# **Drew Johnston**

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## **EDUCATION**

Harvard University

PhD in Economics (in progress)

Cambridge, MA

2019-

Fields: Labor and Political Economy

Columbia University New York, NY

BA in Computer Science and Economics (Double Major) 2013-2017

Tracks: Intelligent Systems

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Facebook, Core Data Science Team

Contractor

Cambridge, MA
2017-2019, 2020-

Harvard University, Department of Economics

Research Assistant, Prof. Gabriel Kreindler

Cambridge, MA
2020

New York University, Stern School of Business

New York, NY

Junior Research Scientist, Profs. Theresa Kuchler & Johannes Stroebel 2017-2019

Yale University, Department of EconomicsNew Haven, CTResearch Assistant, Prof. Costas Arkolakis2016-2017

Columbia University, Department of Economics New York, NY Research Assistant, Prof. Donald Davis & Sun Kyoung Lee 2015

## PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

#### "Social Connectedness in Europe"

(data) (code) (appendix)

Social Informatics 2020

Coauthors: Michael Bailey, Theresa Kuchler, Dominic Russel, Bogdan State, Johannes Stroebel

Press: Facebook Research

#### "Peer Effects in Product Adoption"

Revise & resubmit in American Economic Journal: Applied Economics

Coauthors: Michael Bailey, Theresa Kuchler, Johannes Stroebel, Arlene Wong

Press: VoxEU, LSE Business Review, World Economic Forum

"Social Networks Shape Beliefs and Behavior: Evidence from Social Distancing during the COVID-19 Pandemic" (working paper)

Coauthors: Michael Bailey, Martin Koenen, Theresa Kuchler, Dominic Russel, Johannes Stroebel

Press: NBER Digest

#### INVITED TALKS

Facebook Computational Social Science

2020

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Strong Knowledge:** Python, Cython, SQL/HQL, R, Stata

Intermediate Knowledge: Excel, MATLAB, Java, C

### **OTHER**

Opportunity Insights PhD Affiliate, 2x NCAA Team Fencing Champion