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EMPLOYMENT	Yale School of Management	New Haven, CT
	Associate Professor of Marketing	07/2020 - current
	Faculty Fellow, Yale Center for Customer Insights	

Assistant Professor of Marketing 07/2014 - 07/2020

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Harvard Business School Boston, MA
Assistant Professor of Business Administration 07/2010 - 06/2014

Visiting Scholar 07/2014 - 12/2014

EDUCATION Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, PA

Degrees Doctor of Philosophy, Industrial Administration

Master of Science, Industrial Administration

Indian Institute of Technology, Madras Chennai, India

Bachelor of Technology

Publications & Papers in Advanced Review

New Haven, CT 06511 USA

Nonparametric Pricing Bandits Leveraging Informational Externalities to Learn the Demand Curve. Ian Weaver, Vineet Kumar and Lalit Jain, Accepted at *Marketing Science*

Generative Interpretable Visual Design: Using Disentanglement for Visual Conjoint Analysis. Ankit Sisodia, Alex Burnap and Vineet Kumar, Forthcoming at *Journal of Marketing Research*

- Finalist, American Statistics Association Section on Statistics in Marketing Award (2023)
- Winner, INFORMS Society for Marketing Science Dissertation Award (2023)

A Theory-Based Explainable Deep Learning Architecture for Music Emotion. Hortense Fong, Vineet Kumar and K. Sudhir, Forthcoming at *Marketing Science*

- Winner, American Statistics Association Section on Statistics in Marketing Award (2022)
- Winner, Alden Clayton Dissertation Award, Marketing Science Institute (2022)

Can Random Friends Seed More Buzz and Adoption? Leveraging the Friendship Paradox. Vineet Kumar and K. Sudhir, Forthcoming at *Management Science*

Demand Estimation for Subscriptions: Identifying Willingness to Pay without Price Variation. Cheng Chou and Vineet Kumar. *Marketing Science*. (2024) 43(4) 797–816

On the Friendship Paradox and Inversity: A Network Property with Applications to Privacy-sensitive Network Interventions. Vineet Kumar, David Krackhardt and Scott Feld, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. (2024), 121 (30) e2306412121

Health Care Workers' Reluctance to Take the Covid-19 Vaccine: A Consumer-Marketing Approach to Identifying and Overcoming Hesitancy. Brita Roy, Vineet Kumar and Arjun Venkatesh, New England Journal of Medicine Catalyst. (2020), 1 (6)

Designing Pricing Strategy for Operational and Technological Change. Vineet Kumar and Yacheng Sun, *Management Science*. (2020), 66 (6) 2291-2799

Estimating Dynamic Discrete Choice Models with Aggregate Data: Properties of the Inclusive Value Approximation. Tim Derdenger and Vineet Kumar. **Lead Article**, *Quantitative Marketing and Economics*. (2019), 17 (4), 359-384

Linear Estimation of Aggregate Dynamic Discrete Demand for Durable Goods without the Curse of Dimensionality. Cheng Chou, Tim Derdenger and Vineet Kumar. *Marketing Science*. (2019), 38(5), 888-909

Match Your Own Price? Self-Matching as a Multichannel Retailer's Pricing Strategy. Pavel Kireyev, Vineet Kumar and Elie Ofek. *Marketing Science*. (2017), 36 (6), 908-930

"Predicting Customer Value using Clumpiness" – Commentary. Vineet Kumar and Kannan Srinivasan. Marketing Science. (2015), 34 (2), 209-217

Structural Models of Complementary Choices. Steve Berry, Ahmed Khwaja, Vineet Kumar, Andres Musalem, Ken Wilbur, Greg Allenby, Bharat Anand, Pradeep Chintagunta, Michael Hanemann, Przemek Jeziorski and Angelo Mele. *Marketing Letters*. (2014), 25 (1), 245–256

Making "Freemium" Work. Vineet Kumar. Harvard Business Review. (2014), 92 (5), 27-29

The Dynamic Effects of Bundling as a Product Strategy. Tim Derdenger and Vineet Kumar. Lead Article, Marketing Science (2013), 32 (6), 827-859

Competitive Product Strategy for Open Source Software. Vineet Kumar, Brett Gordon and Kannan Srinivasan. *Marketing Science*. (2011), 30 (6), 1066-1078

