

# Daniel J. Benjamin

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## **Professional Experience:**

Professor, Anderson School of Management and David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA, 2020-present  
Professor (courtesy), Department of Public Policy, Luskin School of Public Affairs, UCLA, 2022-present  
Professor (Research) of Economics, CESR, USC, 2019-2020  
Associate Professor (Research) of Economics, CESR, USC, 2015-2019  
Visiting Associate Professor (Research) of Economics, CESR, USC, 2014-2015  
Associate Professor (with tenure), Economics Department, Cornell University, 2013-2015  
Assistant Professor, Economics Department, Cornell University, 2007-2013  
Visiting Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), 2011-2012  
Research Associate, NBER, 2013-present  
Faculty Research Fellow, NBER, 2009-2013  
Research Fellow, Research Center for Group Dynamics, Institute for Social Research, 2006-2017  
Research Fellow, Population Studies Center, Institute for Social Research, 2006-2007

## **Graduate Studies:**

Ph.D., Economics, Harvard University, 2006  
M.Sc., Mathematical Economics, London School of Economics, 2000  
A.M., Statistics, Harvard University, 1999

## **Undergraduate Studies:**

A.B., Economics, Harvard University, *summa cum laude*, prize for best economics student, 1999

## **Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:**

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| 2013      | Norwegian School of Economics Sandmo Junior Fellowship (prize for a “promising young economist”) |
| 2012-2013 | Cornell’s Institute for Social Science (ISS) Faculty Fellowship                                  |
| 2009-2012 | ISS Theme Project Member: Judgment, Decision Making, and Social Behavior                         |
| 2011-2012 | NBER Visiting Fellowship in Health and Aging                                                     |
| 2005-2006 | NBER Pre-Doctoral Fellowship in Health and Aging                                                 |
| 2005-2006 | Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science Fellowship                                     |
| 2005-2006 | Harvard Center for Justice, Welfare, and Economics Dissertation Fellowship                       |
| 2005-2006 | Institute for Humane Studies Dissertation Fellowship                                             |
| 2005-2006 | Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Fellowship (Honorary)                  |
| 2004-2005 | Harvard Economics Department Chiles Foundation (Merit) Fellowship                                |
| 2001-2004 | Harvard University Merit Fellowship                                                              |
| 2001-2004 | National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship                                         |
| 1999-2001 | British Marshall Scholarship                                                                     |

## **Courses Taught:**

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| 2024-present | “Intro to Econometrics” (Ph.D., UCLA Anderson School of Management)                                                                     |
| 2024-present | “Advanced Human Genetics A: Genetics and Genomics Aspects” (Ph.D., UCLA)                                                                |
| 2022-present | “Precision Healthcare” (M.B.A., UCLA Anderson School of Management)                                                                     |
| 2020-present | “Advanced Human Genetics B: Genetics and Genomics Aspects” (Ph.D., UCLA)                                                                |
| 2020-present | Guest lecturer: “Behavioral Decision Making Proseminar” (Ph.D., UCLA Anderson School of Management)                                     |
| 2022         | Guest lecturer: “Behavioral Economics” (Ph.D., UCLA Anderson School of Management)                                                      |
| 2021         | Guest lecturer: “Behavioral Economics and Current Events” (community learning, Santa Monica College Emeritus Program)                   |
| 2021         | Guest lecturer: “Errors in Statistical Reasoning” (graduate, CUSO Behavioral and Experimental Economics Graduate School)                |
| 2020-2021    | Guest lecturer: “Behavior Genetics” (undergraduate, USC)                                                                                |
| 2016-2021    | Co-organizer: “RSF Summer Institute in Social-Science Genomics” (graduate)                                                              |
| 2017-2020    | Instructor: “Research Transparency and Reproducibility Training” (graduate, Berkeley Institute for Transparency in the Social Sciences) |
| 2019         | Mini-course: “Genoeconomics” (graduate, Aarhus University)                                                                              |
| 2019         | Guest lecturer: “Behavioral Economics” (graduate, Harvard)                                                                              |
| 2019         | Guest lecturer: “Cognitive Foundations of Financial Decision Making” (graduate, USC Marshall)                                           |
| 2019         | Guest lecturer: “Experimental Methods” (graduate, University of Michigan)                                                               |
| 2018         | Master class: “Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences” (graduate, Understanding Society, London, UK)                              |
| 2017         | Mini-course: “Introduction to Genoeconomics” (graduate, Hebrew University)                                                              |
| 2016         | Guest lecturer: “Cost-Benefit Analysis” (graduate, Claremont Graduate University)                                                       |
| 2015         | Guest lecturer: “Genoeconomics” (graduate, Tinbergen Institute)                                                                         |
| 2010-2013    | Economics 7585, “Behavioral Economics II” (graduate, Cornell University)                                                                |
| 2008-2013    | Economics 3010, “Accelerated Microeconomics” (undergraduate, Cornell University)                                                        |
| 2009         | Economics 7850, “3 <sup>rd</sup> -Year Research Seminar” (graduate, Cornell University)                                                 |

