Welcome to the 5th Annual Behavioral Science in Policy & Application Conference!

We are delighted to have you join us, and thank you for travelling from both near and far to participate in this special event. Attendees represent thought leaders from various behavioral science disciplines, government and policy institutions, for-profit and nonprofit organizations. We are also pleased to welcome several foundations and members of the media.

The Behavioral Science & Policy Association is a nonprofit organization that was formed to promote the thoughtful application of rigorous behavioral science research to address policy challenges in ways that serve the public interest. Our annual conference is an important means to promote a vigorous interchange between behavioral scientists, policy makers, and other practitioners to help bridge the divide between science and practice. Whether you are here to learn more about the latest research developments in behavioral policy and practice or how to apply new behavioral insights in your own sphere of work, we expect that you will find the 2019 Conference a valuable experience.

We encourage you to share what you have learned with members of your own communities and we hope that you will take this conference as an opportunity to make new connections with participants from different disciplines.

To engage with us on social media, please use #BSPA2019 and look out for upcoming conference photos, videos and information at behavioralpolicy.org. If we have yet to cross paths, please come and say hello. We’d love to connect and talk more about how BSPA can help you.

Thank you again for joining us in New York City.

With warmest regards,

Craig Fox, Sim Sitkin, Elke Weber & Kate Wessels
8:00am  registration & continental breakfast
petit salon

9:00am  welcome and agenda setting
grand salon
Hear from our co-founders and conference chair as they introduce the Behavioral Science in Policy & Application annual conference – and learn how to get the most out of your experience in NYC with us!

Craig Fox, Sim Sitkin & Elke Weber

9:15am  preparing for 2020: what behavioral science says about the war against fake news
grand salon
Engage with our featured behavioral science practitioner-expert panel as they discuss what the fake news epidemic means for the upcoming 2020 U.S. election - and what behavioral science can do to help.

speakers
Bill Adair, Duke University/PolitiFact
Adam Berinsky, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Duncan Watts, Microsoft

moderator
Rebecca Blumenstein, The New York Times

10:00am  policy-focused addresses
grand salon
Hear from our community thought leaders as they present the behavioral science findings most relevant to private and public sector practitioners aiming to promote the application of rigorous behavioral science research to concrete societal challenges. BSPA has identified three policy areas of focus where we particularly seek to encourage an interchange between behavioral scientists, policy makers and practitioners: financial decision making, energy & environment, and justice & ethics.

speakers
John Lynch, Jr., University of Colorado Boulder [financial decision making]
Magali Delmas, UCLA [energy & environment]
Tom Tyler, Yale University [justice & ethics]

10:40am  break & transfer to lightning talk & applied challenge sessions
petit salon
This coffee break is generously sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania Master of Behavioral and Decision Sciences Program.

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11:00am  lightning talk parallel sessions 1
    various rooms & speakers
    Speakers will focus on the ‘latest’ behavioral research findings in three policy focus areas: financial
decision making, energy & environment and justice & ethics. Participants can select one of three
separate tracks to attend, and will come away from each talk with novel, actionable insights.

11:40am  transfer to applied challenge parallel sessions

11:50am  behavioral science in action: applied challenge parallel sessions
    various rooms & speakers
    In these two breakout sessions, participants workshop specific problems and brainstorm behavioral
science interventions to address a ‘real-life issue’. The sessions begin with a “client” who oversees the
issue for their organization, describing the context. Then several behavioral scientists ask questions to
better understand the challenge and possibly propose some initial ideas. This is followed by participant
breakout groups brainstorming wide-ranging concrete intervention ideas which are shared to conclude
the sessions.

