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19-K: Sleepiness, Need for Stimulation, and Variety-Seeking by Consumers

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Previous research has revealed the negative impact of sleep deprivation on health but no research to date has investigated its effects on consumer behavior. This investigation fills this void by showing that sleepier consumers tend to seek more variety which is driven by a desire for sensation to maintain wakefulness.

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16-N: Exploring Fling Relationships with Rented Products

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How do consumers form relationships with rented products? Across three studies we found that renting a product is conceptually similar to a fling resulting in higher excitement compared to consuming an owned product. We validate the mediating role of fling perception on not only excitement but also various downstream behaviors.

20-E: How Broadcasting vs. Narrowcasting on Social Media Affects Consumer Memories

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How do audiences impact the memories shared on social media? We find that sharing with a small group attenuates sharer’s memories as compared to a large group. This advantage is due to outsourcing memories to identifiable audiences and is diminished by enhancing the perceived heterogeneity of large group.

18-B: Jumping on the Bandwagon or Seeking Novelty: An Experimental Study on the Effectiveness of Heuristics to Promote Pro-Environmental Behavior.

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This study examines the impact of two distinct forms of heuristics (bandwagon and novelty) when promoting sustainable behavior. Results show that the effect of a bandwagon heuristic is mediated by normative influence while novelty heuristic is mediated by perceived uniqueness. In addition the self-concept regulates the susceptibility for the heuristic.

9-W: Taste Perception and Creativity

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Taste perception plays a key role in consumers’ food decisions. The current research examines consumers’ taste preference for a snack/drink to enhance their creativity and how different tastes influence performance on a creativity task.