#### Graduate Training Workshop Organizer:

Co-Organizer, Russell Sage Foundation Summer Institute in Social-Science Genomics

June 2021 (Stowe, VT)

June 2019 (Santa Barbara, CA)

June 2017 (Santa Barbara, CA)

June 2016 (New Brunswick, NJ)

#### Other Graduate Training Programs:

2019: UCLA Computational Genetics Summer Institute

2013-2020: RAND Summer Institute

#### **Publications:**

Heck, Patrick Ryan, Daniel J. Benjamin, Christopher F. Chabris, and Daniel J. Simons (2025).

“Overconfidence persists despite years of accurate, precise, public, and continuous feedback: Two studies of tournament chess players.” *Psychological Science*, 36(9), 732-745. Published online August 13.

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- Kweon, Hyeokmoon, ..., Daniel J. Benjamin, and Philipp D. Koellinger (2025). “Associations between common genetic variants and income provide insights about the socio-economic health gradient.” *Nature Human Behaviour*. Published online January 28.
- Chang, Andrea, Sarah D. Huang, Daniel J. Benjamin, Johanna L. Schmidt, Christina G. S. Palmer, and Nanibaa' A. Garrison (2025). “Exploring the role of digital tools in rare disease management: An interview-based study.” *Journal of Genetic Counseling*, 34, e1908.
- Sidorenko, Julia, ..., and Loïc Yengo (2024). “Genetic Architecture Reconciles Linkage and Association Studies of Complex Traits.” *Nature Genetics*, 56, 2352–2360.
- Benjamin, Daniel J., Kristen B. Cooper, Ori Heffetz, and Miles S. Kimball (2024). “From Happiness Data to Economic Conclusions.” *Annual Reviews of Economics*, 16, 359–391.
- Benjamin, Daniel J., Ori Heffetz, and Michael M. Weinstein (2023). “The ESG Issues That Matter Most to People.” *Harvard Business Review*. Published online July 18.
- Benjamin, Daniel J., Jakina Debnam Guzman, Marc Fleurbaey, Ori Heffetz, and Miles S. Kimball (2023). “What Do Happiness Data Mean? Theory and Survey Evidence.” *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 21(6), 2377–2412. Published online, May 26.
- Meyer, Michelle N., Paul S. Appelbaum, Daniel J. Benjamin, Shawneequa L. Callier, Nathaniel Comfort, Dalton Conley, Jeremy Freese, Nanibaa' A. Garrison, Evelyn M. Hammonds, K. Paige Harden, Sandra Soo-Jin Lee, Alicia R. Martin, Daphne Oluwaseun Martschenko, Benjamin M. Neale, Rohan H. C. Palmer, James Tabery, Eric Turkheimer, Patrick Turley, and Erik Parens (2023). “Wrestling with Social and Behavioral Genomics: Risks, Potential Benefits, and Ethical Responsibility.” *The Hastings Center Report*, 53(S1), S2–S49. Published online April 20, 2023. [Not peer-reviewed]
- Meyer, Michelle N., Tammy Tan, Daniel J. Benjamin, David Laibson, and Patrick Turley (2023). “Public views on polygenic screening of embryos.” *Science*, 379(6632), 541–543. Published online February 9, 2023.
- Young, Alexander I., Seyed Moeen Nehzati, Chanwook Lee, Stefania Benonisidottir, David Cesarini, Daniel J. Benjamin, Patrick Turley, and Augustine Kong (2022). “Mendelian Imputation of Parental Genotypes for Genome-Wide Estimation of Direct and Indirect Genetic Effects.” *Nature Genetics*. Published online June 9, 2022.
- Howe, Laurence J., Michel G. Nivard, Tim T. Morris, ..., Philipp D. Koellinger, Jaakko Kaprio, Sarah E. Medland, Robin G. Walters, Daniel J. Benjamin, Patrick Turley, David M. Evans, George Davey Smith, Caroline Hayward, Ben Brumpton, Gibran Hemani, and Neil M. Davies (2022). “Within-sibship genome-wide association analyses decrease bias in estimates of direct genetic effects.” *Nature Genetics*. Published online May 9, 2022.
- Okbay, Aysu, Yeda Wu, Nancy Wang, Hariharan Jayashankar, Michael Bennett, Seyed Moeen Nehzati, Julia Sidorenko, Hyeokmoon Kweon, ..., Augustine Kong, Loic Yengo, David Cesarini, Patrick Turley, Peter M. Visscher, Jonathan P. Beauchamp, Daniel J. Benjamin, and Alexander Young (2022). “Polygenic prediction of educational attainment within and between families from genome-wide association analyses in 3 million individuals.” *Nature Genetics*, 54, 437–449. Published online March 31, 2022.
- Aczel, Balazs, Barnabas Szasz, Gustav Nilsson, Olmo Van den Akker, Casper J. Albers, Marcel A. L. M. van Assen, Jojanneke A. Bastiaansen, et al. (2021). “Consensus-based guidance for conducting and reporting multi-analyst studies.” *eLife*, 10, e72185.

