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EDUCATION

University of Toronto Rotman School of Management – Toronto, ON
PhD, Business (Thesis Topics: Strategy, Experimental Economics, Analytics, Behavioral Science)

Harvard College - Cambridge, MA
2014

BA, Economics, cum laude

EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Researcher, University of Toronto Rotman School of Management – Toronto, ON

2016-

- Directed sole-authored research project examining companies' strategic political stances using experimental and predictive analytic techniques
 - o Designed and coded online lab experiment in oTree (Python, Django, Git), deployed on Heroku.
 - Cleaned data (Pandas), analyzed experimental results (Python: NLTK, Matplotlib; STATA),
 establishing that strategic stance-taking is impacted by both commercial incentives to take a stance and the executive's own personal political beliefs and ethical tendencies
 - Scraped tweets from Fortune 100 company accounts, set up relational database, and performed descriptive statistics, natural language processing, predictive analytics, and visualizations (SQLite; Python: Pandas, NLTK, Scikit-learn, Matplotlib), finding that political stance tweets differ markedly in tone, source, and virality than non-stance tweets
- Led interdisciplinary research team in experimental project on how different "cases" made for corporate social initiatives interact with individual beliefs and impact managerial buy-in
 - O Designed survey experiments for online and live managerial panels (Qualtrics)
 - Cleaned and analyzed data from pre-tests and main experiment (R, STATA), finding that moral cases for social initiatives vary in effectiveness based on decision makers' concepts of fairness
- Served as liaison between University of Toronto behavioral science research community and industry partners for industry, policy, and academic research projects
- Served as research lead and project manager for MBA summer consulting projects, advising on data collection/analysis and research translation while ensuring deadlines were met. Published white papers and directed presentations for partners (e.g., Behavioral redesign of Manulife's life insurance application)
- Presented "Behavioral Economics 101" seminars to industry and governmental partners serving on joint innovation councils for Canadian healthcare sector

Course Instructor: Strategic Management, University of Toronto – Toronto, ON

2019-2020

- Fall 2019: Sole instructor for 60-student undergraduate strategy course focused on microeconomic fundamentals of business strategy topics (e.g., pricing, positioning) with discussion of paired case studies

 Course Evaluation: 4.6 / 5.0 (Dept. Average: 4.1)
- Summer 2020: Transitioned overload enrollment (150-student) course online for the first time in light of COVID-19. Created new virtual resources for students (Q&A Google Doc) and teaching team of three TAs (participation and grading scheme). Streamlined existing course content and designed new capstone class focused on machine learning, data-driven decision making, and behavioral biases
 - O Course Evaluation: 4.3 / 5.0 (Dept. Average: 4.1)
- Rotman Award for Excellence in Teaching (Top 10% aggregate performance for 2019-2020 year)

Research Associate Harvard Business School – Boston, MA

2014-2016

- Directed research project finding that on-campus scandals lead to a decrease in applications when highly covered by national media. Hand-collected scandal data, matched to archival panel data, and performed fixed effect and event study analyses (STATA). Published in *Contemporary Economic Policy*
- Co-wrote Harvard Business School case studies on behavioral economic policy and experimental methods (<u>Behavioral Insights Team, Express Scripts</u>) and technology strategy (<u>Launching Yelp Reservations</u>)

Intern White House Council of Economic Advisers – Washington, DC

Summer 2013

Assisted economists on projects relating to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and Keystone XL pipeline

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming: Python (PyCharm, Jupyter), R (RStudio), STATA, Unix

Other Technical: SQL, Git, Qualtrics, oTree, Heroku, Django, Upwork, Prolific, MS Office Suite