Structured Superpeers: Leveraging Heterogeneity to Provide Constant-time Lookup. Alper Mizrak, Yucheng Cheng, Vineet Kumar and Stefan Savage. *IEEE Workshop on Internet Applications*, 2003

WORKING PAPERS

Spatial Distribution of Access to Service: Theory and Evidence from Ridesharing. Soheil Ghili, Vineet Kumar and Fei Teng, under 4th round review at *Management Science*

- Proceedings of the 21st ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (2020)

Designing Freemium: Strategic Balancing of Growth and Monetization. Clarence Lee, Vineet Kumar and Sunil Gupta, Major Revision at *Marketing Science*

- Winner, INFORMS Society for Marketing Science Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Award
- Winner, Alden Clayton Award, Marketing Science Institute

Unveiling the Impact of Within-Content Engagement Information: Evidence from a Natural Experiment on YouTube. Keyan Zhu and Vineet Kumar, Major Revision at *Marketing Science* Monetizing Serialized Content through Temporal Versioning. Peter Lee, Vineet Kumar and K. Sudhir

Fairness for AUC via Feature Augmentation, with Hortense Fong, Anay Mehrotra and Nisheeth Vishnoi

- Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency - FAccT (2022)

Works in Progress

Market Structure Mapping with Visual Characteristics. Ankit Sisodia, Vineet Kumar and Alex Burnap

Intertemporal Price Discrimination for Serialized Products. Peter Lee, Vineet Kumar and K. Sudhir

Designing Freemium and Free Trials for Digital Platforms: Insights from a Field Experiment. Ian Weaver, Vineet Kumar and Sreelata Jonnalagedda

Targeting Digital Ads based on Emotion. Hortense Fong, Vineet Kumar and Ravi Dhar

Dynamics of Product Line Sequencing, with Tim Derdenger

Cases

Mastercard: Marketing Transformation for a New World. Jean Rosenthal, Ravi Dhar, Vineet Kumar and Amy Wrzesniewski and Jaan Elias, Yale SOM Raw Case 18-013 (2018)

The New York Times Paywall. Vineet Kumar, Bharat Anand, Sunil Gupta, and Felix Oberholzer-Gee (HBP Case 512-077)

- Case Center Award for "Best Case in Marketing" (2016)
- Harvard Business Publishing Most Popular
- Harvard Business Publishing Premier Case Collection
- Translated into Portugese and Chinese

The New York Times Paywall Teaching Note, with Sunil Gupta (HBP Teaching Note 512-099) Healthymagination at GE Healthcare Systems. Vineet Kumar and V. Kasturi Rangan (HBP

Case 512-039)

- Harvard Business Publishing Most Popular

Healthymagination at GE Healthcare Systems, (HBP Teaching Note 512-105)

Adademic Service

Senior Editor, Production and Operations Management, 2024-

Editorial Board, Marketing Science, 2014-2021

Referee at Marketing Science, Management Science, Journal of Marketing Research, Operations Research, RAND Journal of Economics, Journal of Economics and Management Strategy, Information Systems Research, Journal of Marketing, International Journal of Research in Marketing, Production and Operations Management

Reviewer for MSI Dissertation Award (multiple years)

Review Committee, Yale Customer Insights Conference, New Haven, CT (multiple years)

Co-chair for Digital Marketing Track at AMA's Winter Marketing Educators' Conference, Orlando, FL (02/2014)

Conference Advisory Committee, Interdisciplinary Conference on Marketing, Strategy, and Information Systems, Shanghai, China (08/2013)

Co-chair for Invited Session on Complementary Choices at *Ninth Invitational Choice Symposium*, Erasmus School of Economics, Noordwijk, The Netherlands (06/2013)

Awards & Honors

Marketing Science Service Award (2021)

MSI Young Scholar Award (2021)

Management Science Meritorious Service Award (2018)

Management Science Meritorious Service Award (2016)

Case Center Award for Best Case in Marketing (2016)

William W. Cooper Doctoral Dissertation Award, CMU

Gérard Cornuéjols Fellowship, CMU

Cylab Fellowship, CMU

William Larimer Mellon Fellowship, CMU

Certificate of Merit, Indian Institute of Technology

Invited

Presentations

University of California, Berkeley, Fall 2025 (scheduled)

Boston College Distinguished Scholar Series, Spring 2025 (scheduled)