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- Becker, Joel, Casper A.P. Burik, Grant Goldman, Nancy Wang, Hariharan Jayashankar, Michael Bennett, Daniel W. Belsky, Richard Karlsson Linnér, ..., Alexander Young, Jonathan P. Beauchamp, Philipp D. Koellinger, Sven Oskarsson, Magnus Johannesson, Peter M. Visscher, Michelle N. Meyer, David Laibson, David Cesarini, Daniel J. Benjamin, Patrick Turley, Aysu Okbay (2021). “Resource Profile and User Guide of the Polygenic Index Repository.” *Nature Human Behaviour*. Published online June 17.
- Meddens, S. Fleur W., Ronald de Vlaming, Peter Bowers, Casper A.P. Burik, Richard K. Linnér, Chanwook Lee, Aysu Okbay, Patrick Turley, ..., Daniel J. Benjamin, Carson C. Chow, Philipp D. Koellinger (2020). “Genomic analysis of diet composition finds novel loci and associations with health and lifestyle.” *Molecular Psychiatry*. Published online May 11.
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- Beauchamp, Jonathan P., Daniel J. Benjamin, Christopher F. Chabris, and David I. Laibson (2020). “Measuring and Controlling for the Compromise Effect When Estimating Risk Preference Parameters.” *Experimental Economics*, 23(4), 1069–1099.
- Benjamin, Daniel J., Kristen Cooper, Ori Heffetz, and Miles S. Kimball (2020). “Self-reported wellbeing indicators are a valuable complement to traditional economic indicators but aren’t yet ready to compete with them.” *Behavioural Public Policy*, 4(2), 198–209. Special issue “On Happiness Being the Goal of Government.”
- Aczel, Balazs, Barnabas Szaszi, Alexandra Sarafoglou, Zoltan Kekecs, Šimon Kucharský, Daniel J. Benjamin, ..., Eric-Jan Wagenmakers (2020). “A consensus-based transparency checklist.” *Nature Human Behaviour*, 4, 4–6.
- Benjamin, Daniel J., Kristen Cooper, Ori Heffetz, and Miles S. Kimball (2019). “A Well-Being Snapshot in a Changing World.” *American Economic Review (Papers and Proceedings)*, 109: 344–49.
- Benjamin, Daniel J., and James O. Berger (2019). “Three Recommendations for Improving the Use of  $p$ -Values.” *The American Statistician*, 73:sup1, 186–191. Special issue on “Statistical Inference in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A World Beyond  $p < 0.05$ .”
- Benjamin, Daniel J. (2019). “Errors in Probabilistic Reasoning and Judgmental Biases.” Chapter for the *Handbook of Behavioral Economics* (edited by Doug Bernheim, Stefano Della Vigna, and David Laibson). Elsevier Press.
- Chabris, Christopher F., Patrick R. Heck, Jaclyn Mandart, Daniel J. Benjamin, and Daniel J. Simons (2018). “No Evidence that Experiencing Physical Warmth Promotes Interpersonal Warmth.” *Social Psychology*. Published online December 10.
