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EDUCATION	Massachusetts Institute of Technology		
	Ph.D. Management Science, Information Technology		2022 - Present
	S.M., Management Research		2024
	Harvard University		
	M.P.P. Economic & Social Policy		2021
	Washington University in St. Louis		
	B.A. Mathematics (College Honors)		2017
REFERENCES	John J. Horton (Chair)	Christopher Norio Avery	
	MIT Sloan School of Management	Harvard Kennedy School	
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	Colin F. Camerer	Siddharth Suri	
	California Institute of Technology	Microsoft Research	
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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 J. Horton)		2025
	Schmidt Sciences Grant Proposal Award (\$10,000; PI)		2025
	Emergent Ventures Fast Grant (\$50,000; PI)		2024
AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS	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 J. Horton)		
	<i>Under Review</i>		
	Automated Social Science: Language Models as Scientist and Subjects		
	(Benjamin S. Manning ¹ , Kehang Zhu ¹ , & John J. Horton)		
	Reject & Resubmit at <i>The Quarterly Journal of Economics</i>		
	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</i>		
	Large Language Models as Simulated Economic Agents: What Can We Learn from Homo Silicus?		
	(John J. 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		
	Strategic Tradeoffs Between Humans and AI in Multi-Agent Bargaining		
	(Crystal Qian ¹ , Kehang Zhu ¹ , John J. Horton, Benjamin S. Manning , Vivian Tsai, James		

¹Indicates first author or co-first authors

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Under Review

PEER-
REVIEWED
PUBLICATIONS

National Megastudy Shows that Email Nudges to Elementary School Teachers Boost Student Math Achievement, Particularly When Personalized
(Angela L. Duckworth¹, Katherine L. Milkman, ... **Benjamin S. Manning**, ..., & 26 others)
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 2025

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)
Current Directions in Psychological Science, 2024

BOOK
CHAPTERS

The Coasean Singularity? Demand, Supply, and Market Design with AI Agents
(Peyman Shahidi¹, Gili Rusak¹, **Benjamin S. Manning**¹, Andrey Fradkin¹, & John J. Horton¹)
Forthcoming in *The Economics of Transformative AI*

IN PROGRESS

AI Agents Can Enable Superior Market Designs
(Gili Rusak¹, **Benjamin S. Manning**¹, & John J. Horton)

A Data-Driven Approach to Designing Better Nudges: A Case Study in Math Education
(Marcos Gallo¹, Sean S. Hu¹, **Benjamin S. Manning**, Angela L. Duckworth, & Colin F. Camerer)

Recapitulating all of Experimental Economics with AI Agents
(**Benjamin S. Manning**¹ & John J. Horton¹)

INVITED
TALKS²

2026: Chapman University Brownbag Seminar; AEA Annual Meeting;

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;

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;

2023: Interactive Causal Learning Conference; MIT CODE; MIT CSAIL's FutureTech Seminar;

²Includes scheduled talks

³Co-author presenting joint work.

Talking to Machines AI Workshop at Oxford University

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