  Reducing Absenteeism in NYC Schools
  borghese room
    client
    Sarah Peterson, Director of Research &
    Development, Office of Community Schools,
    NYC Dept. of Education
    moderator
    Morela Hernandez, University of Virginia
    panel
    Anthony Barrows, ideas42
    Heather Caruso, UCLA
    Jordan Goldberg, StickK

  Increasing Return to Work Among Social Security
  Beneficiaries with Disabilities
  central park room
    client
    Michael Dunn, Advisor, Social Security
    Administration’s Office of Research,
    Demonstration & Employment Support
    moderator
    Rekha Balu, U.S. Office of Evaluation Sciences
    panel
    Michael Hallsworth, BIT North America
    Mary Steffel, Northeastern University
    Elke Weber, Princeton University

12:35pm  luncheon
    petit salon

1:35pm  sludge & ordeals
    grand salon
    In 2015, the United States government imposed 9.78 billion hours of paperwork burdens on the American
people. Join Cass Sunstein as he walks us through the resulting impact - how this reduced access to
important licenses, programs and benefits denying rational people access to life-changing goods and
services, all compounded by behavioral biases - and how we can mitigate this risk in the public and private
sectors by conducting regular ‘Sludge Audits’.
    speaker
    Cass Sunstein, Harvard University
2:05 pm presentation of the 2019 BSPA best publication award & new investigator award

grand salon

BSPA's Best Publication Award recognizes research that advances the rigorous application and development of behavioral and social science to policy and practice in public, private and non-profit sectors. BSPA's New Investigator Award recognizes an early career scholar whose body of work has advanced the rigorous application and development of behavioral/social science to policy and practice in public, private and/or non-profit sectors.

presented by
Katherine Milkman, University of Pennsylvania
Paul Slovic, University of Oregon/Decision Research

2:25 pm authors shaping new perspectives

grand salon

Challenge your assumptions on how the behavioral sciences can be applied across multiple contexts as you hear from pre-eminent researchers and experts discussing their original publications.

panelists
Jonathan Haidt, The Coddling of the American Mind: How Good Intentions and Bad Ideas Are Setting Up a Generation for Failure
Paul Slovic, Numbers and Nerves: Information, Emotion, and Meaning in a World of Data
Cass Sunstein, Conformity

moderator
Dolly Chugh, New York University

3:10 pm break
petit salon

3:30 pm policy-focused addresses

grand salon

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speakers
Jennifer Jennings, Princeton University [education]
Peter Cappelli, University of Pennsylvania [management & labor]
Gretchen Chapman, Carnegie Mellon University [health]

4:05 pm transfer to lightning talk parallel sessions

4:10 pm lightning talk parallel sessions 2

various rooms & speakers
Speakers will focus on the ‘latest’ behavioral research findings in each of the three policy focus areas: education, management & labor, and health. Participants can select one of three separate tracks to attend, and will come away from each talk with novel, actionable insights.
4:50pm  transfer to grand salon
4:55pm  forecasting tournaments: what we can learn when we get serious about keeping score

grand salon

The audience will be led through forecasting tournaments sponsored by the US intelligence community, in which researchers compete to put accurate probabilities on real-world events widely seen as difficult, even impossible, to quantify. Prof. Tetlock will then describe four strategies of winning these tournaments: personnel selection/recruitment, training, teaming and crowd-sourcing/statistical aggregation - and unpack the idea that high-quality questions have greater potential to tip policy debates toward one side or the other.

speaker
Philip Tetlock, University of Pennsylvania

5:25pm  concluding remarks
grand salon
Craig Fox & Sim Sitkin

5:30pm  cocktail reception
art deco salon
lightning sessions

**session 1**

**financial decision making**  
grand salon
Matthew Bodien  
Power of Practice: An Intervention to Encourage and Support Health Savings Behavior.  
Jeremy Burke  
Marvin Phaup  

**energy & environment**  
central park room
Maura Farver  
Derek Koehler  
How the Public, and Scientists, Perceive Advancement of Knowledge from Conflicting Study Results.  
Christine Kormos & Reuven Sussman  
Is Consumer Valuation of Fuel Economy Influenced By the Metric Used? A Randomized Choice Experiment.

**justice & ethics**  
borghese room
Desmond Ang  
The Effects of Police Violence on Inner-City Students.  
Jenna Clark  
The Moral Justifiability of Interventions in Health Care and Policy.  
Joe Vitriol  

**session 2**

**health**  
grand salon
Ernest Baskin  
Increasing Influenza Vaccination Rates Via Low Cost Messaging Interventions.  
Pompa Debroy  
Using Behavioral Insights to Increase Vaccination Uptake: A Portfolio of Results.  
Eleanor Putnam Farr  
Consider the Choice Before the Message to Promote Optimal Food Nudges.