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- Turley, Patrick, Raymond K. Walters, Omeed Maghzian, Aysu Okbay, James J. Lee, Mark Alan Fontana, Tuan Anh Nguyen-Viet, Nicholas A. Furlotte, 23andMe Research Team, Social Science Genetic Association Consortium, Patrik Magnusson, Sven Oskarsson, Magnus Johannesson, Peter M. Visscher, David Laibson, David Cesarini, Benjamin Neale, and Daniel J. Benjamin (2018). “Multi-trait analysis of genome-wide association summary statistics using MTAG.” *Nature Genetics*, 50, 229–237.
- Benjamin, Daniel J., James O. Berger, Magnus Johannesson, Brian Nosek, Eric-Jan Wagenmakers, ..., Valen Johnson (2018). “Redefine Statistical Significance.” *Nature Human Behaviour*, 2(1): 6-10.
- Linnér, Richard K., Riccardo E. Marioni, Cornelius A. Rietveld, ..., George Davey Smith, Ian J. Deary, Philipp D. Koellinger, Daniel J. Benjamin (2017). “An epigenome-wide association study meta-analysis of educational attainment.” *Molecular Psychiatry*, 22: 1680-1690. Published online October 31.
- Benjamin, Daniel J., Kristen Cooper, Ori Heffetz, and Miles S. Kimball (2017). “Challenges in Constructing a Survey-Based Well-Being Index.” *American Economic Review (Papers and Proceedings)*, 107(5): 81–85.
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- Barban, Nicola, Rick Jansen, Ronald de Vlaming, Ahmad Vaez, Jornt Mandemakers, Felix C. Tropf, Xia Shen, James F. Wilson, ..., James J. Lee, Daniel J. Benjamin, David Cesarini, Philipp D. Koellinger, Marcel den Hoed, Harold Snieder, and Melinda C. Mills (2016). “Genome-wide analysis identifies 12 loci influencing human reproductive behavior.” *Nature Genetics*, 48, 1462–1472.
- Marioni, Riccardo E, Stuart J. Ritchie, Peter K. Joshi, Saskia P. Hagenaars, Aysu Okbay, Krista Fischer, Mark J. Adams, W. David Hill, Gail Davies, Social Science Genetic Association Consortium, Reka Nagy, Carmen Amador, Kristi Läll, Andres Metspalu, David C. Liewald, Archie Campbell, James F. Wilson, Caroline Hayward, Tõnu Esko, David J. Porteous, Catharine R. Gale, and Ian J. Deary (2016). “Genetic variants linked to education predict longevity.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*, 113(47), 13366–13371.
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- Okbay, Aysu, Bart M.L. Baselmans, Jan-Emmanuel De Neve, Patrick Turley, Michel G. Nivard, Mark Alan Fontana, S. Fleur W. Meddens, Richard Karlsson Linnér, Cornelius A. Rietveld, Jaime Derringer, Jacob Gratten, James J. Lee, Jimmy Z. Liu, Ronald de Vlaming, ..., Jian Yang, Dalton C. Conley, George Davey Smith, Albert Hofman, Magnus Johannesson, David I. Laibson, Sarah E. Medland, Michelle N. Meyer, Joseph K. Pickrell, Tõnu Esko, Robert F. Krueger, Jonathan P. Beauchamp, Philipp D. Koellinger, Daniel J. Benjamin, Meike Bartels, and David Cesarini (2016). “Genetic variants associated

