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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Industrial Engineering and Operations Research

May 2021

Minor, Statistics

University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

- Advisor: Dr. Ronald G. McGarvey

M.S., Industrial Engineering and Operations Research

May 2017

University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

B.S., Industrial Engineering

December 2010

Azad University, Arak, Iran

EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

February 2016 - present

University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

- Developing a robust optimization model to identify minimum cost-emission of generating electricity by co-firing biomass and natural in coal burner power plants
- Performed linear and spatial panel regression analysis to estimate the impact of woody biomass demand on forest attributes in the Eastern US
- Developed a Python query system for large data analysis of the US Forest Inventory SQL data-sets
- Conducted research and large SQL data analysis for improving demand forecasting methods and minimizing inventory costs for Anheuser-Busch supply chain

HPC Systems Administrator

January 2020 - present

University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

- Install, configure, and maintain multiple Linux systems in support of research computing in a scientific Linux environment for university researchers
- Secure and monitor systems and consult with researchers, and students on securing applications
- Provide documentation and training in the use of a shared high performance computing environment and associated scientific software

Intern Research Assistant

June 2019 - August 2019

Resources for the Future, Washington, DC

- Collaborated to include woody biomass to the RFFs Haiku electricity market model
- Created a Python web scraping program to collect large set of woody biomass data for running in Haiku model

Industrial Engineering Operations Specialist

March 2016 - December 2016

EternoGen Aesthetics, Columbia, MO

- Built and maintained database for procurement and inventory management system
- Performed statistical analysis and collaborated to meet ISO 13485 compliance

Graduate Teaching Assistant

January 2015 - January 2016

University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

- Teaching assistant for Engineering Statistic, Manufacturing and Supply Systems, Energy Efficiency and Natural Resources Policy courses
- Delivered lectures and discussions, conducted exams, and helped students with R programming

COMPUTING

Python, R, Bash, SQL, GAMS, HPC Clusters, Linux Administration, Git, Emacs

PUBLICATIONS

- Mirzaee, A., McGarvey, R. G. & Aguilar, F. X. Assessment of EU Renewable Energy Directive and US timberland conditions points to need for continued monitoring. *under review* (2019).
- Mirzaee, A. & Awwad, M. Shortest path algorithm in the presence of polyhedral forbidden regions. *in 67th Annual Conference and Expo of the Institute of Industrial Engineers 2017* (2017).
- Mirzaee, A. Alternative methods for calculating optimal safety stock levels. *M.S. Thesis* (2017).

PRESENTATIONS

- CO₂ Emissions Reduction By Identifying Optimal Level of Co-firing Biomass and Natural Gas in Coal-burning Power Plants, INFORMS Annual Conference, October 2019, Seattle, WA
- Woody Biomass Use for Biopower and Its Impact on Forest Resources, INFORMS Annual Conference, November 2018, Phoenix, AZ
- Shortest Path Algorithm in the Presence of Polyhedral Forbidden Regions, IISE Annual Conference, May 2017, Pittsburgh, PA
- Calculating Optimal Safety Stock Levels, CELDi Conference, October 2016, Columbia, MO
- Alternative Methods for Calculating Optimal Safety Stock Levels, CELDi Conference, April 2016, Atlanta, GA

HONORS AND AWARDS

- IMSE Travel Award (\$500), University of Missouri, October 2019
- Innovative Design Competition, 1st place award (\$1,500), IISE Annual Conference, May 2017
- Mizzou Advantage Graduate Award (\$600), University of Missouri, April 2017
- Outstanding IMSE Masters Student Award, University of Missouri, March 2017
- GIA Award Scholarship (\$10,000), University of Missouri, January 2017
- Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS)
- Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers (IISE)
- Alpha Pi Mu, Industrial Engineering Honor Society
- Graduate Professional Council, Student Affairs Committee, 2015