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Current Position

2018- **THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, AUSTIN, TX** Assistant Professor of Marketing and Psychology

Education

2010-2015	CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, NY
	Ph.D. in Social and Personality Psychology
	Dissertation: "From Looking Backward to Looking Forward: On Consuming the Anticipation
	of Experiential and Material Purchases"
	Committee Chair: Tom Gilovich
	Committee Members: Melissa Ferguson and Dave Dunning
2004-2008	HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MA
	A.B. Magna Cum Laude with Highest Honors in Psychology (Secondary Field: Economics)
	Honors Thesis: "The Impact of Outcome Valence on Perceived Duration"
	Advisor: Dan Gilbert

Reader: Max Bazerman

Honors and Awards

2023	Research Reboot Award for Accelerating Research and Scholarship, UT Austin Provost's Office
2022	University of Texas at Austin McCombs Research Excellence Grant (\$20,000)
2022	American Marketing Association Sheth Faculty Fellow
2021	Fellow, Society of Experimental Social Psychology
2021	Marketing Science Institute Young Scholar
2019	University of Texas at Austin McCombs Research Excellence Grant (\$12,500)
2017	University of Chicago Center for Decision Research Independent Research Grant (\$3000)
2016	Society of Experimental Social Psychology Dissertation Award Finalist
2011-2015	National Science Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellow (\$96,000 + tuition supplement)
2014	Cornell University Travel Grant (\$675)
2014	Cornell University John S. Knight Fellowship (\$11,735)
2014	Judgment and Decision-Making SPSP Pre-Conference Travel Award (\$200)
2014	Cornell University Travel Grant (\$440)
2013	Fellow, Summer Institute in Social and Personality Psychology
2013	Summer Institute in Social and Personality Psychology Travel Award (\$300)
2013	Society for Personality and Social Psychology Graduate Student Travel Award (\$500)
2013	Judgment and Decision-Making SPSP Pre-Conference Travel Award (\$200)
2013	Cornell University Travel Grant (\$390)
2012	Cornell University Travel Grant (\$440)
2011	Cornell Psychology Department Small Research Grant (\$500)
2008	Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard University
2008	Harvard Psychology Department Faculty Prize for Distinguished Theses
2007	Summer Fellow, Harvard College Research Program
2007	Harvard College Research Program Grant (\$1600)
2006	Harvard College Scholar (top 10% academic performance in class)

Previous Employment

2015-2018	The University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Chicago, IL Center for Decision Research <i>Postdoctoral Research Fellow</i>
2008-2010	NERA Economic Consulting, New York, NY Securities and Finance Division <i>Research Associate</i> (2008-2009), <i>Associate Analyst</i> (2009-2010)
2007	Harvard Business School, Boston, MA Research Associate Advisors: Mike Norton and Carey Morewedge
2005-2007	Harvard Psychology Department, Cambridge, MA Research Assistant Advisors: Dan Gilbert and Max Bazerman
2006	Dexia Credit Local, NY Branch, New York, NY Legal and Tax Division Treasury and Financial Markets Division Intern
2005	Columbia Business School, New York, NY Research Assistant Advisors: Sheena Iyengar and Michael Morris
2004	Random House Publishing, Inc., New York, NY Intern

Publications

Google Scholar Citations: 1800+

h-index / i10-index: 14 / 16

Kumar, A., Mann, T. C. & Gilovich, T. (in press). The aptly buried "I" in experience: Experiential purchases promote more social connection than material purchases. *Journal of Behavioral Decision Making*.

Kardas, M., Kumar, A., & Epley, N. (in press). Let it go: How exaggerating the reputational costs of revealing negative information encourages secrecy in relationships. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

Epley, N., Kumar, A., Dungan, J., & Echelbarger, M. (2023). A prosociality paradox: How miscalibrated social cognition creates a misplaced barrier to prosocial action. *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, 32(1), 33-41.

Kumar, A., & Epley, N. (2023). A little good goes an unexpectedly long way: Underestimating the positive impact of kindness on recipients. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General, 152(1),* 236-252.

Kumar, A., & Epley, N. (2023). Undersociality is unwise. Journal of Consumer Psychology, 33(1), 199-212.

Kumar, A., & Epley, N. (2023). Understanding undersociality: Intentions, impressions, and interactions. *Journal of Consumer Psychology*, 33(1), 221-225.

Kumar, A. (2022). The unmatchable brightness of doing: Experiential consumption facilitates greater satisfaction than spending on material possessions. *Current Opinion in Psychology*, *46*, 101343.

Kardas, M., Kumar, A., & Epley, N. (2022). Overly shallow? Miscalibrated expectations create a barrier to deeper conversation. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *122(3)*, 367-398.

