180,000; Co-PI w/ John Horton)		2025
	Schmidt Sciences Grant Proposal Award (\$10,000; PI)		2025
	Emergent Ventures Fast Grant (\$50,000; PI)		2024
AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS	WISE Best Paper Award		2025
	Harvard Distinction in Student Teaching Award		2025
	Becker Friedman Institute Price Theory Summer Camp		2025
	Kosciuszko Foundation Tuition Scholarship (\$6,500)		2019 & 2022
WORKING PAPERS	General Social Agents		
	(Benjamin S. Manning ¹ & John Horton)		
	<i>Under Review</i>		
	• Media: Marginal Revolution		
	• WISE 2025 Best Paper Award		
	Automated Social Science: Language Models as Scientist and Subjects		
	(Benjamin S. Manning ¹ , Kehang Zhu ¹ , & John Horton)		
	Reject & Resubmit at <i>The Quarterly Journal of Economics</i>		
	• Media: Marginal Revolution		
	Prompt Adaptation as a Dynamic Complement in Generative AI Systems		
	(Eaman Jahani ¹ , Benjamin S. Manning, Joe Zhang, Hong-Yi TuYe, Mohammed Alsobay, Christos Nicolaides, Siddharth Suri, & David Holtz)		
	Revise & Resubmit at <i>Information Systems Research Under Review</i>		
	• Media: Marginal Revolution , MIT Ideas Made to Matter		
	Large Language Models as Simulated Economic Agents: What Can We Learn from Homo Silicus?		
	(John Horton ¹ , Apostolos Filippas ¹ , Benjamin S. Manning ¹)		
	Revise & Resubmit at <i>The Review of Economics and Statistics</i>		
	Extended abstract at <i>ACM Conference on Economics & Computation</i> , 2024		

¹Indicates first author or co-first authors

PEER- REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	<p>National Megastudy Shows that Email Nudges to Elementary School Teachers Boost Student Math Achievement, Particularly When Personalized (Angela Duckworth¹, Katherine Milkman, ... Benjamin S. Manning, ..., & 26 others) <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences</i>, 2025</p> <p>Effect Size Magnification: No Variable is as Important as the One You're Thinking About—While You're Thinking About It (Linnea Gandhi¹, Benjamin S. Manning, & Angela Duckworth) <i>Current Directions in Psychological Science</i>, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media: Under the Cortex
PUBLISHED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS	<p>Strategic Tradeoffs Between Humans and AI in Multi-Agent Bargaining (Crystal Qian¹, Kehang Zhu¹, John Horton, Benjamin S. Manning, Vivian Tsai, James Wexler, & Nithum Thain) <i>ACM Conference on Intelligent User Interfaces (IUI)</i>, 2026</p>
BOOK CHAPTERS	<p>The Coasean Singularity? Demand, Supply, and Market Design with AI Agents (Peyman Shahidi¹, Gili Rusak¹, Benjamin S. Manning¹, Andrey Fradkin¹, & John Horton¹) Forthcoming in <i>The Economics of Transformative AI</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media: Marginal Revolution
IN PROGRESS	<p>AI as Human Preference Proxy: Toward Overcoming the Problem of Elicitation in Mechanism Design (Gili Rusak¹, Benjamin S. Manning¹, & John Horton)</p> <p>A Data-Driven Approach to Designing Better Nudges: A Case Study in Math Education (Marcos Gallo¹, Sean S. Hu¹, Benjamin S. Manning, Angela Duckworth, & Colin Camerer)</p> <p>Recapitulating all of Experimental Economics with AI Agents (Benjamin S. Manning¹ & John Horton¹)</p>
INVITED TALKS ²	<p>2026: Chapman University Brownbag Seminar; AEA Annual Meeting;</p> <p>2025: Workshop on Information Systems and Economics (WISE); Conference on AI, Machine Learning, and Business Analytics; George Mason University Center for Public Choice Seminar³; Dartmouth Economics Seminar; North American Meeting of the Economic Science Association (ESA); Instacart Economics Team Seminar; NYU Workshop on AI and the Future of Collaborative Innovation; KOF ETH Zurich and IZA Workshop: Matching Workers and Jobs Online; Machine Learning in Economics Summer Conference (MLESC25); Academy of Management (AOM) Annual Meeting; International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2); ZEW Conference on the Economics of ICT³; Wharton AI and the Future of Work Conference; AI, Mechanism Design and Human Behavior: Experiments and Theory NBER/CEME Decentralization Conference; Khipu Latin American Meeting in AI; Artificially Intelligent Social Science Workshop (Oxford); AEA Annual Meeting;</p> <p>2024: Workshop on Information Systems and Economics (WISE)³; Conference on AI, Machine Learning, and Business Analytics; NABE Tech Economics Conference; Informs Annual Meeting³; Machine Learning in Science Conference; Econometric Society Interdisciplinary Frontiers Conference on Economics and AI+ML; International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)³; NBER Summer Institute—Digital Economics and AI³; ZEW Conference on the Economics of ICT; International Conference of the French Association of Experimental Economics; Instacart Economics Team Seminar; Statistical Conference in E-Commerce Research (SCECR); Wharton AI and the Future of Work Conference; International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral Social Sciences; MIT IDE Annual Conference; Microsoft Research AI, Cognition, and the Economy Workshop; Measuring Development: AI, the Next Generation at the World Bank;</p>