**education & culture**  
central park room
Rebecca Friesdorf  
I’m Scared They Won’t Get the Opportunity for Education.  
Ana Gantman  
A Behavioral Approach to Sexual Assault.  
Monica Lee  
The Demotivating Effect (and Unintended Message) of Awards.

**management & labor**  
borghese room
Sheheryar Banuri  
Expertise and Responsiveness to Behavioural Biases in Public Organisations.  
Erika Kirgios  
The Isolated Choice Effect and Its Implications for Gender Diversity in Organizations.  
Ayse Yemisciigel  
Retirement: A Crisis of Identity and Well-being or an Opportunity to Live a Meaningful Life?
# roster

## bspa team

**founders**
- Craig Fox, UCLA
- Sim Sitkin, Duke University

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- Elke Weber, Princeton University

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- Kaye de Kruijf, BSPA
- Dave Nussbaum, BSPA
- Kate Wessels, BSPA

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- Santi Dewa Ayu, Harvard University
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- Ilana Brody, CABS at MDRC
- Ashley Culver, Columbia University
- Leigh Crymble, BreadCrumbs
- Shannon Duncan, Columbia University
- Manisha Gupta
- Alki Iliopoulou, Harvard Decision Science Lab
- Priscilla Lee, Harvard Kennedy School
- Lea Lupkin, BSPA
- Rachael Metz, MDRC
- Kidus Mezgebu, Harvard University
- Kailas Nair, Plentify
- Adam Stanaland, Duke University

## speakers

- **Bill Adair**, Duke University/PolitiFact
- **Rekha Balu**, U.S. Office of Evaluation Sciences
- **Anthony Barrows**, ideas42
- **Adam Berinsky**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- **Rebecca Blumenstein**, The New York Times
- **Peter Cappelli**, University of Pennsylvania
- **Heather Caruso**, UCLA
- **Gretchen Chapman**, Carnegie Mellon University
- **Dolly Chugh**, New York University
- **Magali Delmas**, UCLA
- **Michael Dunn**, Social Security Administration, U.S. Federal Government
- **Jordan Goldberg**, stickK
- **Jonathan Haidt**, New York University
- **Michael Hallsworth**, BIT North America
- **Katherine Milkman**, University of Pennsylvania
- **Morela Hernandez**, University of Virginia
- **Jennifer Jennings**, Princeton University
- **John Lynch, Jr.**, University of Colorado Boulder
- **Sarah Peterson**, New York City Dept. of Education
- **Paul Slovic**, University of Oregon/Decision Research
- **Mary Steffel**, Northeastern University
- **Cass Sunstein**, Harvard University
- **Philip Tetlock**, University of Pennsylvania
- **Tom R. Tyler**, Yale University
- **Duncan Watts**, Microsoft

## lightning talk presenters

- **Desmond Ang**, Harvard University
- **Sheheryar Banuri**, University of East Anglia
- **Ernest Baskin**, Saint Joseph’s University
- **Matthew Bodien**, Duke University
- **Jeremy Burke**, University of Southern California
- **Jenna Clark**, Duke University
- **Pompa Debroy**, U.S. Office of Evaluation Sciences
- **Maura Farver**, Duke University
- **Rebecca Friesdorf**, Employment & Social Development Canada
- **Ana Gantman**, Brooklyn College (CUNY)
- **Erika Kirgiros**, University of Pennsylvania
- **Derek Koehler**, University of Waterloo
- **Christine Kormos**, Simon Fraser University
- **Monica Lee**, Stanford University
- **Marvin Phaup**, George Washington University
- **Eleanor Putnam Farr**, Rice University
- **Reuven Sussman**, ACEEE
- **Joe Vitriol**, Harvard University
- **Ayse Yemiscioglu**, Harvard Kennedy School
speakers

Bill Adair is the Knight Professor of the Practice of Journalism and Public Policy at Duke University and the creator of the Pulitzer Prize-winning website PolitiFact. At Duke, he heads the journalism program as the Director of the DeWitt Wallace Center and conducts research on fact-checking in the Reporters’ Lab. He worked for 24 years as a reporter and editor for the Tampa Bay Times (formerly the St. Petersburg Times) and served as the paper’s Washington Bureau Chief from 2004 to 2013. He launched PolitiFact in 2007 and built it into the largest fact-checking effort in history, with affiliates in 18 states and Australia. He is the founder of the International Fact-Checking Network, the global association of fact-checkers, and he writes frequently about accountability journalism and digital media. His articles have been published in the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Nieman Journalism Lab and Poynter. His awards include the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting (with the PolitiFact staff), the Manship Prize for New Media in Democratic Discourse and the Everett Dirksen Award for Distinguished Coverage of Congress.