Northeastern University, 11/2024

Santa Clara University, 03/2024

Stanford University, 03/2024

Dartmouth College, 01/2024

AIM-AMA Sheth Foundation Doctoral Consortium (2023)

University of Minnesota, 11/2023

Indian Institute of Management – Bangalore, 08/2023

Indian School of Business, 08/2023

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, 05/2023

University of Texas, Dallas, 04/2023

Yale School of Management Faculty Seminar, 04/2023

Carnegie Mellon University, 03/2023

University of Texas, Austin, 04/2021

Washington University at St. Louis, 01/2020

Yale University Quantitative Marketing Talk, 09/2019

Washington University at St. Louis, 09/2019

University of Chicago, Vithala R. Rao Celebratory Symposium, 08/2019

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 04/2019

University of California, San Diego, 04/2019

University of Toronto, 02/2019

Yale Computational Social Science Seminar, 10/2017

University of Texas, Austin, IROM Seminar Series, 10/2017

Duke University, 04/2017

Columbia University, 03/2017

Emory University, 03/2017

Yale SOM Internal Faculty Seminar, 04/2016

Yale Institute of Network Science, 12/2015

Yale SOM Faculty Seminar Series, 04/2015

Cornell University, 12/2014

University of Connecticut, 11/2014

Yale Center for Customer Insights, Board Meeting, 10/2014

University of Chicago, 03/2014

Stanford University, 02/2011

Emory University, 09/2009

Georgia Institute of Technology, 09/2009

University of Rochester, 09/2009

McGill University, 09/2009

University of Southern California, 09/2009

Temple University, 09/2009

Ohio State University, 09/2009

Yale University, 09/2009

New York University, 09/2009

Columbia University, 09/2009

University of California, Berkeley, 10/2009

Harvard University, 11/2009

Northwestern University, 09/2009

Dartmouth College, 10/2009

Washington University, 10/2009

Texas A&M University, 09/2009

Purdue University, 11/2009

INVITED DISCUSSANT

UT Dallas FORMS Conference, University to Texas, Dallas, 03/2023

Virtual Quantitative Marketing Seminar, 11/2022 (panelist)

Summer Institute in Competitive Strategy, University of California, Berkeley, 08/2021

Summer Institute in Competitive Strategy, University of California, Berkeley, 06/2019

Summer Institute in Competitive Strategy, University of California, Berkeley, 06/2017

UT Dallas FORMS Conference, University to Texas, Dallas, 03/2017

Quantitative Marketing and Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 09/2015

Quantitative Marketing and Economics, University of Southern California, 09/2014

Summer Institute in Competitive Strategy, University of California, Berkeley, 07/2014

Yale China India Conference, New York, 09/2013

UT Dallas FORMS Conference, University to Texas, Dallas, 02/2013

Yale China India Conference, Yale University, 08/2012

Quantitative Marketing and Economics, University of Rochester, 09/2011

Summer Institute in Competitive Strategy, University of California, Berkeley, 07/2011

Marketing and Industrial Organization, Yale University, 04/2011

SELECTED
CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

Marketing Science Conference (regular, almost every year)

Northeast Marketing Conference, 09/2023

Marketing Dynamics Conference, 09/2023

Summer Institute in Competitive Strategy, 06/2023

Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Digital Analytics Conference – Invited Keynote, 12/2022

UT Dallas FORMS Conference, 03/2019

Marketing Dynamics Conference, 07/2018

Four School Conference (NYU, Wharton, Columbia and Yale), 04/2017

Business Analytics Meeting, 12/2017

Marketing and Industrial Organization Conference, 04/2015

Marketing Dynamics Conference, 07/2016

Business Analytics Conference, Miami, FL, 11/2013

Ninth Invitational Choice Symposium, Noordwijk, The Netherlands, 06/2013

Sunbelt – Social Networks Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis, Newport Beach, CA, 04/2016

International Symposium on Social Communication – Invited Plenary, University of Chile, Santiago, Chile, 07/2012

8th Invitational Choice Symposium, Key Largo, FL, 05/2010

Teaching

Yale School of Management, Yale University

PhD: Seminar in Marketing (2015-current, taught by all faculty in quantitative marketing)

MBA Elective: Artificial Intelligence: Strategy + Marketing (2022-)

MBA Elective: Digital Strategy (2015-current)

