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- APPOINTMENTS MIT Department of Economics
 Gary Loveman Career Development Associate Professor without Tenure, 2026–
 Gary Loveman Career Development Assistant Professor, 2023–2026
 Assistant Professor, 2021–2023
- Visiting Scholar, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern 2023–2024
- Postdoctoral Researcher, Microsoft Research NYC, 2020–2021
- EDUCATION Ph.D., Economics, Yale University, 2020
- B.S., Mathematics, *with honors and distinction*, Stanford University, 2014
- PUBLISHED AND (with Deniz Kattwinkel) “Quota Mechanisms: Finite-Sample Optimality and Robust-
FORTHCOMING ness,” forthcoming, *Journal of Political Economy*
- PAPERS (with Teemu Pekkarinen) “Optimal Auction Design with Contingent Payments and
Costly Verification,” forthcoming, *Theoretical Economics*.
- (with Deniz Kattwinkel) “Probabilistic Verification in Mechanism Design,” *Theoret-
ical Economics* 20, no. 4 (2025): 1247–1284.
- “Scoring Strategic Agents,” *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics* 17, no. 1
(2025): 97–129.
- (with Xin Gao) “Benefiting from Bias: Delegating to Encourage Information Acqui-
sition,” *Journal of Economic Theory* 217 (2024): 105816.
- (with Justin Grana, James Bono, Nicole Immorlica, Brendan Lucier, and Alex Slivkins)
“Content Filtering with Inattentive Consumers,” *Thirty-Eighth AAAI Conference on
Artificial Intelligence* (2024): 9485–9493.
- “Dynamic Information Provision: Rewarding the Past and Guiding the Future,”
Econometrica 91, no. 4 (2023): 1363–1391.
- (with Deniz Kattwinkel) “Corrigendum to ‘Role of Linking Mechanisms in Multitask
Agency with Hidden Information’ [J. Econ. Theory 145 (2010) 2241–2259]” *Journal
of Economic Theory* 210 (2023): 105666.

(with Matt Jackson and Deniz Kattwinkel) “Comment on Jackson and Sonnenschein (2007) ‘Overcoming Incentive Constraints by Linking Decisions’,” *Econometrica* 90, no. 4 (2022): o3–o7.

WORKING PAPERS (with Deniz Kattwinkel) “Robust Robustness”
Conditionally Accepted, *American Economic Review*

(with Jan Knoepfle) “Should the Timing of Inspections be Predictable?”
Revise & Resubmit, *Review of Economic Studies*

(with Xin Gao) “Checking Cheap Talk”
Revise & Resubmit, *Games and Economic Behavior*

(with Deniz Kattwinkel and Jan Knoepfle) “Competitive Sequential Screening”

(with Jose Espín-Sánchez) “Experimental Persuasion”

NOTES AND (with Teemu Pekkari) “On Regularity and Normalization in Sequential Screening”
EXPOSITORY PAPERS “A Unified Theorem of the Alternative for Linear Inequalities”

“Bauer’s Maximum Principle for Quasiconvex Functions”

“Simple Proofs of the Variational and Multiple Priors Representations”

SEMINAR & 2026: Georgetown; Western; Surrey; Hausdorff Institute
CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS 2025: EAYE Annual Meeting, BSE Summer Forum, Econometric Society World Congress, Cornell, Boston Theory Mini-Conference; Notre Dame, UGA Theory Mini-Conference

2024: SAET Conference, Penn Wharton Mini-Conference in Economic Theory, North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society; Harvard/MIT, Yale, University of Chicago, Arizona State

2023: University of Science and Technology China/University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, London School of Economics, Oxford, Boston College, Tel Aviv University, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Ben Gurion University, University of Bonn, University of Warwick, York Symposium on Game Theory, Warwick Economic Theory Workshop, North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, CIREQ Montreal Microeconomic Theory Conference, University of Toronto, Northwestern Kellogg Theory Brown Bag

2022: Georgetown, University of Texas Austin, Princeton, Stanford, Becker–Friedman Economic Theory Conference, Penn State, Boston University, Emory, City University of Hong Kong, Carnegie Mellon/University of Pittsburgh

2021: University of Pennsylvania, Arizona, Rochester, Duke/UNC, Brown, Aalto, Harvard/MIT, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Virtual Seminar in Economic Theory

2020: Northwestern Kellogg MEDS, New York University, Microsoft Research NYC, Chicago Booth, MIT, Harvard, Stanford, Berkeley, MIT Sloan, University of Hong Kong & Beijing University, Oxford, University College London, Econometric Society World Congress, Seminars in Economic Theory, Michigan, Queen Mary University of London, University of California Los Angeles, Arizona State Economic Theory Conference

2019: ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (EC)

2018: Econometric Society Summer School, Columbia Micro Theory Colloquium, Stanford SITE, Bonn Theory Reading Group

2017: Stony Brook International Conference on Game Theory, NYU Micro Theory Lunch, Allerton Conference (UIUC)

REFEREEING ACM Conference on Economics and Computation, AEJ: Microeconomics, American Economic Review, AER: Insights, Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems, Discrete Mathematics, Econometrica, Economic Theory Bulletin, Games and Economic Behavior, International Economic Review, International Journal of Game Theory, Israeli Science Foundation, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Economic Literature, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Economics & Management Strategy, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, Journal of Mathematical Economics, Journal of Optimization Theory and Applications, Journal of Political Economy, Management Science, Mathematics of Operations Research, Operations Research, Quarterly Journal of Economics, RAND Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics & Statistics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Theoretical Economics, Theory of Computing Systems

Program Committee: EC 2023, GAMES 2024, NAWMES 2026, NASMES 2026, CEME Decentralization Conference 2026

FELLOWSHIPS, Excellence in Refereeing Award, *AEJ: Microeconomics*, 2025
HONORS & Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review*, 2024
AWARDS Review of Economic Studies Tour, 2020
 China Star Tour, 2020
 George Trimis Prize, Yale University, 2020
 Carl Arvid Anderson Prize Fellowship, Yale University, 2017–2018
 Raymond Powell Prize (for teaching), Yale University, 2016–2017
 Phi Beta Kappa (top 2% of class), Stanford University, 2013
 Hoefer Prize (for writing in the major), Stanford University, 2011
 United States Presidential Scholar (Tennessee), 2010