Kumar, A. (2022). Some things aren't better left unsaid: Interpersonal barriers to gratitude expression and prosocial engagement. *Current Opinion in Psychology, 43*, 156-160.

Kumar, A. & Epley, N. (2021). It's surprisingly nice to hear you: Misunderstanding the impact of communication media can lead to suboptimal choices of how to connect with others. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, 150(3), 595-607.

Kumar, A. & Epley, N. (2020). Type less, talk more. Harvard Business Review.

Kumar, A., Killingsworth, M.A., & Gilovich, T. (2020). Spending on doing promotes more moment-to-moment happiness than spending on having. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 88, 103971.

Epley, N. & Kumar, A. (2019). How to design an ethical organization. *Harvard Business Review, May-June 2019*, 144-150.

Kumar, A. & Epley, N. (2018). Undervaluing gratitude: Expressers misunderstand the consequences of showing appreciation. *Psychological Science*, 29(9), 1423-1435.

Walker, J. T., Kumar, A. & Gilovich, T. (2016). Cultivating gratitude and giving through experiential consumption. *Emotion*, *16(8)*, 1126-1136.

Kumar, A. & Gilovich, T. (2016). To do or to have, now or later? The preferred consumption profiles of material and experiential purchases. *Journal of Consumer Psychology*, *26*(2), 169-178.

Kumar, A. & Gilovich, T. (2015). Some "thing" to talk about? Differential story utility from experiential and material purchases. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, 41(10)*, 1320-1331.

Gilovich, T. & Kumar, A. (2015). We'll always have Paris: The hedonic payoff from experiential and material investments. In M. Zanna and J. Olson (Eds.), *Advances in Experimental Social Psychology, Vol. 51* (pp. 147-187). New York: Elsevier.

Gilovich, T., Kumar, A. & Jampol, L. (2015). A wonderful life: Experiential consumption and the pursuit of happiness. *Journal of Consumer Psychology*, 25(1), 152-165.

Gilovich, T., Kumar, A. & Jampol, L. (2015). The beach, the bikini, and the best buy: Replies to Dunn and Weidman, and to Schmitt, Brakus, and Zarantonello. *Journal of Consumer Psychology*, 25(1), 179-184.

Kumar, A., Killingsworth, M. A. & Gilovich, T. (2014). Waiting for merlot: Anticipatory consumption of experiential and material purchases. *Psychological Science*, *25(10)*, 1924-1931.

In Review

Alberhasky, M. & Kumar, A. (2024). *Splitting, More Wisely: Peer-to-Peer Payment Services Can Make Social Relationships More Transactional and Experiences Less Enjoyable*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

"Conversation Pieces? Mispredicting the Sociality of Material and Experiential Purchases" (with Tom Gilovich)

"Hello, Neighbor: Interactions with Weak Ties in One's Community Can Increase Prosocial Behavior" (with Max Alberhasky)

Chaired Symposia

Kumar, A. & Goor, D. (2020, October). *Consumer Misunderstandings*. Symposium presented virtually at the Association for Consumer Research Annual Meeting. (Speakers: Amit Kumar, Ovul Sezer, Ed O'Brien, Dafna Goor)

Kumar, A. & Gilovich, T. (2015, February). *Happy Money 2.0: New Insights into the Relationship between Money and Well-Being*. Symposium presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting, Long Beach, CA. (Speakers: Amit Kumar, Jordi Quoidbach, Noah Goldstein, Mike Norton)

Kumar, A. & Gilovich, T. (2014, February). *Let's Get Connected: New and Untapped Routes to Social Connection*. Symposium presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting, Austin, TX. (Speakers: Amit Kumar, Tanya Chartrand, Nick Epley, Lalin Anik)

Kumar, A. & Gilovich, T. (2013, January). *On Doing and Having: 10 Years of Answers to "The Question" of Experiential versus Material Consumption*. Symposium presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. (Speakers: Amit Kumar, Travis Carter, Peter Caprariello, Ryan Howell)

Conference Oral Presentations

Kumar, A., Alberhasky, M., & Gautam, A. (2023, October). *Hello, Neighbor: Interactions with Weak Ties in One's Community Can Increase Prosocial Behavior*. Paper presented at the Association for Consumer Research Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

Kardas, M., Kumar, A., & Epley, N. (2023, May). *Overly Shallow? Miscalibrated Expectations Create a Barrier to Deeper Conversation*. Paper presented at the Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention, Washington, DC.

Kumar, A., & Epley, N. (2022, March). *A Little Good Goes an Unexpectedly Long Way: Underestimating the Positive Impact of Kindness on Recipients*. Paper presented virtually at the Society for Consumer Psychology Annual Meeting.