Anthony Barrows is a Managing Director at the applied behavioral science firm ideas42 where he leads the economic justice portfolio, and has also overseen projects in local government, post-secondary education, and civic engagement. He was selected as a 2018 Aspen Institute Ascend Fellow for his work in advancing the well-being of children and families. Anthony previously worked over ten years in child welfare, spanning positions in direct service, supervision, training, advocacy, project management and system improvement. He is also a practicing artist and has led art classes and arts-oriented youth development programming. Anthony holds a BA in Philosophy and Art from UMass Boston, an MFA in Printmaking from the San Francisco Art Institute, and an MPA from Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government where he was a Gleitsman Fellow at the Center for Public Leadership.

Rekha Balu currently serves as a Fellow with the U.S. Office of Evaluation Sciences. She is Director of the Center for Applied Behavioral Science at MDRC, a nonprofit social policy research firm that conducts large-scale causal evaluations. As a Senior Research Associate, she has led numerous randomized field trials of behaviorally informed interventions in education, parenting, and child welfare—often in partnership with education and social service providers. Her research focuses on supporting low-income youth and families to enroll and participate in school and social programs. She has designed interventions that help governments or social programs simplify their programs and promote continued family engagement and resident-state interaction. She also has designed and tested multiple technology-driven interventions including mobile phone applications, web-based decision-making tools, and text-message and email-based information campaigns. She holds a PhD in economics of education from Stanford University and Master’s in Education from Harvard University.

Adam J. Berinsky is the Mitsui Professor of Political Science at MIT. Berinsky received his B.A. from Wesleyan University in 1992 and his PhD. from the University of Michigan in 2000. He is a specialist in the fields of political behavior and public opinion with over 20 years of experience in survey design and analysis. For the last decade, Berinsky has been studying political rumors and misinformation. Berinsky has won several scholarly awards, is the recipient of multiple grants from the National Science Foundation, and was a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences. He is also the founding director of the MIT Political Experiments Research Lab. In 2016, Berinsky was appointed a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellow to study how political rumors spread and how they can be effectively debunked.
**Rebecca Blumenstein** has been deputy managing editor of The New York Times since February 2017, where she focuses on making sure The Times remains an essential destination for readers interested in business, finance, economics and technology. Previously, she was deputy editor in chief of The Wall Street Journal.

Before that, she was the Page One Editor, appointed in September 2011, and a deputy managing editor and international editor since December 2009. Ms. Blumenstein has also served as managing editor of The Wall Street Journal Online and as the China bureau chief, overseeing China coverage for the Journal.

Prior to moving to China in the summer of 2005, Ms. Blumenstein served as chief of the Journal’s New York Technology Group, which covered the historic mergers and changes in technology that recast the telecommunications industry. Before that, she was the group’s deputy chief and a reporter covering AT&T Corp. and WorldCom Inc.

Ms. Blumenstein joined the Journal in 1995 as a reporter in the Detroit bureau, where she covered General Motors. She began her journalism career at the Tampa Tribune, and then later moved to Gannett Newspapers and Newsday, where she covered breaking news and the New York State legislature.