²Includes scheduled talks

³Co-author presenting joint work.

2023: Interactive Causal Learning Conference; MIT CODE; MIT CSAIL’s FutureTech Seminar; Talking to Machines AI Workshop at Oxford University

TEACHING	<p><i>QSTBA 830</i>: Business Experimentation and Causal Methods, Guest Lecturer for Andrey Fradkin—Boston University, Spring 2025</p> <p><i>BUSN 38802</i>: Managerial Decision Making; TA for Richard Thaler, University of Chicago—Booth London Campus, Fall 2024 (Rating: 4.7/5.0)</p> <p><i>API-101Z</i>: Markets and Failures; TA for Christopher Avery—Harvard University, Spring 2022 (Rating: 4.6/5.0)</p> <p><i>API-101Z</i>: Markets and Failures; TA for Christopher Avery—Harvard University, Fall 2023 (Rating: 4.3/5.0)</p>										
AFFILIATIONS	MIT Initiative on the Digital Economy, Heterodox Academy										
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	<p>Ad-hoc Reviewer: <i>Management Science</i>, <i>Southern Economic Journal</i>, <i>Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)</i>, <i>ACM-Collective Intelligence</i>, <i>International Conference on Information Systems (ICIS)</i>, <i>Sociological Science</i>, <i>International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)</i></p> <p>Program Committees: <i>ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (2026)</i>, <i>Conference on Digital Experimentation (CODE) (2023)</i></p>										
EMPLOYMENT	<table><tr><td>University of Pennsylvania Research Assistant for Angela Duckworth</td><td>2021 - 2022</td></tr><tr><td>University of Chicago Research Assistant for Jon Rogowski</td><td>2020 - 2022</td></tr><tr><td>Dartmouth College Research Assistant for Sydney Finkelstein</td><td>2018 - 2019</td></tr><tr><td>Phetpittayakom School High School Math Teacher in Thailand</td><td>2017 - 2018</td></tr><tr><td>Optiver US LLC Execution Trading Intern</td><td>2016</td></tr></table>	University of Pennsylvania Research Assistant for Angela Duckworth	2021 - 2022	University of Chicago Research Assistant for Jon Rogowski	2020 - 2022	Dartmouth College Research Assistant for Sydney Finkelstein	2018 - 2019	Phetpittayakom School High School Math Teacher in Thailand	2017 - 2018	Optiver US LLC Execution Trading Intern	2016
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