Alberhasky, M. & Kumar, A. (2022, March). *A Venmo Effect on Relationships: Electronic Payment Makes Social Relations More Transactional and Experiences Less Enjoyable*. Paper presented virtually at the Society for Consumer Psychology Annual Meeting.

Kumar, A., & Epley, N. (2021, May). *A Little Good Goes an Unexpectedly Long Way: Underestimating the Positive Impact of Kindness on Recipients*. Paper presented virtually at the Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention.

Alberhasky, M. & Kumar, A. (2021, February). *A Venmo Effect on Relationships: Electronic Payment Makes Social Relations More Transactional and Experiences Less Enjoyable*. Paper presented virtually at the Happiness and Well-Being Pre-Conference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting.

Kumar, A., & Epley, N. (2020, November). It's Surprisingly Nice to Hear You: Misunderstanding the Impact of Communication Media Can Lead to Suboptimal Choices of How to Connect with Others. Paper presented virtually at the UT COVID-19 Conference.

Kumar, A., & Epley, N. (2020, October). *A Little Good Goes an Unexpectedly Long Way: Underestimating the Positive Impact of Kindness on Recipients*. Paper presented virtually at the Association for Consumer Research Annual Meeting.

Kumar, A. & Epley, N. (2020, August). It's Surprisingly Nice to Hear You: Misunderstanding the Impact of Communication Media Can Lead to Suboptimal Choices of How to Connect with Others. Paper presented virtually at The Love Consortium.

Kumar, A. & Epley, N. (2019, November). *It's Surprisingly Nice to Hear You: Miscalibrated Expectations of Connection and Awkwardness Affect How People Choose to Connect with Others*. Paper presented at the Society for Judgment and Decision-Making Annual Conference, Montreal, QC.

Kardas, M., Kumar, A., & Epley, N. (2019, April). *Digging Deeper: Meaningful Conversations are Surprisingly Pleasant*. Paper presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Kardas, M., Kumar, A., & Epley, N. (2019, February). *Digging Deeper: Meaningful Conversations are Surprisingly Pleasant*. Paper presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting, Portland, OR.

Kumar, A. & Epley, N. (2018, November). *Undervaluing Gratitude: Expressers Misunderstand the Consequences of Showing Appreciation*. Paper presented at the Society for Judgment and Decision-Making Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Kardas, M., Kumar, A., & Epley, N. (2018, November). *Digging Deeper: Meaningful Conversations are Surprisingly Pleasant*. Paper presented at the Society for Judgment and Decision-Making Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Kumar, A. & Epley, N. (2018, October). It's Surprisingly Nice to Hear You: Miscalibrated Expectations of Connection and Awkwardness Affect How Consumers Choose to Connect with Others. Paper presented at the Association for Consumer Research Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX.

Kardas, M., Kumar, A., & Epley, N. (2018, August). *Exaggerating the Reputational Costs of Revealing Secrets*. Paper presented at the Academy of Management Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Kardas, M., Kumar, A., & Epley, N. (2018, April). *Exaggerating the Reputational Costs of Revealing Secrets*. Paper presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Kumar, A. & Epley, N. (2018, March). *Under-Valuing Gratitude: Expressors Misunderstand the Consequences of Showing Appreciation*. Paper presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Kumar, A., Walker, J. T., & Gilovich, T. (2017, February). *Cultivating Gratitude and Giving Through Experiential Consumption*. Paper presented at the Society for Consumer Psychology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Kumar, A., Walker, J. T., & Gilovich, T. (2017, January). *Cultivating Gratitude and Giving Through Experiential Consumption*. Paper presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

Kumar, A., Walker, J. T., & Gilovich, T. (2016, October). *Cultivating Gratitude and Giving Through Experiential Consumption*. Paper presented at the Association for Consumer Research Annual Meeting, Berlin, DE.

Kumar, A., Walker, J. T., & Gilovich, T. (2016, June). *Cultivating Gratitude and Giving Through Experiential Consumption*. Paper presented at the Behavioral Decision Research in Management Conference, Toronto, ON.

Kumar, A., Killingsworth, M. A., & Gilovich, T. (2016, January). *Spending on Doing, Not Having, Promotes Moment-to-Moment Happiness*. Paper presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.

Kumar, A. & Gilovich, T. (2015, October). *To Do or To Have, Now or Later? The Preferred Consumption Profiles of Material and Experiential Purchases.* Paper presented at the Association for Consumer Research Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Kumar, A., Killingsworth, M. A. & Gilovich, T. (2015, February). *Waiting for Merlot: Anticipatory Consumption of Experiential and Material Purchases*. Paper presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting, Long Beach, CA.