**Peter Cappelli** is the George W. Taylor Professor of Management at The Wharton School and Director of Wharton’s Center for Human Resources. He is also a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research in Cambridge, MA, served as Senior Advisor to the Kingdom of Bahrain for Employment Policy from 2003-2005, is a Distinguished Scholar of the Ministry of Manpower for Singapore, and was Co-Director of the U.S. Department of Education’s National Center on the Educational Quality of the Workforce from 1990-1998. He was recently named by HR Magazine as one of the top 5 most influential management thinkers, by NPR as one of the 50 influencers in the field of aging, and was elected a fellow of the National Academy of Human Resources. He received the 2009 PRO award from the International Association of Corporate and Professional Recruiters for contributions to human resources. He hosts the SiriusXM radio show “In the Workplace” and writes a monthly column for HR Executive magazine. His recent work on performance management, agile systems, and hiring practices appears in the Harvard Business Review.
Heather Caruso is a faculty member, center director, and assistant dean at the UCLA Anderson School of Management, with a passion for helping people to grow, inspire, and work effectively together. Passion for facilitating collaborative success runs deep in Heather’s life, and emerged most intensely during her years as an engineer and executive in a multinational Silicon Valley startup. There she observed several fascinating ways in which interpersonal problems can derail even the most talented individual performers, while effective collaboration raises individual contributions to new heights. As a result of these experiences, Heather decided to devote herself to helping organizations—especially those with diverse workforces—to achieve the latter benefits, leaving her position as Director of Engineering to do her A.M. in Social Psychology and her Ph.D. in Organizational Behavior - Social Psychology, both at Harvard. Thus layering rigorous academic training on top of practical experience, Heather’s interests ultimately grounded themselves in leadership priorities: collaborative dynamics (esp. for diverse teams); management of identity, power, and influence; and strategies for optimal choice, judgment, decision making. She initially pursued these interests in many years of teaching, research administration, and scholarship at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, then moved to UCLA Anderson to enrich and expand her work. Heather stays connected to the everyday priorities and challenges of the workplace by consulting for private- and public-sector organization leaders across the globe, as well as by teaching classes in inclusive leadership, collaborative dynamics and power and influence. As part of this work, Heather has partnered with Chicago’s The Second City to co-found the Second Science Project, which provides skill-building leadership workshops at the intersection of robust behavioral research and professional improvisational practice. Further, Heather continues to advance cutting-edge scholarship and evidence-based innovation as a researcher and as the Faculty and Executive Director of UCLA Anderson’s Morrison Center for Marketing and Data Analytics.

Gretchen Chapman has been a Professor in Social & Decision Sciences since 2017. Prior to joining the faculty at CMU, Dr. Chapman was a Distinguished Professor of Psychology at Rutgers University where she served as Department Chair of Psychology and Acting Co-Director of the Center for Cognitive Science. She is the recipient of an APA early career award and a NJ Psychological Association Distinguished Research Award and a fellow of APA and APS. She is a former senior editor at Psychological Science, a past president of the Society for Judgment & Decision Making, the author of more than 100 journal articles, and the recipient of 20 years of continuous external funding.
Dolly Chugh is an award-winning, tenured professor at the New York University Stern School of Business. She studies implicit bias and unintentional unethical behavior (“bounded ethicality”). Dolly teaches MBA courses in leadership, management, and negotiations as well as an undergraduate course to incarcerated students at the Wallkill Correctional Facility. She received the Stern School of Business Teaching Excellence Award in 2015.

Dolly’s research integrates the theories and methods of social psychology, behavioral economics, judgment and decision making, sociology and education. She is currently writing a general audience book titled The Person You Mean to Be (Fall 2018, HarperCollins/Harper Business). Dolly has been named one of the Top 100 Most Influential People in Business Ethics (a list which included Pope Francis, Angelina Jolie, and Bill Gates) by Ethisphere Magazine, a finalist for the Faculty Rising Star Pioneer Award by the Aspen Institute, and the recipient of the prestigious New York University Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Faculty Award (whose past recipients include Bryan Stevenson).

Prior to becoming an academic, Dolly worked at Morgan Stanley, Time Inc., Scholastic, and Merrill Lynch. Dolly received a B.A. from Cornell University where she earned a double major in Psychology and Economics and served as a two-time co-captain of the Varsity Tennis Team (1990), an M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School (1994), and a PhD in Organizational Behavior / Social Psychology from Harvard University (2006).

Magali Delmas is a Professor of Management at the UCLA Institute of the Environment and the Anderson School of Management.

She is the director of the UCLA Center for Corporate Environmental Performance. She is also the President of the Alliance for Research in Corporate Sustainability (ARCS). An organization that serves as a vehicle for advancing rigorous academic research on corporate sustainability issues.

Her research interests are primarily in the areas of Business strategy and Corporate Sustainability. Magali Delmas has written more than 80 articles, book chapters and case studies on business and the natural environment.

