

DREW JOHNSTON

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EDUCATION

Harvard University Cambridge, MA
PhD in Economics (in progress) 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 Cambridge, MA
Contractor 2017-2019, 2020-

Harvard University, Department of Economics Cambridge, MA
Graduate Research Assistant, Prof. Raj Chetty 2021-

Harvard University, Department of Economics Cambridge, MA
Graduate Research Assistant, Prof. Gabriel Kreindler 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 Economics New Haven, CT
Research Assistant, Prof. Costas Arkolakis 2016-2017

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

PUBLICATIONS

[Peer Effects in Product Adoption](#)

Forthcoming in *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*

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

Press: VoxEU, LSE Business Review, World Economic Forum

[Social Connectedness in Europe](#)

([data](#)) ([code](#)) ([appendix](#))

Social Informatics 2020

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

Press: Facebook Research

WORKING PAPERS

[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

TALKS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)

2021 | Networks 2021, Southern Economic Association

2020 | Facebook Computational Social Science Seminar

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