Kumar, A., Killingsworth, M. A. & Gilovich, T. (2014, November). *Waiting for Merlot: Anticipatory Consumption of Experiential and Material Purchases*. Paper presented at the Society for Judgment and Decision-Making Annual Conference, Long Beach, CA.

Kumar, A., Mann, T. C. & Gilovich, T. (2014, October). *Questioning the "I" in Experience: Experiential Purchases Foster Social Connection*. Paper presented at the Association for Consumer Research Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

Kumar, A., Killingsworth, M. A. & Gilovich, T. (2014, July). *Waiting for Merlot: Anticipatory Consumption of Experiential and Material Purchases*. Paper presented at the Judgment and Decision-Making Pre-Conference at the European Association of Social Psychology General Meeting, Amsterdam, NL.

Kumar, A., Mann, T. C. & Gilovich, T. (2014, March). *Questioning the "I" in Experience: Experiential Purchases Foster Social Connection*. Paper presented at the Society for Consumer Psychology Annual Meeting, Miami, FL.

Kumar, A., Mann, T. C. & Gilovich, T. (2014, February). *Questioning the "I" in Experience: Experiential Purchases Foster Social Connection*. Paper presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting, Austin, TX.

Kumar, A. & Gilovich, T. (2014, February). *Do Losses Really "Loom Larger" than Gains? Loss Aversion Isn't Just in the Mind; It's in the Eyes, Too.* Paper presented at the Judgment and Decision-Making Pre-Conference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting, Austin, TX.

Kumar, A., Mann, T. C. & Gilovich, T. (2013, November). *Questioning the "I" in Experience: Experiential Purchases Foster Social Connection*. Paper presented at the Society for Judgment and Decision-Making Annual Conference, Toronto, ON.

Kumar, A. & Gilovich, T. (2013, October). *Talking About What You Did and What You Have: The Differential Story Utility of Experiential and Material Purchases*. Paper presented at the Association for Consumer Research Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Kumar, A. & Gilovich, T. (2013, January). *We'll Always Have Paris: Differential Story Utility from Experiential and Material Purchases*. Paper presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Kumar, A. & Gilovich, T. (2012, June). *We'll Always Have Paris: Story Utility for Experiential (But Not Material) Purchases.* Paper presented at the Behavioral Decision Research in Management Conference, Boulder, CO.

Conference Poster Presentations

Alberhasky, M. & Kumar, A. (2023, February). *Hello, Neighbor: Interactions with Weak Ties in One's Community Increase Prosocial Behavior*. Poster presented at the Judgment and Decision-Making Pre-Conference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Alberhasky, M. & Kumar, A. (2021, February). *A Venmo Effect on Relationships: Electronic Payment Makes Social Relations More Transactional and Experiences Less Enjoyable*. Poster presented virtually at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting.

Alberhasky, M. & Kumar, A. (2020, December). *A Venmo Effect on Relationships: Electronic Payment Makes Social Relations More Transactional and Experiences Less Enjoyable*. Poster presented virtually at the Society for Judgment and Decision-Making Annual Conference.

Alberhasky, M. & Kumar, A. (2020, May). *A Venmo Effect on Relationships: Electronic Payment Makes Social Relations More Transactional and Experiences Less Enjoyable*. Poster presented virtually at the Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention.

Alberhasky, M. & Kumar, A. (2020, March). *A Venmo Effect on Relationships: Electronic Payment Makes Social Relations More Transactional and Experiences Less Enjoyable*. Poster presented at the Society for Consumer Psychology Annual Meeting, Huntington Beach, CA.

Kardas, M., Kumar, A., & Epley, N. (2018, November). *Digging Deeper: Meaningful Conversations are Surprisingly Pleasant*. Poster presented at the Society for Judgment and Decision-Making Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Kardas, M., Kumar, A., & Epley, N. (2018, March). *Exaggerating the Reputational Costs of Revealing Secrets*. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Kardas, M., Kumar, A., & Epley, N. (2017, November). *Exaggerating the Reputational Costs of Revealing Secrets*. Poster presented at the Society for Judgment and Decision-Making Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC.

Walker, J. T., Kumar, A. & Gilovich, T. (2016, January). *Fostering Gratitude and Giving through Experiential Consumption*. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.

Walker, J. T., Kumar, A. & Gilovich, T. (2015, November). *Fostering Gratitude and Giving through Experiential Consumption*. Poster presented at the Society for Judgment and Decision-Making Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Kumar, A., Killingsworth, M. A. & Gilovich, T. (2014, July). *Waiting for Merlot: Anticipatory Consumption of Experiential and Material Purchases*. Poster presented at the European Association of Social Psychology General Meeting, Amsterdam, NL.