She works on developing effective information strategies to promote conservation behavior and the development of green markets. Here is a short video of her recent work on green consumers.

Her current research includes the investigation of the barriers and incentives to the adoption of energy efficient solutions.

She is also engaged in refining current methodologies to measure and communicate firm’s and products’ environmental performance.

Michael Dunn is a Senior Advisor in the Social Security Administration’s Office of Research, Demonstration, and Employment Support. He serves as the lead for strategic planning and special projects and is also responsible for providing guidance on extramural research initiatives relating to the Social Security’s disability programs. Michael is a graduate of the agency’s 2014 Advanced Leadership Program and has held various leadership positions throughout the agency. He previously served as the Acting Deputy Director of Performance Management and Business Analytics in the Office of the Chief Strategic Officer and worked as a District Manager in the Office of Central Operations. Michael earned a Masters of Arts in Applied Sociology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County in 2009 and attended Randolph-Macon College, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology in 2007.
Craig Fox is the Harold Williams Professor of Management and chair of the Behavioral Decision Making area at the UCLA Anderson School of Management. He is also Professor of Psychology and Medicine at UCLA. Fox co-founded the Behavioral Science & Policy Association and is co-editor of its flagship journal, Behavioral Science & Policy (BSP). Prior to joining the UCLA faculty in 2003, Fox served on the faculty of Duke University’s Fuqua School of Business and Northwestern University’s Kellogg Graduate School of Management.

Dr. Fox’s theoretical research focuses on judgment and decision making under uncertainty, and his applied research focuses on applying behavioral insights to improve health and financial decisions. He is former President of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making, and is current co-President of BSPA. Professor Fox teaches MBA and executive courses in managerial decision-making, negotiation, leadership, strategy and dynamic management, as well as Ph.D. courses in decision-making. He received a Ph.D. and M.A. in experimental psychology from Stanford University, and a B.A. in economics and psychology from UC Berkeley.

Jordan Goldberg is the co-founder of stickK.com, widely regarded as a model enterprise of applied behavioral economics. Jordan has years of experience at the forefront of decision science, goal setting & incentive program design. In his consulting practice (https://appliedbe.com/) and in running stickK, Jordan successfully leverages a wide breadth of behavioral economics in product, marketing, sales, & pricing design, yielding positive and meaningful outcomes for individual users and client organizations alike. Jordan is a featured speaker on the subject of behavioral economics, a guest lecturer in multiple academic programs, and has been frequently interviewed for print, television and digital media, appearing on NBC’s TODAY Show, CBS News Sunday Morning, as well as The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, and The Economist.

Jonathan Haidt (pronounced “height”) is a social psychologist at the NYU-Stern School of Business. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1992, and spent most of his career (1995-2011) at the University of Virginia.

Haidt’s research examines the intuitive foundations of morality, and how morality varies across cultures—including the cultures of American progressive, conservatives, and libertarians. Haidt is the author of The Happiness Hypothesis, and of The New York Times bestseller The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion. His third book will be published in July 2018: The Coddling of the American Mind: How Good Intentions and Bad Ideas are Setting Up a Generation for Failure (co-authored with Greg Lukianoff).

At NYU-Stern, he is applying his research on moral psychology to business ethics, asking how companies can structure and run themselves in ways that will be resistant to ethical failures (see EthicalSystems.org).
Michael Hallsworth is Managing Director, North America at the Behavioral Insights Team (BIT). BIT was set up by the then UK Prime Minister in 2010 as the first government institution dedicated to applying behavioral sciences. BIT is now a world-leading consulting firm whose mission is to help organizations to apply behavioral insights in support of social purpose goals. Previously, Michael lead BIT’s global work on health and tax and was a Senior Policy Advisor in the Cabinet Office of the UK government.

While at Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs, Michael won a Civil Service Award for pioneering the use of large-scale randomized controlled trials applying behavioral economics to increase tax collection. He has a PhD in behavioral economics from Imperial College London, and a First Class MA and MPhil from the University of Cambridge. His work has been published in, among others, the Journal of Public Economics, The Lancet, The Oxford Review of Economic Policy, and Nature Human Behaviour.

