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Her award-winning work has been published in leading journals including *Harvard Business Review*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Psychological Science*, *Management Science*, *The Journal of Marketing Research*, and *the Journal of the American Medical Association*. Her work has also been featured in media outlets including *the New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, *Forbes*, *The Globe and Mail*, and *Time Magazine*. She has received numerous awards, including from the Association for Psychological Science and the Marketing Science Institute; and was named a Wired Innovation Fellow.

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