Kumar, A. & Gilovich, T. (2014, February). *Do Losses Really "Loom Larger" than Gains? Loss Aversion Isn't Just in the Mind; It's in the Eyes, Too.* Poster presented at the Judgment and Decision-Making Pre-Conference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting, Austin, TX.

Kumar, A., Mann, T. C. & Gilovich, T. (2013, October). *Experiential Purchases Foster Social Connectedness*. Poster presented at the Association for Consumer Research Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Kumar, A. & Gilovich, T. (2013, January). *To Do or to Have, Now or Then: Anticipatory Effects for Material and Experiential Purchases*. Poster presented at the Judgment and Decision-Making Pre-Conference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Kumar, A. & Gilovich, T. (2012, November). *Do Losses Really "Loom Larger" than Gains? Loss Aversion isn't Just in the Mind; It's in the Eyes, Too*. Poster presented at the Society for Judgment and Decision-Making Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Kumar, A. & Gilovich, T. (2012, January). *We'll Always Have Paris: Talking about Experiences and Possessions*. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

Invited Talks		
2024	UCLA, Anderson School of Management	
2023	Painted Porch Advisors	
2023	Amazon Science Hub	
2023	University of Texas at Austin, Department of Psychology	
2023	Texas McCombs Executive MBA Distinguished Speaker Series	
2023	Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Foundation	
2023	Columbia Business School	
2023	Northeastern University, D'Amore-McKim School of Business	
2023	University of Toronto, Rotman School of Management	
2022	University of Virginia, Department of Psychology	
2022	MSI Young Scholars Meeting	
2022	University of Miami, Herbert Business School	
2021	Texas A&M University, Mays Business School	
2021	University of Texas at Austin Center for Global Business, Board of Advisors	
2020	Texas McCombs Alumni Network	
2020	Osher Lifelong Learning Institute	
2019	University of Pennsylvania, The Wharton School	
2019	University of Texas at Austin, Women in Psychology	
2019	Partners in Business Ethics Symposium	
2019	University of Houston, Bauer College of Business	
2018	University of Texas at Austin, Department of Psychology	
2018	University of Chicago, Booth School of Business	
2018	London Business School	
2017	Indiana University, Kelley School of Business	
2017	University of Texas at Austin, McCombs School of Business	
2016	University of Chicago, Booth School of Business	
2015	Harvard University, Department of Psychology	
2015	University of Chicago, Booth School of Business	
2014	Yale University, Human Cooperation Laboratory	
2014	Virginia Tech, Pamplin College of Business	
2014	Duke University, Fuqua School of Business	
2014	University of Utah, David Eccles School of Business	
2014	Cornell University, Department of Psychology	
2013	Cornell University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences	
2012	Cornell University, Department of Psychology	
2011	Cornell University, Department of Psychology	

Teaching Experience

Overall Instructor Rating: 5.0 / 5

Overall Course Rating: 5.0 / 5

Sample Open-Ended Comments:

"This class was fantastic and I am very grateful to Amit for everything that I learned. Some highlights: Any time there was advice about research best practices, and all discussions about how to conduct, critique, and evaluate consumer behavior research (and experimental research more broadly). I really enjoyed the discussions of the theories in research papers. I like that the class forces students to think through a theory, think about competing theories, make predictions based on a theory, apply theory in various contexts, and think about how to test a theory."

"I loved the contemporary research. I find the new ideas often include elements of the older work, so it is truly the best of both worlds and would encourage more contemporary work in other classes. I also found the speakers to be very additive and it was nice to put faces to names. One suggestion might be to require everyone to come up with a question for the speaker so that students are little bit more prepared (we got better over time but there were some where the students had very few questions). I think Amit's commentary and approach to thinking about paper criticisms was very helpful in class and jumping in on a comment helped steer conversation to productive topics."

The Science of Good Business (MBA course), Professor

Overall Instructor Rating: 4.4 / 5

Overall Course Rating: 4.1 / 5

Sample Open-Ended Comments:

"Amit is a brilliant and passionate instructor. He provides a wealth of knowledge on the material. Really enjoyed the class and his engagement throughout the semester." "I absolutely loved this course. The material was insightful, applicable, and data driven. The professor is obviously brilliant and extremely knowledgeable on the topics discussed in class. It felt like virtually every sentence spoken in class by Dr. Kumar was profound in remarkable ways."

The Science of Good Business (One-year master's course), Professor

Overall Instructor Rating: 2.6 / 5

Overall Course Rating: 2.2 / 5

Sample Open-Ended Comments:

"Professor was well-prepared for every class. I enjoyed the content of the class, particularly the last few lectures on personal happiness. I like that he brought scientific studies and analysis into the class to inspire action. I also enjoyed the assignments and readings such as the book Happy Money. I think I have walked away more knowledgeable about business ethics, design, and leadership and inspired to do and feel good."