with subjective well-being, depressive symptoms and neuroticism identified through genome-wide analyses.” *Nature Genetics*, 48, 624–633.

Okbay, Aysu, Jonathan P. Beauchamp, Mark A. Fontana, James J. Lee, Tune H. Pers, Cornelius A. Rietveld, Patrick Turley, Guo-Bo Chen, Valur Emilsson, S. Fleur W. Meddens, Sven Oskarsson, Joseph K. Pickrell, Kevin Thom, Pascal Timshel, Ronald de Vlaming, ..., Jian Yang, Magnus Johannesson, Peter M. Visscher, Tõnu Esko, Philipp D. Koellinger, David Cesarini, and Daniel J. Benjamin (2016). “Genome-wide association study identifies 74 loci associated with educational attainment.” *Nature*, 533, 539–542.

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Power, Robert A., Stacy Steinberg, Gyda Bjornsdottir, ..., Kari Stefansson (2015). “Polygenic risk scores for schizophrenia and bipolar disorder predict creativity.” *Nature Neuroscience*, 18, 953–955.

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- Rietveld, Cornelius A., Tõnu Esko, Gail Davies, Tune H. Pers, Patrick A. Turley, Beben Benyamin, Christopher F. Chabris, Valur Emilsson, Andrew D. Johnson, James J. Lee, Christiaan de Leeuw, Riccardo E. Marioni, Sarah E. Medland, Michael B. Miller, Olga Rostapshova, Sven J. Van der Lee, Anna A.E. Vinkhuyzen, Najaf Amin, Dalton Conley, Jaime Derringer, Cornelia M. van Duijn, Rudolf Fehrmann, Lude Franke, Edward L. Glaeser, Narelle K. Hansell, Caroline Hayward, William G. Iacono, Carla A. Ibrahim-Verbaas, Vincent Jaddoe, Juha Karjalainen, David Laibson, Paul Lichtenstein, David C. Liewald, Patrik K.E. Magnusson, Nicholas G. Martin, Matt McGue, George McMahon, Nancy L. Pedersen, Steven Pinker, David J. Porteous, Danielle Posthuma, Fernando Rivadeneira, Blair H. Smith, John M. Starr, Henning Tiemeier, Nicholas J. Timpson, Maciej Trzaskowski, André G. Uitterlinden, Frank C. Verhulst, Mary E. Ward, Margaret J. Wright, George Davey Smith, Ian J. Deary, Magnus Johannesson, Robert Plomin, Peter M. Visscher, Daniel J. Benjamin, David Cesarini, and Philipp D. Koellinger (2014). “Common Genetic Variants Associated with Cognitive Performance Identified Using Proxy-Phenotype Method.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 111(38), 13790–4. Published online September 8.
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### **Research Papers in Progress:**

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Benjamin, Daniel J., Gabriel Carroll, Ori Heffetz, and Miles S. Kimball (2014). “Aggregating Local Preferences To Guide Policy.” University of Southern California and Cornell University mimeo, October.

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Benjamin, Daniel J., Ori Heffetz, and Michael M. Weinstein (2023). “The ESG Issues That Matter Most to People.” *Harvard Business Review*. Published online July 18.

Benjamin, Daniel J., Kristen Cooper, Ori Heffetz, and Miles S. Kimball (2021). “Measuring the Essence of a Good Life.” *Finance & Development* (International Monetary Fund), Winter.

Benjamin, Daniel J. (2010). “White Paper for NSF Workshop on Genes, Cognition, and Social Behavior.” Presented 28 June 2010.

Benjamin, Daniel J., and Laibson, David I. (2003). “Good Policies for Bad Governments: Behavioral Political Economy.” Presented at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston’s Conference on How Humans Behave: Implications for Economics and Economic Policy, Cape Cod, 10 June 2003.

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### **Book Reviews:**

Review of *Free Market Madness: Why Human Nature Is at Odds with Economics---And Why It Matters* by Peter A. Ubel (2009). *Journal of Economic Literature*, 67, 29–31.

