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When Usage Repetition Leads to Predictions of Faster Adaptation

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We show how and when the perception of repetitive consumption leads consumers to predict hedonic adaptation. Results suggest that repetition salience stimulates consumers to predict diminishing enjoyment over time weakens the impact of assortment variety on predicted enjoyment and strengthens the impact of attention drawn by product on predicted enjoyment.

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From Consumers to Producers: The Identity Evolution of Food Bloggers

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Drawing from the professional identity and serious leisure literatures this study examines consumers’ identity as they engage in production activities. A qualitative investigation of food bloggers documents three identity forms – novice amateur and professional – consumers integrate as they participate in production practices as well as identity tensions they must negotiate.

Pornographication and the Advertising of Sexual Services

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This research reports on an analysis of advertising cards used by prostitutes in London from 1992 to 2008. It depicts a shift in such advertising described in terms of pornographication; a visual regime that relies heavily on the representational codes of pornography and an industrialization and commodification of sex work.

The Influence of Contextual Minority Status on Privately-Held Evaluations of Identity-Linked Products

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Does being the lone female in a group of males influence women’s evaluations of female identity linked products? Two studies find that when gender identity is activated by being in the numerical minority of a group women report less positive attitudes toward products associated with negative aspects of their gender.