"Favorite course in MSM. Personally – I have a bone to pick with my cohort in that they are being abrasive about this course and it is really discouraging to hear them discredit it because I really enjoyed this course. I plan to keep my notes from this course to be able to use in the future to design better atmosphere – especially in the finance industry. I like that everything is backed by data and it is driven by case studies. I think because this cohort is so young, a lot of students can't use this information right now. It would be best served as an MBA elective, but I feel really fortunate I got to learn these concepts. The course is culture changing and backed by data is the most valuable part. I'm embarrassed most of my cohort can't see that and that has nothing to do with Kumar. Best professor for this role."

The Science of Good Business (undergraduate course), Professor

Overall Instructor Rating: 4.5 / 5

Overall Course Rating: 4.4 / 5

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Sample Open-Ended Comments:

"Amazing class! Very useful, interesting, and meaningful information that I can use no matter what path I take in my career."

"Professor Kumar is arguably the most passionate and effective professor I've ever had. I've told him this in an email, but to reiterate, Dr. Kumar's passion for this subject is obvious and infectious. I absolutely loved this class and I would recommend it to anyone. Thank you, professor! This was one of my favorite classes I've taken in my entire career at UT."

The Science of Good Business (undergraduate course), Professor

Overall Instructor Rating: 4.9 / 5

Overall Course Rating: 4.9 / 5

Sample Open-Ended Comments:

"This is the best class that I have taken at McCombs so far."

"Professor Kumar and his course are truly amazing. I believe the Science of Good Business should be part of the business core required of McCombs students. Of the many courses I took with the 'Ethics' flag, this was the most deserving, and arguably the only deserving course. Professor Kumar cares about what he teaches, and he and his course encouraged me to think in different ways, apply what I have learned to my life, and work to make the places around me better. I have enjoyed this course more than any in my four years, and learned more than any as well. The material is presented in a clear way, and Professor Kumar uses great examples and data to back up the information he presents."

The Science of Good Business (MBA course), Professor

Overall Instructor Rating: 3.3 / 5

Overall Course Rating: 3.2 / 5

Sample Open-Ended Comments:

"This might end up being my favorite course in the MBA. I didn't exactly know what to expect with this course but I felt like there are more actionable takeaways that might lead to a happy life and or career. Amit is a great teacher that really cares about his students, it was a shame that this happened during Covid because I'm pretty sure it would benefit from in person. Really incredible guest speakers and really inspiring course. This should be mandatory for MBAs because I really think it can improve people's daily lives in a measurable way."

"Amit is a really great professor and extremely dedicated. He is understanding and extremely approachable. I actually ended up learning way more than I thought in this class because it covers in depth the ethical conflicts in the financial crisis, Enron, and in companies today."

The Science of Good Business (MBA course), Professor

Overall Instructor Rating: 4.1 / 5

Overall Course Rating: 4.3 / 5

Sample Open-Ended Comments:

"Great course! Professor Kumar clearly put a lot of thought into all of his lectures and the structure of the course. The content of the course was interesting and relevant. He provided us with practical applications of all of the concepts. I thought all of the readings were really interesting. I'm also glad we had weekly contributions to motivate us to actually do the readings. I admire Professor Kumar's passion for the subject and his dedication to making us better people. I will definitely be incorporating our learnings into my daily life after business school."

"This class opened my eyes to things I thought I knew but only later realized I did not actually understand. Professor Kumar has an incredible way of engaging his students to think more deeply on the inside and then use that in more intentional action in our real lives."

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2020

2020

The Science of Good Business (undergraduate course), Professor

Overall Instructor Rating: 4.4 / 5

Overall Course Rating: 4.2 / 5

Sample Open-Ended Comments:

"I loved this class. Being a graduating senior, it was bittersweet in the way that it ended, but the things I learned here I will carry with me for the rest of my life. Not enough classes in McCombs cover this type of material and I was very pleasantly surprised with the content and format of the course. Overall it was great, and I would recommend the course."

"I really enjoyed taking this class. When I first registered for the course, I wasn't quite sure what it was about and just signed up to fulfill elective requirements. However, upon taking the course it was one of my favorites that I have taken at UT! It was quite different yet refreshing from my other business classes. The lectures were interesting and research based, yet equally as applicable for the real business environment. Appreciated how it took a closer look at people's behavior."