- Taught to MBA, Executive MBA and Master of Management Studies (Global Business and Society)

PhD: Empirical Models of Networks (2016)

MBA Core: Customer (2015-2016)

Executive Education:

- Technology & Strategy, Executive MBA Students from Fudan University (2015)
- BearingPoint Senior Managers Program (2015)

Harvard Business School, Harvard University

MBA: Marketing (Required Curriculum, Fall 2010 - Fall 2013)

Executive Education:

- Marketing for Law Firms, Harvard Law School (2014, 2013)
- Strategic Marketing Management (2013)
- Business Marketing Strategies (2013)
- Digital and Social Strategies (2013)
- Taking Marketing Digital (2012)

Doctoral: Marketing Models (Required Curriculum, Spring 2013)

Tepper School of Business, Carnegie Mellon University Instructor: Marketing I (Undergraduate Core, Summer 2009)

STUDENT ADVISING

Current: Peter Lee, Keyan Zhu

2023: Ankit Sisodia (PhD Candidate, Yale School of Management), Co-Chair of Dissertation Committee (Initial Placement: Purdue University)

- Winner, INFORMS Society for Marketing Science Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Award (2023)
- Finalist, American Statistical Association Section on Statistics in Marketing Award (2023)

2023: Ian Weaver (PhD Candidate, Yale School of Management), Chair of Dissertation Committee (Initial Placement: National University of Singapore)

2022: Hortense Fong (PhD Candidate, Yale School of Management), Co-Chair of Dissertation Committee (Initial Placement: Columbia University)

- Winner, American Statistical Association Section on Statistics in Marketing Award (2023)
- Winner, Alden Clayton Dissertation Award, Marketing Science Institute (2022)

2021: Minkyu Shin (PhD Candidate, Yale School of Management), Dissertation Committee (Initial Placement: City University of Hong Kong)

2018: Minkyung Kim (PhD Candidate, Yale School of Management), Dissertation Committee (Initial Placement: University of North Carolina)

2017: Navid Mojir (PhD Candidate, Yale School of Management), Dissertation Committee (Initial Placement: Harvard Business School)

2015: Samuel Shleifer (Yale Economics Undergraduate), Senior Essay Advisor

- Winner, Ellington Prize for Best Senior Essay in Finance

2014: Clarence Lee (Doctoral Candidate, HBS), Co-Chair of Dissertation Committee (Initial Placement: Cornell University)

- Winner, INFORMS Society for Marketing Science Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Award (2013)
- Winner, Alden Clayton Award, Marketing Science Institute (2013)

2013: Pavel Kireyev (Doctoral Candidate, HBS), Field Exam Committee

2012: Lingling Zhang (Doctoral Candidate, HBS), Field Exam Committee

Media Mentions

Wall Street Journal, "Social Media Platforms Are Asking Users for Money. They Probably Don't Mean You," by Laura Forman March 24, 2023

Yale Insights, Three Questions: Prof. Vineet Kumar on Facebook's Move into Cryptocurrency, June 2019

NPR Marketplace, App sales plateau in the age of 'freemium', by Tim Fitzsimons, Feb 6, 2015

Forbes, For 'Freemium' Companies, What Are Non-Paying Consumers' Real Value, by Ava Seave, August 28, 2014

Forbes, New Research Helps Find The Perfect Strategy For 'Freemium' Business Models, by Ava Seave, August 27, 2014

Forbes, "Product Bundling is a Smart Strategy – But There's a Catch", by Dina Gerdeman , January $18,\,2013$

International Business Times, "Something For Nothing: How The Videogame Industry Is Adapting To A 'Freemium' World' by Yannick LeJacq, September 15, 2012

Wall Street Journal, "When Freemium Fails", by Sarah Needleman and Angus Loten August 22, 2012

Science Daily, "Benefits of the Open Source Software Market Identified", Aug 16, 2011

Institutional Service $Faculty\ Recruiting\ Committee,\ Yale\ School\ of\ Management,\ 2014-current\ (many\ years)$

PhD Recruiting Committee, Yale School of Management, 2014-current (many years)

 $Faculty\ Recruiting\ Committee,\ Harvard\ Business\ School,\ 2010-2013$

Doctoral Recruiting Committee, Harvard Business School, 2010-2013

Professional Affiliations Member: American Marketing Association, INFORMS, American Economic Association

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