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EDUCATION	Massachusetts Institute of Technology Ph.D. Management Science, Information Technology S.M., Management Research	2022 - Present 2024
	Harvard University M.P.P. Economic & Social Policy	2021
	Washington University in St. Louis B.A. Mathematics (College Honors)	2017
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GRANTS (\$483,325)	Schmidt Sciences AI at Work Award (\$193,325; PI) Emergent Ventures Fast Grant (\$50,000; PI) MIT GenAI Impact Consortium & OpenAI (\$180,000; Co-PI w/ John J. Horton) Schmidt Sciences Grant Proposal Award (\$10,000; PI) Emergent Ventures Fast Grant (\$50,000; PI)	2025 2025 2025 2025 2024
AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS	Harvard Distinction in Student Teaching Award Becker Friedman Institute Price Theory Summer Camp Kosciuszko Foundation Tuition Scholarship (\$6,500)	2025 2025 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

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	<p>Wexler, & Nithum Thain) <i>Under Review</i></p> <p>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) <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>
BOOK CHAPTERS	<p>The Coasean Singularity? Demand, Supply, and Market Design with AI Agents (Peyman Shahidi¹, Gili Rusak¹, Benjamin S. Manning¹, Andrey Fradkin¹, & John J. Horton¹) Forthcoming in <i>The Economics of Transformative AI</i></p>
IN PROGRESS	<p>AI Agents Can Enable Superior Market Designs (Gili Rusak¹, Benjamin S. Manning¹, & John J. Horton)</p> <p>Deriving data-driven nudges for a mega-study to help students learn more math (Marcos Gallo¹, Sean S. Hu¹, Benjamin S. Manning, Angela L. Duckworth, & Colin F. Camerer)</p> <p>Recapitulating all of Experimental Economics with AI Agents (Benjamin S. Manning¹ & John J. Horton¹)</p>
INVITED TALKS²	<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> <p>2023: Interactive Causal Learning Conference; MIT CODE; MIT CSAIL's FutureTech Seminar;</p>

²Includes scheduled talks

³Co-author presenting joint work.

Talking to Machines AI Workshop at Oxford University

TEACHING

QSTBA 830: Business Experimentation and Causal Methods, Guest Lecturer for Andrey Fradkin—Boston University, Spring 2025

BUSN 38802: Managerial Decision Making; TA for Richard Thaler, University of Chicago—Booth London Campus, Fall 2024 (Rating: 4.7/5.0)

API-101Z: Markets and Failures; TA for Christopher Avery—Harvard University, Spring 2022 (Rating: 4.6/5.0)

API-101Z: 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

Management Science, Southern Economic Journal, Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), Conference on Digital Experimentation (CODE), ACM-Collective Intelligence, International Conference on Information Systems (ICIS), Sociological Science, International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)

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

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Execution Trading Intern