Buyer Behavior (PhD course), Professor

Overall Instructor Rating: 4.8 / 5

Overall Course Rating: 5.0 / 5

Sample Open-Ended Comments:

"Amit is incredible. It is very apparent that he meticulously designed the course, and puts a lot of time and energy into developing his students. Each assignment pushed us to dive deeper into the literature, which fostered a rich and interactive discussion environment in class. He provided timely and detailed feedback on our weekly reflection topics, which is invaluable as we develop our ideas and identities as researchers. He compiled an incredible roster of guest speakers to discuss papers with us, which is an opportunity that almost no PhD students get. Amit developed us not only in theories of consumer behavior, but also in methods, and I feel much better prepared to conduct and present my own research after taking this course. I am grateful to scientists like Amit for exploring important topics, remaining committed to the truth, and generously sharing his expertise and passion with the next generation of academics. I highly recommend Amit and this course to others."

"I appreciated how organized the class was, and I thought the selection of papers was generally really good. I appreciate Dr. Kumar's efforts to facilitate a conversation while also bringing up points he wanted us to consider. Zoom, of course, could make these conversations feel a little more forced than they would have been in person, but I think for an online environment class went really well!"

2019 The Science of Good Business (MBA course), Professor

Overall Instructor Rating: 4.8 / 5

Overall Course Rating: 4.8 / 5

Sample Open-Ended Comments:

"Great class. Nice and very helpful professor. Interesting and insightful readings." "This class is one of the best I've ever taken."

The Science of Good Business (undergraduate course), Professor

Overall Instructor Rating: 4.7 / 5

Overall Course Rating: 5.0 / 5

Sample Open-Ended Comments:

"Wonderful course! I really learned a lot and Dr. Kumar was very effective at communicating. The content of the course, I believe, is something all students (especially those in business) should learn."

"This course was amazing! Truly enjoyed learning about ethics and design concepts. The topics on happiness are also very applicable to daily life. Great course and professor."

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2019	The Science of Good Business (undergraduate course), <i>Professor</i> Overall Instructor Rating: 4.2 / 5 Overall Course Rating: 4.1 / 5 Sample Open-Ended Comments: "This has been my favorite class at UT thus far! Professor Kumar was always cheerful and easy to talk to. The material was different from any other MKT class I took, and I retained so much of what we learned. Truly an inspirational professor!" "Professor Kumar was always excited to teach and it showed. I enjoyed this class and material was relevant to the everyday."
2018	Social Psychology, <i>Guest Lecturer</i>
2017	Designing a Good Life, <i>Teaching Assistant</i> (Professor: Nicholas Epley)
2016	Designing a Good Life, Teaching Assistant (Professor: Nicholas Epley)
2014	Writing in the Majors: Introductory Social Psychology, Instructor
2014	Introduction to Social Psychology, Teaching Assistant (Professor: Thomas Gilovich)
2013	The Science of Happiness, Instructor
2013	Introduction to Psychology, Teaching Assistant (Professor: David Pizarro)
2011	The Individual in the Social World, Discussion Seminar Instructor
2011	The Individual in the Social World, Teaching Assistant (Professor: Thomas Gilovich)
2011	Introduction to Social Psychology, Guest Lecturer
2011	Introduction to Social Psychology, Teaching Assistant (Professor: Thomas Gilovich)
2010	Statistics and Research Design, Teaching Assistant (Professor: Thomas Cleland)

Theses Supervised

Emily Powell, Undergraduate Honors Thesis (Initial Placement: NYU Stern Marketing PhD Program) Samantha Kassirer, Master's Thesis (Initial Placement: Northwestern Kellogg Management PhD Program) Maxwell Alberhasky, Doctoral Dissertation (Initial Placement: Cal State University, Asst. Prof. of Marketing)

Professional Affiliations

American Marketing Association (AMA) American Psychological Association (APA) Association for Consumer Research (ACR) Association for Psychological Science (APS) European Association of Social Psychology (EASP) Phi Beta Kappa Psi Chi Marketing Science Institute (MSI) Society for Consumer Psychology (SCP) Society for Judgment and Decision-Making (SJDM) Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SESP)

Service

Ad hoc Reviewer Asian Journal of Social Psychology Baltic Journal of Management British Journal of Psychology British Journal of Social Psychology

Collabra: Psychology Current Issues in Tourism Current Psychology Design Science Ethics & Behavior Emotion European Journal of Marketing European Journal of Social Psychology Humanities & Social Sciences Communications International Journal of Research in Marketing International Review of Administrative Sciences Journal of Behavioral Decision Making Journal of Business Research Journal of Consumer Behaviour Journal of Consumer Culture Journal of Consumer Psychology Journal of Consumer Research Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied Journal of Experimental Psychology: General Journal of Experimental Social Psychology Journal of Happiness Studies Journal of Marketing Journal of Marketing Research Journal of Personality and Social Psychology Journal of Positive Psychology Journal of Public Policy and Marketing Journal of Retailing Journal of Retailing and Consumer Services Journal of Social Psychology Management Science Marketing Letters Motivation Science Nature Communications Nature Scientific Reports Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes Personal Relationships Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin Perspectives on Psychological Science PLOS ONE Psychological Science Psychology & Marketing Psychonomic Bulletin & Review Social Influence Social and Personality Psychology Compass Social Psychological and Personality Science Social Science Research The Spanish Journal of Psychology Technology, Mind, and Behavior Trends in Cognitive Sciences Founding Organizer, University of Texas at Austin Behavioral Science Colloquium