Morela Hernandez is an Associate Professor of Business Administration in the Leadership and Organizational Behavior area at the Darden School of Business, University of Virginia and Academic Director of Behavioral Research at Darden (BRAD). She received her Ph.D. from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. Prior to academia, Prof. Hernandez worked in finance at Enron in Houston, Texas - experiencing the roller-coaster ride of this now infamous business case. Given her professional background, it might come as no surprise that her research interests and expertise focus on the ethics of leadership. She also studies the role of diversity in organizational systems and decision-making practices. She is widely published in a number of top-tier academic journals, including Academy of Management Review, Journal of Applied Psychology, Personnel Psychology, Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, Psychological Science, Human Resource Management, and American Psychologist. Her work has also appeared in media outlets such as Time magazine, Financial Times, Huffington Post, and Washington Post, as well as featured on National Public Radio (NPR). She teaches courses on leadership at Darden, has worked as a leadership development coach for senior-level executives in the executive education programs at Duke and the London Business School, and consults with a number of government agencies, social profit organizations, and global companies. Originally from Brazil and Honduras, Prof. Hernandez speaks four languages.

Jennifer Jennings is a sociologist who studies racial, socioeconomic, and gender disparities in educational and health outcomes. Her dissertation examined how government accountability systems that evaluate schools based on student outcomes affect educational inequality. By making use of audit measures for which schools are not held accountable, she evaluates these systems’ effects on a broader set of outcomes, as well as our perceptions of racial, gender, and socioeconomic inequality. Expanding her existing research to examine the relationship between early health and educational outcomes, and the effects of community-level shocks on population health was her goal as a Health and Society Scholar. She received a Ph.D in Sociology from Columbia University in summer 2009. In 2011, she joined the Sociology department at New York University.
John Lynch Jr. is founding Director of the Center for Research on Consumer Financial Decision Making and Senior Associate Dean for Faculty and Research at the Leeds School of Business, University of Colorado Boulder. Lynch studies the psychology of consumer financial decision making, focusing on two primary topics: financial literacy and financial education; and how the psychology of planning and thinking about the future affects consumer financial decision making. He co-chairs the annual Boulder Summer Conference on Financial Decision Making, a highly interdisciplinary academic-industry-government forum for research on consumer financial decision making. Lynch received his BA in economics, his MA in psychology, and his Ph.D. in psychology, all from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He was a member of the faculty at University of Florida from 1979-1996, where he was Graduate Research Professor. From 1996-2009 he was the Roy J. Bostock Professor of Marketing at the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. Lynch is a Fellow of the American Marketing Association, the Association for Consumer Research, and the American Psychological Association and he is a recipient of the Paul D. Converse Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Science of Marketing and the Society for Consumer Psychology’s Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award. He is a member of the Academic Research Council of the US Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Katherine Milkman is the Evan C. Thompson Endowed Term Chair for Excellence in Teaching and a tenured professor at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. She holds a secondary appointment at Penn’s Perelman School of Medicine. Her research relies heavily on big data to explore ways that insights from economics and psychology can be used to change consequential behaviors for good, such as savings, exercise, vaccination take-up and discrimination. Katherine has received numerous awards for her research including an early career award from the Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences. When under 30, Milkman was named one of the world’s top 40 business school professors under 40 by Poets and Quants and she was a finalist for the Thinkers 50 2017 Radar Thinker Award. Her dozens of published articles in leading social science journals such as Management Science, the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, and The Journal of Finance have reached a wide audience through regular coverage in major media outlets such as NPR, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Financial Times, and Harvard Business Review. She also frequently writes for The Washington Post about the behavioral economics of everyday life. In 2018, she began hosting Charles Schwab’s popular podcast “Choiceology with Katy Milkman,” which explores key lessons from behavioral economics about decision making. She is the president-elect of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making and has been an associate editor at Management Science since 2013. She has worked with numerous organizations on research and/or consulting, including Humana, Google, Wipro, Cummins Engines, the U.S. Department of Defense, 24 Hour Fitness and the American Red Cross. Katherine co-directs the Behavior Change for Good Initiative at the University of Pennsylvania, whose work is being chronicled by Freakonomics Radio. She received her undergraduate degree from Princeton University (summa cum laude) in Operations Research and Financial Engineering and her Ph.D. from Harvard University’s joint program in Computer Science and Business.
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