### **Research Grants:**

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| 2021      | Russell Sage Foundation, “Summer Institute in Social-Science Genomics” (PI)                                                                                                                         |
| 2019-2024 | National Institutes on Aging / National Institutes of Health, R24 Resource-Related Research Project, “Infrastructure and Core Activities of the Social Science Genetic Association Consortium” (PI) |
| 2019-2025 | Open Philanthropy, “Social Science Genetic Association Consortium” (PI)                                                                                                                             |
| 2019      | Russell Sage Foundation, “Summer Institute in Social-Science Genomics” (PI)                                                                                                                         |
| 2018-2019 | National Institutes on Aging / National Institutes of Health, R56 High Priority Award, “Genome-Wide Analyses of Health and Well-Being Phenotypes” (PI)                                              |
| 2016-2019 | Open Philanthropy Project, “Social Science Genetic Association Consortium” (PI)                                                                                                                     |
| 2017-2018 | National Institutes on Aging / National Institutes of Health, R01 Supplement, “Analysis of Genome-Wide Data in the Health and Retirement Study” (PI)                                                |
| 2016-2017 | National Institutes on Aging / National Institutes of Health, R01 Supplement, “Analysis of Genome-Wide Data in the Health and Retirement Study” (PI)                                                |
| 2016-2021 | National Institutes on Aging / National Institutes of Health, R01 Grant, “Using Subjective Well-Being Data to Monitor Changes in Health and Well-Being” (PI)                                        |
| 2017      | Russell Sage Foundation, “Summer Institute in Social-Science Genomics” (PI)                                                                                                                         |
| 2016      | Russell Sage Foundation, “Summer Institute in Social-Science Genomics” (PI)                                                                                                                         |
| 2015-2018 | National Institutes on Aging / National Institutes of Health, R01 Grant,                                                                                                                            |

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| 2014-2019 | “Analysis of Genome-Wide Data in the Health and Retirement Study” (PI)                                                                                                      |
| 2012-2014 | Swedish Research Council, “Genoeconomics” (Co-Investigator)                                                                                                                 |
| 2011-2016 | Ragnar Söderberg Foundation, “Genoeconomics” (Co-Investigator)                                                                                                              |
|           | National Institutes on Aging / National Institutes of Health, R01 Grant, “Using the Dynamics of Happiness to Measure the Subjective Importance of Events” (Co-PI)           |
| 2011-2013 | National Institutes of Health Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, Supplement to NSF EAGER Grant                                                              |
|           | “2 <sup>nd</sup> Workshop of the Social Science Genetic Association Consortium” (PI)                                                                                        |
| 2011-2013 | National Science Foundation, EAGER Grant, “Workshop for the Formation of a Social Science Genetic Association Consortium” (PI)                                              |
| 2010-2013 | National Institutes on Aging / National Institutes of Health, R21 Grant, “Measuring Preferences Needed to Guide Saving and Investing for Retirement” (PI)                   |
| 2008-2009 | Cornell Institute for Social Science Small Grant, “Testing the Two-Systems Theory of Anomalous Preferences” (PI)                                                            |
| 2006-2009 | National Institutes of Health / National Institute on Aging, Program Development Award, “Social Identity and Preferences” (D. Wise, Program Director; D.J. Benjamin, Co-PI) |
| 2006-2007 | National Institutes on Aging, Contract Grant, “Cognitive SNP Panel: AGES Implementation” (V. Gudnason, PI; D.J. Benjamin, Consultant)                                       |
| 2005-2006 | Harvard Law School’s Program On Negotiation Next Generation Grant                                                                                                           |
| 2005-2006 | Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Dissertation Grant for Behavioral Economic Research                                                                                          |
| 2004-2009 | National Institute on Aging, P01, “Psychological Factors in Economic Lifecycle Decisions” (D. Wise, Program Director; D.I. Laibson, PI; D.J. Benjamin, Consultant)          |
| 2004-2005 | Kennedy School of Government Taubman Center Small Grant for research on state government (joint with J. Shapiro)                                                            |
| 2003-2005 | Russell Sage Foundation Small Grant in Behavioral Economics (joint with J. Shapiro)                                                                                         |