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Dean's Faculty Advisory Committee, University of Texas at Austin, McCombs School of Business Marketing Department Representative, Underrepresented Minority Outreach, McCombs School of Business Doctoral Advisory Committee, University of Texas at Austin Marketing Department Doctoral Student Comprehensive Exam Committee, University of Texas at Austin Marketing Department Executive Committee, University of Texas at Austin Marketing Department Faculty Recruiting Committee, University of Texas at Austin Marketing Department First Year Doctoral Paper Committee, University of Texas at Austin Marketing Department Graduate Studies Committee, University of Texas at Austin Marketing Department Seminar Series Coordinator, University of Texas at Austin Marketing Department Chair, Third Year Doctoral Paper Committee, University of Texas at Austin Marketing Department Chair, Forums and Roundtables, Association for Consumer Research Annual Meeting Associate Editor, Association for Consumer Research Annual Meeting Faculty Mentor, Harvard Behavioral Insights Group Doctoral Workshop Faculty Mentor, Society for Personality and Social Psychology Student Committee Faculty Mentor, Society for Judgment and Decision-Making Reviewer, American Marketing Association John A. Howard/AMA Doctoral Dissertation Awards Reviewer, Marketing Science Institute (MSI) Alden G. Clayton Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Competition Reviewer, Israel Science Foundation national grant applications Reviewer, National Science Foundation (NSF) grant applications Reviewer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant applications Reviewer, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) grant applications Reviewer, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences grant applications Reviewer, Association for Consumer Research (ACR) conference submissions Reviewer, Behavioral Decision Research in Management (BDRM) conference submissions Reviewer, Society for Consumer Psychology (SCP) conference submissions Reviewer, Society for Judgment and Decision-Making (SJDM) conference submissions Postdoctoral Coordinator, University of Chicago Booth School of Business Behavioral Science Workshop Coordinator, Cornell University Psychology Department Graduate Student Recruitment Graduate Liaison, Cornell University Psychology Department Faculty Search Committee Graduate Mentor and Honors Thesis Advisor, Cornell University Psychology Department Graduate Student Affiliate, Cornell Institute for Social Sciences Committee on Undergraduate Instruction, Harvard University Psychology Department Peer Academic Advisor, Harvard University Psychology Department

Media Coverage

AARP; ABC News; ABP Live (India); Academic Minute; Adnkronos (Italy); A Better Life with Dr. Sanjay Gupta; The Advance-Titan; Advisory Board; The Advocate; Aftonbladet (Sweden); Agric Forum Nigeria; Air Canada enRoute; AirTalk with Larry Mantle; A Las Siete (Argentina); Alaska Dispatch News; Albany Times Union; Albuquerque Journal; A Little More Conversation; Aljazeera; All Sides with Ann Fisher; All Things Considered; Alton Telegraph; AOL; APA Monitor; A Plus; APS Observer; Ani News (India); Arab News; The Arbiter; Archdiocese of Miami; Arizona Daily Independent; Arizona Daily Star; Arizona Family; Arkansas Democrat Gazette; Arkansas Online; The Asian Age; Asia First; AsiaOne; AskMen; Associated Press; Association of American Colleges and Universities; The Atlanta Journal Constitution; The Atlantic; Atlantic Re:think; August Man; Austin Indian; The Australian; Australian Financial Review; Austin Business Journal; Austonia; Axios; The Baltimore Sun; Bangkok Post; BBC; Beatrice Daily Sun; Beaumont Enterprise; Becoming Minimalist; The Bellingham Herald; Best Life; Best New Ideas in Money Podcast; Better Homes and Gardens; Better Humans; Big Brains Podcast; Big News Network; Big Think; Billings Gazette; Biobio Chile; The Bismarck Tribune; The Blacklight; Bloomberg; Blueboard; The Boar; Booktrib; Bollywood Country; Borneo Bulletin; The Borneo Post; Boston.com; Boston Herald; Bottom Line Inc; Bottom Line Personal; Bozeman Daily Chronicle; BPS Research Digest; Brain Blogger; Breathe Magazine; Bright Surf; Brinkwire;

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