### **Professional Service**

Board of Editors, *American Economic Review* (2017-2023)  
 Associate Editor, *Review of Economics and Statistics* (2020-2024)  
 Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review* (2016)  
 Guest Editor, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (2015-)  
 Guest Editor, *PloS Genetics* (2018-)  
 Associate Editor, *Journal of the European Economic Association* (2009-2015)  
 Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review* (2012)  
 Excellence in Refereeing Award, *Quarterly Journal of Economics* (2011)  
 Becker Friedman Institute Working Group: Identity and Personality (2011-)  
 Becker Friedman Institute Working Group: Early Childhood Interventions (2011-)  
 Becker Friedman Institute Working Group: Youth Human Capital and Economic Development (2011-)  
  
 Founding Columnist, *Behavioral Scientist*  
 Member, World Wellbeing Survey Panel (<http://cep.lse.ac.uk/wwp/panel.asp>)  
 Catalyst, BITSS (Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences)

Co-Founder and Co-Director, Social Science Genetic Association Consortium ([www.thessgac.org](http://www.thessgac.org)) (2011-)

External Board of Overseers, Panel Study of Income Dynamics (2025-)

External Advisory Board, European Social Science Genetics Doctoral Network (2023-)

Director, USC CESR Behavioral and Health Genomics Center (2015-2020)

Member, Hastings Center Working Group on Wrestling with Social/Behavioral Genomics: Risks, Potential Benefits and Ethical Responsibility (2019-2023)

Member, Russell Sage Foundation Biology and Social Science Working Group (2015-2019)

Member, Russell Sage Foundation Advisory Committee in Biology and Social Science (2015-2019)

Member, Academic Freedom Alliance (<https://academicfreedom.org/>) (2022-)

Journal Referee:

Economics: *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *American Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *American Economic Review: Insights*, *Journal of Economic Literature*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Annual Reviews of Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Policy*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Developmental Review*, *Games and Economic Behavior*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Quantitative Economics*, *Economics Letters*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, *B.E. Journals in Economic Analysis & Policy*, *B.E. Journals in Theoretical Economics*, *Review of Environmental Economics and Policy*

General Science: *Science*, *Nature*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Nature Human Behaviour*, *Nature Communications*

Statistics: *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society*, *The American Statistician*

Finance: *Review of Financial Studies*, *Journal of Financial Economics*, *Financial Analysts Journal*

Psychology: *Psychological Science Intelligence*, *Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science*, *Developmental Review*

Medical: *Molecular Psychiatry*, *Biological Psychiatry*, *BMC Medical Research Methodology*

Philosophy: *Synthese*

Political Science: *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Political Behavior*

Computer Science: *Transactions on Economics and Computation*

Other: *Canadian Jewish Studies*, *Biodemography and Social Biology*, *Human Molecular Genetics*, *Management Science*

Book Referee: Cambridge University Press, Palgrave, Princeton University Press

Grant Reviewer: National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong, Singapore Ministry of Education, Templeton Foundation, Russell Sage Foundation, World Bank

**Conference Organizer:**

Co-Organizer, Workshop to Explore a Social Science Genetic Association Consortium:

Feb 2011 (Boston, MA)

Oct 2011 (Los Angeles, CA)

May 2012 (Reykjavik, Iceland)

June 2013 (Rotterdam, Netherlands)

Co-Organizer, Conference on “Polygenic Prediction and Its Application in Social Science”

April 2017 (Los Angeles, CA)

Nov-Dec 2018 (Los Angeles, CA)

Co-Organizer, Workshop on Economics and Philosophy (Santa Fe, NM, August 2018)

Co-Organizer, The Third Annual Stockholm Region Workshop on Economics and Philosophy (Stockholm, Sweden, September 2019)

Co-Organizer, Dartmouth Workshop on Economics and Philosophy (Hanover, NH, August 2022)

Co-Organizer, Behavior and Health Genomics Center Strategic Directions Workshop (USC, December 2018)

Co-Organizer, Behavior Genetics Association Annual Meeting (USC, June 2022)

**Consulting:**

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| 2019-     | Just Capital (non-profit that ranks justness of public companies), Consultant |
| 2014-2015 | Just Capital, Consultant                                                      |